

Director of Social Work
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The Corporation of Dundee

Mr. R. Carr - Senior Social Worker

Social Work Department

Area (2)
6 Paradise Road
Dundee

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:—

Surname.....	ANDREWS	Date of Birth.....	21.8.68
Christian Names or forenames.....	Helen Girvine Ballantine Markie	Religion.....	Protestant
Address.....	St. Francis Children's Home Roseangle, Dundee	Occupation.....	Schoolgirl, Dens Road
		Marital State.....	N/A

is to appear on 27 November 1974 at Dundee Children's Hearing Court in connection
with the crime or offence of Section 32(2)(c) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

Previous Appearances as known to the Officer making the Report:

FAMILY:

Father -	John Andrews (28)	Last known address	[REDACTED] Dundee.
Mother -	Janette Simpson Markie or Andrews (26)	Believed to be factory worker. last known address -	[REDACTED]
Others -	[REDACTED]		
	Helen Andrews (6)	" "	Subject of report
	[REDACTED]	" "	

HOME CONDITIONS: See [REDACTED] Andrews report

SOCIAL BACKGROUND: See [REDACTED] Andrews report

SUBJECT: Helen is the quietest of the three children and she appears to display less emotion than the other two, possibly because she tend to bottle her feelings up inside. According to Mrs. Markie Helen has spent more time with her than either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. Helen has to wear a patch over one eye due to a 'lazy' eye.

ASSESSMENT: See [REDACTED] Andrews report

RECOMMENDATION: See [REDACTED] Andrews report

[Signature]
Mrs. P. Downes
Social Worker

25 November 1974

I intend to be present at the Hearing



TAYSIDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
The Corporation of Dundee Social Work Department
AREA 1, 22 CRICHTON STREET, DUNDEE, DD1 3AW. TELEPHONE 23141

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:—

Surname	ANDREWS	Date of Birth	1. [redacted] 2. 21.8.68
Christian Names or forenames	1. [redacted] 2. Helen 3. [redacted]	Religion	Protestant
Address	St Francis' Children's Home Roseangle Dundee	Occupation	School children
		Marital State	N/A

and
is to appear on 10 December 1975 at 9.30am at Dundee Children's Hearing Court 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 (29) [redacted] Cohabiting.
Mother - Janette Simpson Markie or Andrews (28) c/o Markie, 12 Isla Street, Dundee.
Grandmother - Mrs Helen Markie, 12 Isla Street, Dundee.

On 31 October 1974, [redacted], Helen and [redacted] were taken into the care of this Authority in accordance with Section 15 Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, at the request of their grandmother. Their mother had left the children with her mother a few weeks previously and she had not returned to collect them. Mrs Markie, grandmother, was living in accommodation which was not suitable for the children and she, herself, felt that she was unable to cope with them. The children were placed in St Francis' Children's Home and they were subsequently referred to a Children's Panel on the grounds that they were receiving inadequate parental care. On 8 January 1975, Supervision Requirements were made in respect of all three children in accordance with Section 44 (1)(b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, naming St Francis' Home as their place of residence.

Mr and Mrs Andrews separated in 1971 and I understand that by the end of 1972, Mrs Andrews was cohabiting with Mr [redacted]. This relationship continued although not without its upheavals which sometimes led to their separation for short periods. As a result, the children were moved around quite a lot and they had spent various periods in the care of either their grandmother or their father. At the time of the children coming into care, Mrs Andrews and Mr [redacted] were in Manchester where they stayed for a few months. On returning/

to Dundee, they lived for a short period with Mr [redacted] father but by February of this year they had a tin separated. For the next few months, Mrs Andrews stayed with her mother and claimed to be planning to set up home for the children. In May, Mrs Andrews was allocated a Corporation house in Beechwood and it soon became apparent that Mr Rice was to move in with her. With help from both this Department and Department of Health and Social Security, the flat was furnished. Mrs Downes was at this time the social worker involved with the family and she was encouraging Mrs Andrews to increase her visits to the children, as prior to this the contact had been poor.

Because of regional changes in social work area boundaries, the case was transferred to me in July. At this time, Mrs Downes and I together visited Mrs Andrews and we discussed future plans, again emphasising the need for more contact before consideration could be given to the children being allowed home. This was the only contact I had with Mrs Andrews until a few weeks ago.

However, Mrs Andrews' visits to the children did not increase and it soon became apparent that when she was seeing them she was making them all sorts of promises about getting them home, etc which obviously resulted in numerous disappointments for the children. I tried for some time to contact Mrs Andrews and, despite making frequent visits to the house in Beechwood and sending several letters, there was no response from her. One day in September, I again visited the house but found it had been vacated. I later learned that Mrs Andrews and Mr [redacted] had given up the house (they would have been evicted shortly afterwards for non-payment of rent) and had gone to live with Mr Andrews and his cohabitee. Again, I had no response to the efforts I made to contact them.

On 20 November, Mrs Andrews called at this office. During the interview, she told me that two weeks ago, she and Mr [redacted] had decided to go their separate ways and that she had since been living with her mother in Isla Street. We had a long discussion about the needs of the children and Mrs Andrews said that she now realised that she had been putting her own needs before the children's and that she would now make an effort to do more for them. She also spoke of plans for a job and flat. While she did not blame Mr [redacted] for anything that had happened, she claimed that he had placed her under a great deal of pressure and that she was torn between her loyalties to him and those to the children.

Mrs Andrews had last visited the children on Helen's birthday, i.e. 21 August. She and Mr [redacted] went together to meet them from school. Mrs Markie was also there and, I gather from Mrs Andrews, a squabble developed over plans for the children. The police were called and needless to say, the whole incident was upsetting, particularly for the children. During my discussion with Mrs Andrews, she recognised, while it was difficult for her to face the children and to/

subsequently leave them, this was what she must do. I offered my support and she assured me that she would keep in touch with me.

On Sunday 23 November, Mrs Andrews went to St Francis' and took [redacted] and Helen to visit their grandmother. [redacted]. Mrs Andrews, however, 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.

During the last year, Mr Andrews has had very little involvement with the children. He has been cohabiting for some time with [redacted] and they now have a 10 week old baby. As far as I know, Mr Andrews has no plans to take [redacted], Helen and [redacted].

Mrs Markie has provided the only stable contact throughout this last year. She has normally visited twice at weekends, except on occasions when she has been unwell. The children are very fond of her and they look forward to her visits.

[redacted], Helen and [redacted] have been in St Francis' for over a year now and they seem reasonably settled there. They are three very boisterous children who obviously had not experienced much discipline in their home. They are more manageable now [redacted].

However, it would seem fair to say that they are making gradual progress both in the Home and in school. In view of the family circumstances, the Sisters of St Francis' are willing for [redacted] Helen and [redacted] to remain in their care.

ASSESSMENT AND
RECOMMENDATION:

During the last year, Mrs Andrews' circumstances have changed a number of times. While she impresses with her intellectual understanding of the children's needs, she has not been able to carry through her commitments to them. It seems that when she and Mr [redacted] are apart, Mrs Andrews begins planning for the children. In the past, she has shown a need for Mr Pice by returning to him and one wonders, therefore, if this present separation will continue.

In the light of these circumstances, I see no other alternative than to recommend that the existing Supervision Requirements be renewed in respect of all three children.

Given M. Chapman.

MISS G CHAPMAN
Social Worker

4 December 1975



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. [REDACTED]
2. Helen
 or forenames 3. [REDACTED]
 Address St. Francis' Home
Roseangle
Dundee

1. [REDACTED]
 2. 21.8.68
 Date of Birth 3. [REDACTED]
 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) [REDACTED]
 Unemployed.
 Mother - Janette Simpson Markie or Andrews (29), 16 Isla Street,
 Dundee. Unemployed.
 Maternal Grandmother - Helen Markie, 12 Isla Street, Dundee.
 Unemployed.

SOCIAL BACKGROUND: [REDACTED], Helen and [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] separated and I understand that their relationship has ended. On leaving [REDACTED], 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.

On the Monday morning, Helen woke up in a soaking bed, a most rare occurrence 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, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 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.

[REDACTED], Helen and [REDACTED] 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.

Given M. Chapman.

Miss G. Chapman
Social Worker

3 November 1976
GC/IS



Tayside Regional Council

Social Work Department
Dundee Division

Area 1, 22 Crichton Street,
Dundee, DD1 3AW

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:—

Surname.....ANDREWS
Christian Names.....John
or forenames.....[REDACTED]
Address.....St. Francis,
Roseville,
Dundee.

1. [REDACTED]
2. 21.8.68
3. [REDACTED]
Date of Birth.....
Religion.....Protestant
Occupation.....School children
Marital State.....K/A

is to appear on 12th October, 9.30 a.m. at Dundee Children's Hearing Court in connection
with the crime or offence of Annual Review

Previous Appearances as known to the Officer making the Report:

General: Reports attached.

Family:

Father: John Andrews

(31) [REDACTED]
Cohabiting. Unemployed.

Mother: Janette Simpson Markie or Andrews (30) 12 Isla Street, Dundee.
Unemployed.

Home Conditions:

Mrs Andrews is again living with her mother at 12 Isla Street. The accommodation is inadequate for three children.

History of Circumstances:

It is now 3 years since [REDACTED], Helen and [REDACTED] were admitted to St Francis Children's Home. Their supervision requirements were last reviewed in November 1976 when they were continued without variation.

At this time, there had been so few changes in family circumstances that there appeared to be little prospect of the children returning to their mother's care. It was decided, therefore, to look for a long-term foster home for the children. The possibility of them going home could not be ruled out and it was agreed that Mrs Andrews should be encouraged towards setting up home and that her circumstances should be reviewed once a suitable placement had been found. However, no foster home was found to take three children in this age range and splitting them up would not be considered.

Over the last year, Mrs Andrews has seen the children on a more regular basis, during the week at school and taking them out at weekends. She still comes down periodically without reasonable excuse.

At the hearing, Mrs Andrews did not keep in contact with me and she ignored my attempts to see her. In March, she called at this office in response to a letter I had sent her. We had a lengthy discussion during which Mrs Andrews

with her lack of co-operation. We, therefore, agreed that she would start visiting on a fortnightly basis and from that time until the beginning of August, she kept most of these appointments. During this period, Mrs Andrews approached relatives who gave her money to clear rent arrears (over £70) and, therefore, enabled her to apply for a house. The Housing Division has now written to this Department saying that Mrs Andrews will be offered a house within a short time of their receiving confirmation that the children are to be allowed home. However, Mrs Andrews did not get in touch with me for two months and she has only today learned of the content of this letter.

It is almost 2 years since Mrs Andrews and [redacted] separated and it seems that since then Mrs Andrews has had a much more settled way of life. During the last year, she has had a regular boyfriend, a man quite a bit older than herself and who is in steady employment. She is unsure of this relationship and is unable to say whether or not they have any long-term commitment to each other. The children have met him several times and they call him 'Uncle [redacted]'. He has taken the family on outings to his car. However, Mrs Andrews has not told him that the children are in care and is excluding their absence by saying that her sister looks after them. She admits that it has become difficult keeping up this deception and that she is constantly worrying that she may be caught or found out. She agrees that it would be best to make a clean breast of this but she seems unable to bring herself to this.

Mrs Andrews is undoubtedly fond of her children and she states that she wishes nothing more than to have her own home and to resume the care of her three children. She does not foresee there being any difficulties in this and I feel her attitude is not altogether realistic. I am not confident of her commitment to the children as she still lets things interfere in her relationship with the children. She continues to put forward petty excuses for this but nevertheless excuses which make it difficult to challenge her behaviour, eg. sore throat, back ache, looking after sick relative, and so on.

The children's father does not visit the children although they see him on the rare occasions when Mrs Andrews takes them to his house. [redacted]

[redacted] He called at this office once with Mrs Andrews when he told me that he had no wish to have the children himself but hoped that they would eventually settle back with his wife. He came across to me as rather an immature character.

When Mrs Andrews returned to Dundee, Mrs Markie has stopped visiting the children. She sees them most weekends when their mother takes them home. The children have said that their mother has on occasion gone out with friends and left them with their grandmother. They are fond of Mrs Markie and they are happy to be with her as with their mother. Mrs Markie, however, is very soft with the children and she easily gives in to them. Recently, Helen ran away from St. Francis after being checked for her behaviour. She went to Isle Street where she found her grandmother at home. Mrs Markie later took Helen back to the Home and without attempting to discuss in a reasonable manner what had happened she made quite a scene and threatened in front of the children to assault a member of staff.

The children's behaviour in St Francis' does still give cause for concern. A few months ago, there was a change of staff in the Home and this must have had an unsettling effect on the children. They have been further unsettled by their mother and grandmother falsely raising their hopes that they might shortly return home. Recently, [redacted] and Helen have been behaving particularly badly, demanding an excessive amount of attention from both staff and the other children. The children are clearly in need of reassurance and it is important that their future is settled soon.

Conclusion and Recommendation:

I will now return as to what the future holds for these children. Contact has

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is been removed with mother and it remains to be seen whether she will make any better use of this opportunity. Efforts to find a suitable foster home will continue and in the meantime, the situation will be kept under regular review.

I recommend that the current supervision requirements be continued without variation.

Wm. G. Chapman

Wm. G. Chapman
Social Worker



Tayside Regional Council

Social Work Department
Dundee Division

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:—

Surname.....	ANDREWS	1. [REDACTED]	Date of Birth.....	2. 21.8.68
Christian Names or forenames.....	1. [REDACTED] 2. Helen	3. [REDACTED]	Religion.....	Protestant
Address.....	St. Francis Children's Home, Roseangle, Dundee.		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) [REDACTED]
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: [REDACTED] Helen and [REDACTED] 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 constructive 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 children 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 [REDACTED]' 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 [REDACTED], 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. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED], Helen and [REDACTED] remain under the supervision of this Department.

For M. Chapman.

Miss G. Chapman
Social Worker

30th March, 1978
GC/CMcG



Tayside Regional Council

Area 1,
22 Crichton Street,
Dundee DD1 3AW

Social Work Department Dundee Division

FORM OF REPORT

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If phoning or calling please ask for:

Mrs. G. Norrie - Ext. 3444

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our ref GN/ABS

date 1st June 1979

Dundee Children's Hearing on 6th June 1979 at 9.30 a.m.

REPORT:

[REDACTED], Helen and [REDACTED] Andrews (d/b - [REDACTED], 21.8.68
and [REDACTED]),
Present Address - c/o Markie, [REDACTED]

At a Hearing on 9th May 1979, the Panel decided that the children who were clearly unhappy at home should live with their grandmother for the time being. The Hearing was continued for 4 weeks (a) to allow Mrs. Andrews an opportunity to sort things out in relation to caring better for the children and (b) to see how Mrs. Markie would manage with the three of them.

The decision to allow the children to go to their grandmother's seems to have been a good one and one the children themselves were delighted about. Within a few days, there was quite a noticeable difference in them - not only were they much smarter in appearance they seemed happier and a lot less anxious. Because of their move, they had to change school and indications from Balerno Primary are that they are settling in without too much difficulty. Mrs. Markie has managed well enough with them and she now wishes to ask the Panel to have them permanently in her care on the understanding that she apply for a bigger house from the Council.

Mrs. Andrews does not appear to have changed her attitude over the last few weeks. Despite her early promises to see the children daily, she has visited them irregularly and it has been noticeable that she has not been around at weekends or during evenings. Mrs. Markie has not been able to depend on her to help in any way with the children.

On Thursday 24th, Mrs. Andrews visited and before leaving promised to return the following day to take Helen for a haircut. She did not do so and when I visited on Tuesday, 29th she had still not been up. She has also let the family down financially. To avoid a long delay in transferring the child Benefit Book to Mrs. Markie at a time when there was a backlog of applications due to industrial action, D.H.S.S. advised Mrs. Andrews to cash the weekly allowance (£12) and to hand this money directly to her mother. So far, Mrs. Markie has received only one payment of £12 and £1 on the day of the Hearing. She is only receiving an extra £6+ supplementary benefit from D.H.S.S. for the children and Mrs. Andrews knows that her mother needs this weekly £12. On two occasions, I have found Mrs. Markie with no money and have had to help her out and I know she has also had financial help from her brothers. This arrangement for the child benefit/

benefit is obviously not going to work out.

I have seen Mrs. Andrews once since the Hearing. She told me that she definitely wanted the children back and that she would do anything to achieve this. However, this apparently did not include terminating her relationship with [REDACTED], even although she admitted that they did not agree on the way children should be brought up and that the children are not happy with him. She talked about a plan to live with her mother and the children and to see Mr. [REDACTED] only 3 evenings per week. This seemed to me totally unrealistic. I found Mrs. Andrews had no clear ideas at all about what she was going to do and was waiting to be guided by Mr. [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

Assessment and Recommendation

I am afraid Mrs. Andrews has not taken advantage of the opportunity the Panel allowed her. She is not thinking of the children at all and it seems she is not listening to advice from anyone. I cannot recommend that the children go home. They themselves still say they do not want to go back to their mother as long as she is involved with Mr. Bremner.

The question then remains, what should happen to the children. Mrs. Markie wants them to remain with her and certainly once financial arrangements are sorted out and she has got a bigger house, things should be a lot easier for her. She is extremely fond of the children and kind to them. On the other hand, she is often not firm enough with them [REDACTED]. Her health, although not bad at present, should be watched. However, taking everything into account, I feel that the children should remain with their grandmother meantime, provided she feels she is able for them. She depends on support from this Department and I would envisage that our family helper will continue to visit regularly, as well as the new social worker.

I, therefore, recommend that the Supervision Requirements in respect of [REDACTED], Helen and [REDACTED] be continued under Section 44(1)(a) Social Work (Scotland) Act with their place of residence now being with their grandmother.

G. Norrie
Mrs. G. Norrie,
Social Worker.

As I left the Department on 29th May, 1979, Miss Fraser will be attending the Hearing. She has met the children and should be able to bring any further information to the Hearing on Wednesday.



Tayside Regional Council

Social Work Department
Dundee Division

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:—

Surname	Andrews	Date of Birth 1) [REDACTED], 2) 21/8/68,
Christian Names or forenames	1) [REDACTED] 2) Helen, 3) [REDACTED]	Religion Protestant 3) [REDACTED]
Address	43 Dunmore Street DUNDEE	Occupation School Children
		Marital State N/A

is to appear on 7 March 1979 at 9.30 am at Dundee Children's Hearing Court in connection with the principal offence of Case Review.

Previous Appearances as known to the Officer making the Report:

School Reports - Copies attached.

Family:

Father: John Andrews (33), [REDACTED] Dundee. Unemployed. He and his cohabitee have two children.
Mother: Janette Markie or Andrews (32), 43 Dunmore Street, Dundee. Housewife.
Grandmother: Helen Markie, 43 Ballindean Road, Dundee.

Summary of Home Situation:

[REDACTED], Helen and [REDACTED] were taken into the care of this Authority on 31 October 1974 and were later made subject to Supervision Requirements under Section 44(1)(b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, on the grounds that they lacked adequate parental care. As a result, they spent 3½ years in St Francis' Children's Home. On 5 April 1978, the Panel agreed that the children be returned to their mother's care while remaining under the supervision of this Department. The Supervision Orders were varied accordingly.

The children have now been with their mother for 11 months and they have got on reasonably well during this period. While their behaviour has been no better than it was in St Francis', it has not been noticeably worse. On the whole, Helen and [REDACTED] are better behaved than [REDACTED], and Mrs Andrews says she can manage them without any bother. [REDACTED] while Helen tends to lack confidence and behaves in a more sheepish manner. She is always anxious to please. Helen is the one who is small for her age and although older than [REDACTED], is often taken for her younger sister.

[REDACTED]

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[redacted] Helen M. [redacted] Andrews

Summary of Home Situation Cont'd

[redacted]

Mrs. Andrews manages quite well. She has kept up with her financial commitments and the children are well fed and clad. Her mother, Mrs. Markie is usually at the house and helps with the children. She often stays there and helps to let Mrs. Andrews out.

[redacted]

Mr. Andrews only sees the children on odd occasions. [redacted] but [redacted] Mrs. Andrews does not allow him any say in the care of the children and he does not push for any greater involvement than he has at present. None of the children expresses any wish to see him often.

Support and Progression

There have been no serious upsets over the last 12 months that would make me feel the children should not remain at home any longer. On the whole, things are going quite well

[redacted]

Under these circumstances, I feel supervision of the children should be ongoing and suggest that the existing Requirements be continued without variation.

Gwen M. Norrie

Mrs. G. Norrie
Social Worker

GN/GF
6 March, 1979.



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date 7th May, 1979

Dundee Children's Hearing on 9th May, 1979 at 11.00 a.m.

REPORT: on

[redacted] Helen and [redacted] Andrews,
(D.O.B. [redacted], 21.8.68 and [redacted])

[redacted]
Dundee.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

Verbal report only from school.

FAMILY:

Mother JEANETTE MORRIS OF ANDREWS (32) Housewife

Mother's Cohabitee [redacted]

Children:

[redacted])
HELEN) All pupils of Fintry Primary
[redacted]) School since 19th April, 1979

Maternal Grandmother HELEN MORRIS - lives alone in a
two roomed flat at 43 Ballindean Road,
Dundee.

INTRODUCTION:

[redacted] Helen and [redacted] were taken into the care of this Authority in October, 1974 and were later made subject to Supervision Requirements under Section 44 (1)(b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 on the grounds that they lacked adequate parental care. As a result, they spent three and a half years in St. Francis' Children's Home. On 7th April, 1978, the Panel agreed that the children be returned to their mother's care while remaining under the supervision of this Department and the Supervision Orders were varied accordingly.

The last review took place on 7th March, 1979. Things had been going fairly well at home and the Supervision Requirements in respect of all three children were continued without variation. However, two weeks after the hearing I heard that there had been some changes in the home/

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Re: [redacted] Helen and [redacted] Andrews

INTRODUCTION: (Contd)

home circumstances and that there might be some cause for concern about the care of the children. During the next few weeks, two particular things happened which led me to request a further hearing to review the children's situation.

These were:-

1. The family moved address without notifying me of this.
2. The children were received into care for four days.

I shall now outline events since the last hearing. Much of the information I have gathered has come from Mrs. Markie who is very concerned about the children.

EVENTS SINCE THE
LAST HEARING:

On 23rd March, Mrs. Markie called to see me at my office. She wanted me to know that she was concerned about [redacted], Helen and [redacted] as she was not happy about what was going on at home.

[Large redacted block]

When Mrs. Markie called to see me a few days later, she was upset and obviously worried about the children. She felt she was being disloyal to her daughter but nevertheless felt I should know what was going on. She had neither seen nor heard anything of the children and asked me to keep an eye on things. This interview took place on a Friday.

The following Monday, I rang Gillburn Primary School and asked if staff had been aware of changes at home and if there had been any indications that the children might be unhappy. I was told that on the Friday and that day, the children had been telling their teachers that they were moving to Fintry and that they would therefore be leaving Gillburn Primary. There had been no word of this from Mrs. Andrews.

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Re: [redacted] Helen and [redacted] n Andrews

EVENTS SINCE THE
LAST HEARING:
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Later that day, I called at [redacted] and found Mrs. Andrews, the children and some others sitting in a neighbour's house. I saw Mrs. Andrews briefly on her own and told her I had heard she was moving. She denied this saying that there had been a misunderstanding and the children must have picked things up wrongly. I reminded Mrs. Andrews that she should let me know if she moved house but she assured me this was not likely to happen in the near future. I suggested she call at Gillburn Primary to clear up the matter with staff. Less than twenty-four hours later, the family moved house without notifying either Gillburn Primary, or this Department.

[redacted] I finally learned that the family were living in Mr. Bremner's house in Cheviot Gardens. I wrote on more than one occasion asking Mrs. Andrews to contact me but did not manage to see her before going on a week's leave from 9th - 13th April. It was during this time that the children were taken into care.

The schools were on holiday and it had been arranged that [redacted] stay with his grandmother for two weeks. On 12th April, Mrs. Andrews, her cousin and the two girls arrived at Mrs. Markie's house. Mrs. Andrews asked for a loan of money but her mother refused. Instead, Mrs. Markie offered them tea but they said they were in a hurry and could not wait for this. According to Mrs. Markie, Mrs. Andrew's cousin went out of the room for a long time. She later discovered £1 of small change missing from the house and has concluded that he took this. Shortly afterwards, Mrs. Markie discovered that [redacted] was waiting outside. Her daughter asked her to accept him into the house and Mrs. Markie refused to do so. As a result, there was an argument. Mrs. Andrews and the children left the house and ten minutes later the children came rushing into the house telling their grandmother that [redacted] was hitting their mother. Mrs. Markie says she went out and was also threatened by Mr. [redacted]. She saw her daughter hit several times by this man. It was Helen who ran and summoned the police. I understand no charges were brought against [redacted] as Mrs. Andrews would not make a complaint against him. Mrs. Markie said she had noticed all three i.e. her daughter, [redacted] and the cousin, were smelling of drink.

[redacted], Helen and [redacted] were all upset by this incident. They were crying and saying that they did not want to go home. As soon as the police appeared on the scene, Mrs. Markie got on a bus with the three children and took them to St. Francis. From there, she was able to contact a social worker in this office and it was arranged that the children be taken into care. The children remained in St. Francis' overnight but as there were no vacancies for them, they were moved to the Shelter the following day.

The children were taken into care on a Thursday evening. The following day, social workers tried to contact Mrs. Andrews without success. She made neither visit nor telephone call to this office and I understand she did not contact the two homes until Friday evening. Despite knowing where the children were, she did not visit them over the weekend. Mrs. Markie went to see them on the Sunday.

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Re: [REDACTED] Helen and [REDACTED] Andrews

EVENTS SINCE THE
LAST HEARING:
(Contd.)

On Monday 16th April, Mrs. Andrews and Mr. [REDACTED] called at this office and were seen by myself and Mr. Gaston, senior social worker. They made it clear they wanted the children and they were not too keen to discuss what was happening at home. They denied any excessive drinking. When questioned about her move from Kirkton, Mrs. Andrews said she had not been able to inform me of this as she had not known until the last minute that she was moving.

With regard to the incident that took place on the Thursday evening, both Mr. [REDACTED] and Mrs. Andrews said they considered that events had been blown out of all proportion and that it had been unnecessary for the children to be taken into care. They blamed Mrs. Markie for this and said they were tired of her interference. When asked about their fight, they said that Mr. [REDACTED] had only hit Mrs. Andrews once as she had become hysterical. (The police officer who was called to the incident was contacted that evening and he was quite clear that Mr. [REDACTED] had hit Mrs. Andrews many times).

Anyway, Mrs. Andrews and Mr. [REDACTED] were told we were concerned about the care of the children and that a further Children's Hearing would be requested to review the home situation. They were told that Mr. Gaston and I would visit them at home that afternoon to make sure things there were alright and that I would then visit the children in the Shelter. They were asked to leave collecting the children until the evening so that these visits could be made. At 2.30 p.m., Mr. Gaston and I visited the house to find no-one at home. I, therefore, left a message saying that I felt we should have a further discussion before they collected the children and I suggested that they call to see me at 10 a.m. the following day. While I was out on other visits, Mr. [REDACTED] and Mrs. Andrews telephoned the office and spoke to Mr. Gaston. They said they were not prepared to postpone collecting the children until we had visited them. When I arrived at the Children's Shelter to see the children, I found they had already been removed.

The following day I referred the children back to the Panel. Mr. Gaston and I visited the home and it was agreed that a family helper from this Department would visit the family regularly over the next few weeks and that a careful watch would be kept on what was going on. During the last few weeks we have kept in touch with the family, the children's new school and Mrs. Markie. The overall picture is not a good one.

Mrs. Andrews and Mr. [REDACTED] have only known each other for around two months. I have not learned much about Mr. [REDACTED] background [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Re: [REDACTED], Helen and [REDACTED] Andrews

EVENTS SINCE THE
LAST HEARING:
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[REDACTED]

The family are now living in a three roomed house which is smaller than their accommodation in Kirkton. I still do not know why they chose to live in this house rather than the other one. Standards in the home are not high and recently the children have been poorly turned out.

[REDACTED]

In the last few weeks, the headmaster has written to Mrs. Andrews on several occasions about the state of the children's appearance. She seems to have taken only little notice of his letters. When the children came into care they were found to have head lice.

One of the things that has concerned me over the last few weeks has been the apparent lack of money in the house. I have already mentioned two occasions when this has been the case, i.e. the day the children came into care and the day Mr. [REDACTED] spent the week's allowance. There have also been a number of other incidents when Mrs. Andrew's has tried to borrow money from her relatives. On removing the children from care, she went to an uncle's house and asked for a loan of money. The following week, [REDACTED] appeared at his grandmother's twice with notes from his mother asking for a loan and Mrs. Andrews called on another occasion in person in an attempt to persuade Mrs. Markie to give her money. On none of these occasions did Mrs. Markie do so but she sent food over for the children. She also fed the children any time they came over as they complained about being hungry.

[REDACTED]

All this aside, what concerns me most is what the children themselves have been saying. Their grandmother states that for many weeks the children have been saying they are frightened of Mr. [REDACTED] that they are not happy and that they have been asking to stay with her rather than go back home. When they were at St. Francis, they told the Sisters about the amount of drinking that goes on at home and the many arguments in the house. The staff all felt the children were relieved to be back/

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Re: [REDACTED], Helen and [REDACTED] Andrews

EVENTS SINCE THE
LAST HEARING:
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back there and would happily have stayed. Staff at the Shelter found like-wise. Two days after they were home, I visited to introduce the family helper and when I left, all three children followed me downstairs and told me that they would rather be in either the Shelter or St. Francis than at home. [REDACTED] They would have happily come away in the car with me.

I have put my concerns about the children to Mrs. Andrews but she denies that there is any problem at home. She feels the children are being well enough looked after. She intends to continue living with Mr. [REDACTED]. Because of this, the relationship between her and her mother remains strained.

ASSESSMENT AND
RECOMMENDATION:

There are many indications that the home situation is no longer a stable one and that the children have not been happy in their mother's care since this recent change of circumstances. I think it is now necessary for the Panel to consider whether the children remain there or not. My own feeling is that they are in need of greater security than Mrs. Andrews is presently offering them and I recommend that they be taken back into the care of this Authority. I should have information on possible vacancies for the children by the Hearing.

[Signature]
Mrs. G. Norrie
Social Worker

GN/LDM
8th May, 1979



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date 31st March, 1981.

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

REPORT: on

[REDACTED], Helen (21.8.68) [REDACTED]
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 [REDACTED] 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 [redacted] at school and tried to make an arrangement to see the children. [redacted] was keen on the idea but [redacted] 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, [redacted] (maternal aunt) and [redacted] (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.

Margaret Buxton

Ms. M. Porter
Social Worker.

31.3.81.

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The Andrews family have been known to Social Work Department since July 1972. The R.S.P.C.C. were involved between 1969 and 1974 on a number of occasions either because of the mother's desertion or complaints regarding the care of the children. On 31.10.74 the three children were received into care under Section 15 Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 at the request of their maternal grandmother Miss Ballantine, when Mrs. Andrews deserted the children and they were placed in St. Francis' Children's Home, Dundee. Mrs. Andrews meantime had gone to live in Manchester where she was cohabiting with a Mr. [REDACTED]

On 8.1.75 at a Children's Hearing Supervision Orders were made on all three children under Section 44 (1)(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act naming St. Francis as their place of residence. During the following year neither parent made much effort to get a home together and Mr. Andrews set up home with another woman who subsequently had a child to him. Despite efforts by Social Work Department to help Mrs. Andrews little change occurred and the supervision orders were continued unchanged in December 1975 and again in November 1976. Efforts were made to find foster parents for these children but it proved impossible to find a family able to take three children of their age range.

Following a review Hearing in October 1977 Mrs. Andrews obtained the tenancy of a house in the Whitfield area and built up her contacts with the children. By February 1978 they were spending weekends there with their mother, and at a Children's Hearing on 5.4.78 the Supervision Orders were varied to allow the children to return home. Mrs. Andrews had at this point established a relationship with a man referred to by the children as [REDACTED]. It is understood that the possibility of marriage was discussed although Mr. and Mrs. Andrews were not divorced until November 1978. Mrs. Andrews had made some progress in keeping a home together for [REDACTED], Helen and [REDACTED] and it was decided at a review Hearing on 7.3.79, to continue the supervision requirement without variation.

Within a few weeks of this Hearing Miss Ballantine, maternal grandmother contacted Social Work Department to complain that Mrs. Andrews had become involved with a man by the name of [REDACTED] and consequently was spending less and less time with her children. Without informing Social Work Department Mrs. Andrews moved with her children to Mr. [REDACTED] home. However, the relationship appears to have been unstable and in April 1979 the three children spent four days in care following an incident when Mrs. Andrews was assaulted by Mr. [REDACTED]. The social worker requested a Children's Hearing and recommended readmission to care because of the instability of the home situation. At the Hearing on 9.5.79 the Panel decided to place the children with their grandmother Miss Ballantine for a short period, to afford Mrs. Andrews the opportunity to demonstrate her intention of providing a stable environment for the children. Mrs. Andrews did not take up this opportunity and on 6.6.79 despite reservations about Miss Ballantine's ability to cope with them the Supervision Orders were continued to allow the children to remain with their grandmother. Miss Ballantine was allocated a larger house and a family helper was introduced to offer additional support.

Following Miss Ballantine's admission to hospital in March 1980 the children were placed in temporary foster care. Shortly after they returned to her, Miss Ballantine admitted she could not cope and was finding discipline a problem. The children were admitted to Carolina House on 24.3.80 and have remained there. Efforts to find foster parents for the children individually or as a family group have continued to be unsuccessful.

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Their mother currently resides in Manchester and visits the children very infrequently. Indications are that she has no intention of making any long term commitment to her children. Mr. Andrews has initiated no contact with the Social Work Department and despite living in Dundee makes little effort to keep in touch with his children nor has he made any effort to provide a home for them. Their grandmother, Miss Ballantine sees the children regularly and on 20.7.83 she resumed care of [REDACTED], but it seems unlikely at present that she could care for the girls.

It is expected that these three children will remain in care until they are able to live independently. Since their admission they have continued to attend Hearings and the Supervision Orders were last renewed on 2.2.83. Given that the children are likely to remain in care it is considered that the Assumption of Parental Rights would be the course most likely to secure the welfare of these children.

Margaret Black
Ms. M. Black
Social Worker

MB/KM
8.9.83.

CASE REVIEWS – CHILDREN IN CARE

SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT

Please include comments under the following headings:—

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Contact with natural parents/current home situation/parents' views re future;

Parental Contributions: Has parental assessment form been submitted to HQ.?

Social Workers's views re future action (indicating why any change in direction has taken place since last review/initial assessment. Also indicate why particular goals are used and link with understanding of child's behaviour).

NAME

Helen Andrews
[REDACTED]

ADDRESS IN CARE

19 Maybole Place,
Dundee.

D.O.B.

21.8.68
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Helen is slim, light haired and 17 years old. She thinks more deeply than her sister and tries to work things out before demanding from others. Helen has a sense which can be quite impressive when her sense of natural justice is challenged but generally she is relatively placid. Both girls are besotted with the pop group Wham but seldom go to discos. Helen has had boyfriends, [REDACTED]

In summary the basis of Social Work intervention since the last case review has been concerned with returning both children to their maternal grandmother as a foster placement and supporting this situation. Miss Helen Ballantyne, their Grandmother is in advancing years and experiences less than perfect health so the job of looking after the two girls and their elder brother [REDACTED] proved quite a strain.

The situation worked well until late August when apparently continual rows developed in the house between the grandmother and the two girls. These rows concerned money and the times the girls were expected to be in at night. The girls alleged that their grandmother had thrown things at them whilst grandmother denied the allegations and in return accused the girls of stealing money from her purse. These rows were not mentioned to anyone and indeed it appears that everybody involved had conspired to make sure that the Social Work Department did not know about them. From late September/

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September until early October the Social Worker was off sick and it was not until the 11th of October, 1985 that the girls presented themselves to me saying their grandmother had thrown them out of the house. Following an enquiry into the allegations made at the time the girls were placed in the Independent Living Unit of the Salvation Army. A referral was also made to the Independent Living Team, (Mr Tom Miller, Senior Social Worker), and on the 28th October the girls were allocated and moved in to the supported accommodation at 19 Maybole Place, Dundee where they remain.

In terms of placement suitability, the girls now have to budget and plan their day to day lives as young adults. They are provided with support from the resident warden's there and also from Norma Ballingall, Home Economist as and when they need it. On this basis, they are able to exercise freedom but with the support as an added safeguard and I hope they will learn in a positive way from this. They tell me they are happy with their flat.

[REDACTED]

Both girls are in good health and to my knowledge receive no medical treatment.

The girls' mother Mrs Jeanette Andrews visited Dundee in October when she indicated her intention to me of returning from Manchester to Dundee and setting up home with her boyfriend. The two girls were invited to visit mum in Manchester which they have done apparently with success.

Earlier, Helen had talked at length of living permanently with mother and Manchester Social Services were contacted for enquiry and assessment into the family circumstances there. Helen now says that she intends staying in the supported accommodation permanently and her plans for living in Manchester appear to have been shelved.

Further Social Work involvement should, I believe, be targetted on supporting the existing situation in terms of providing support, advice, and guidance as required to Helen and Sharon in their independent living flat. The budgeting and day to day living problems can be dealt with by the independent living team and the broader social work issues will be addressed by myself. These issues will include the learning experience of living independently and problem solving as a strategy for learning to cope with new stress towards a truly independent and autonomous life. I believe that Helen and [REDACTED] will find independent living in the unit a challenging and sometimes problematic experience.

[REDACTED] for Helen it will be about making decisions which are compatible with the needs and demands of others.

OF/EHC
11.11.85

Signed [Signature]
(Social Worker)

Date 11/11/85

CASE REVIEWS — CHILDREN IN CARE

SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT

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Review — Tuesday 3 June 1986 at 11 am at Paradise Road

NAME	ADDRESS IN CARE	D.O.B.
Helen Andrews	c/o [REDACTED]	21.8.68

[REDACTED]

Helen is slim, light haired and 17 years old. She has more enhanced social skills than her sister and frequently tries to work things out before making demands of others. Helen has a highly developed sense of natural justice which can quickly turn into quite an oppressive rage when thwarted. However she is usually quite placid and tends to present as quite a "deep" girl.

In brief the basis of social work intervention since the last case review has been addressed towards preparing the two girls for independent living out of local authority care. Work was carried out over the Christmas/New Year period with both girls, helping them separate from the independent living flat at Maybole Place which they felt had become quite a milestone round their neck. For their part, they had refused to avail themselves of the various services being provided by for example, Miss Ballingall and latterly were not in fact staying at the flat but were staying with friends. They say this was because they were scared of the flat being broken into while they were there although in reality I would suggest it was an indication of how unable the two girls actually were in independent living. Throughout this period, up to the end of January 1986, both girls had much contact with their maternal grandmother, Miss Helen Ballantyne. Miss Ballantyne appeared to be wary of her contact with the girls, which is not surprising considering the degree of hurt she experienced by the lies the two girls had told earlier.

In January 1986 a meeting took place between Mr Tom Miller, Senior Social Worker, myself, Norma/

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Norma Ballin, a representative of the Housing Department to discuss the situation with the independent living flat for Helen and [REDACTED]. The two girls were present throughout. It was agreed that the flat at 22 Maybole Place was not appropriate for the needs of the two girls and that as a resource it could be better used with other young people who were prepared to use it more appropriately. The two girls gave up their tenancy and moved back with their grandmother at 11 Fleming Gardens South. After a period of a week, Helen Andrews contacted John Davidson, Senior Social Worker and requested permission to go and live full-time with her mother in Manchester. This was agreed and was felt to be appropriate as Helen had spent many trial periods with her mother throughout the previous Autumn and enquiries made by the Social Services Department in Manchester appeared to be satisfactory. Helen has stayed there since, only returning for a two week holiday in March 1986, during which time she did not contact me. Although Helen and I did not meet when she was up here on holiday, the letters which [REDACTED] has received all suggested that she is extremely happy with her mother and is very content with reconciliation which she has managed to achieve in Manchester. The job which she took up initially in Manchester, working with a girls magazine as a model, apparently folded after about 3 weeks and she has since been unemployed but Helen nevertheless remains confident that other work will materialise.

In terms of the recommendations of the last case review, the girls had been offered support which they have declined in reality from the independent living support unit team members and from myself and the girls contact with the independent living flats was terminated this year. Helen's employment in Manchester unfortunately fell through

[REDACTED]

In terms of future contact, I would suggest that minimal involvement of the Social Work Department of the two girls would be appropriate. This would lead them towards total independence and provide them with a sense of freedom with built in support should they need it. Both Helen and [REDACTED] are quite capable of making appropriate referrals to the Social Work Department and I would suggest that this is an appropriate method of actually offering social work support to them.

Signed [Signature]
(Social Worker)

Date 30 May 1986

CASE REVIEWS – CHILDREN IN CARE SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT

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Pen picture of the child (including interests as well as physical and emotional attributes);

Summary of Work done since last Review (including frequency of visits):

Suitability of Placement (does it meet the child's needs? What are his views);

School Report (facts about attainment and potential. Also any behavioural or relationship difficulties);

Health (date of last medical and details of any treatment in addition to description of health);

Contact with natural parents/current home situation/parents' views re future;

Parental Contributions: Has parental assessment form been submitted to HQ.?

Social Workers's views re future action (indicating why any change in direction has taken place since last review/initial assessment. Also indicate why particular goals are used and link with understanding of child's behaviour).

NAME	ADDRESS IN CARE	D.O.B.
HELEN ANDREWS	4 STOBSWELL ROAD, DUNDEE.	21.8.68

DATE OF LAST REVIEW OR CASE CONFERENCE

DATE OF LAST MEDICAL EXAMINATION

DATE OF LAST SCHOOL REPORT

DATE OF LAST FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT (Form F8)

Since Helen's last review in June 1986, she has been without a social worker. However, at that time, she was in Manchester with her mother and according to reports from [REDACTED], Helen was content. Unfortunately this did not continue and Helen decided to return to Dundee.

Initially, Helen stayed with her gran, Mrs. Ballantine, but as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were also there, gran was not able to cope. Gran appears to be able to cope with two, which two does not seem to matter, but once the third child arrives, so too do the problems. Helen being aware of this, decided that as she was the last to arrive that she would find her own flat.

Helen now lives in a furnished bedsit in the Stobswell area but spends as much time as possible at her gran's. She is not working at present but this is not getting her down, as she feels that something will turn up eventually.

Helen has made contact with her father and now visits him whenever she wants. She has a good relationship with all the family members and according to Helen, they all thoroughly enjoy her visits.

I offered Helen further support from the Department, but now that she is 18, she would rather cease involvement with us and be responsible for her own life. It would seem that her time in care has not been terribly satisfactory, she had a number of moves, however Helen /

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Helen does have happy memories and would prefer to leave it that way.

There has been no social work involvement over the past few months and Helen appears to be coping adequately. Now it is her wish for care to be terminated and I would recommend that it be as she desires.

Social work contact will be maintained within the family as [REDACTED], her younger sister, is still in the Department's care.

Signed E. Means
(Social Worker)

Date 4.11.86

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Minute of "Leaving Care Case Conference"
held at 6 Paradise Road, Dundee,
on 13th March 1987.

Present : Miss E. Mearns, S.W., Dundee West.
Miss H. Andrews, Subject of discussion.
Mr A. Nicoll, A.F.M., Dundee West.
Mr F. Cura, A.F.M., Dundee West.

HELEN ANDREWS (D.O.B. 21.8.68) - (SECTION 16),
c/o Ballantyne, 11 Fleming Gardens South, Dundee.

Today's Case Conference should have been held during the latter part of 1986, but had been held over until the writer's return from sick leave, the latter having, however, being more lengthy than what had originally been surmised.

Helen, together with her two siblings, has been the subject of Social Work involvement since October 1974, at which point Helen, together with her brother [REDACTED] now aged nineteen years, and sister [REDACTED], aged seventeen years, were received "into care" under the terms of Section 15, Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. At that time all three children were placed in St Francis Children's Home, Roseangle, Dundee. Arising from this action, Helen was subsequently made subject to a Children's Hearing Supervision Requirement 44 (1)(b) and residential care continued. The latter remained in care until October 1978, at which time the Supervision Requirement was amended to 44 (1)(a) and Helen returned to the care of her mother.

During April 1979, however, following a family breakdown, the children were again received "into care" under the terms of Section 15 and placed in Carolina House, Dundee.

November 1983 saw the Hearing Requirement terminated and Helen continuing at Carolina House under the terms of Section 16 Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

During November 1984, Helen and her sister left Carolina House and commenced living at the home of her Maternal Grandmother (Miss Ballantyne), 11 Fleming Gardens South, Dundee. In October 1985, following a breakdown within the family home, Helen and her sister moved to the Salvation Army Hostel, Ward Road, Dundee. This was purely on a temporary basis, a situation resolved some two weeks later by virtue of both sisters moving to the Independent Living Project at 22 Maybole Place, Dundee.

During early January 1986, both sisters left Maybole Place and returned to their Maternal Grandmother's care. A few weeks later Helen moved south to join her mother, now resident in Manchester. The situation at the latter's address was checked upon by the Local Social Services and a favourable report saw the situation being allowed to continue.

August 1986 saw Helen return to Grandmother's care in Dundee. Living within the home were Grandmother, Helen, her sister [REDACTED] and brother [REDACTED]. In the weeks that followed, there appeared to be some disharmony between family members, a situation which culminated with Helen moving to a bed-sit (4 Stobwell Road, Dundee) of her own in October 1986.

On February 14th 1987, Helen's mother re-married and now resides in Pitkerro Road, Dundee. Helen has ongoing contact with her mother but chooses to visit when mother's husband [REDACTED] is out. She also has contact with her natural father, both latter visits being at Helen's own discretion. Other than the people previously noted in this paper, Helen has not other relatives living in the Dundee Area.

Arising /-

Helen Andrews (d.o.b. 21.8.68),
continued

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Arising from excess financial commitments re her bed-sit situation Helen has recently returned to her Grandmother's home. At this time, it would appear that no "problems" are rearing their head.

Although unemployed at present, Helen advised that she was seeking work in a positive manner.

Throughout the discussion Helen, a healthy looking young woman, had been encouraged to "speak up" and had done so in an appropriate fashion. Throughout her years of Social Work involvement, she had been subject to some eight Social Workers and had mixed memories of these personnel. She did, however, appreciate that all in their own fashion had been attempting to improve her lifestyle by virtue of ongoing "care".

Fully aware that Miss Mearns would still be involved within Grandmother's home [REDACTED], Helen was nevertheless glad to see this date's discussion take place, thereby severing "official contact". She had been advised that should "problems" arise at some later stage, Social Work assistance could be sought.

Relevant papers e.g. Birth Certificate had already been handed over to Helen. The one noted had, however, been lost and a further was to be supplied this date.

At this point the discussion concluded.

F. Cura.

Mr F. Cura,
Assistant Fieldwork Manager.

Copies to :
Miss A. Crawford, Fieldwork Manager, Dundee West.
Mr D. Middleton, Asst Director (Fieldwork), Tayside Hosue.
Miss E. Mearns, Social Worker, Dundee West.
Mr A. Nicoll, Asst Fieldwork Manager.

SUBMISSION TO THE SOCIAL WORK SUB COMMITTEE
APPLYING FOR THE RESCINDING OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

Subject: Helen Andrews (dob 21.8.68)

Parental Rights Assumed: November 1983

Helen and her two brothers and sisters were abandoned by their mother when Helen was almost six years of age. Her 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 1968 in January 1975. Helen remained in residential care for four years until October 1978 when she returned to her mother's care and supervision. This arrangement lasted for six months before breaking down and Helen returned to care and was placed in Carolina House where she remained until November 1984. Plans at that time were that she would eventually return to her grandmother's care, which she did at this time.

Parental rights in terms of Section 16 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 were assumed in November 1983.

Having spent most of her childhood in residential care, Helen experienced difficulties in adjusting to demands of living in a family. The placement with her grandmother eventually ended in October 1985 when both Helen and her sister [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 Independent Living Support Team. Helen was unhappy with this and returned briefly to the care of her grandmother before moving into a bedsitter. This too was short lived and Helen subsequently joined her mother in Manchester. This situation is the subject of local social services checks on her behalf and was sanctioned in the light of favourable reports and Helen's wish to remain. However August 1986 saw Helen's return to the care of her grandmother.

As can be seen from her brief history above, Helen has had an unsettled time in care, due in part to the rather volatile nature of the family relationships. Throughout her period in care Helen maintained regular contact with her maternal grandmother, her siblings and her mother. She has had some contact with her father at her discretion. There are no other family members living in the Dundee area.

Helen was discharged from care when she reached the age of 18 in August 1986. At that time Helen had returned to Dundee and although living in her own flat, spent most of her time at her grandmothers. She was unemployed at that time but was understood to be seeking work actively. At the time of leaving care, Helen was healthy and financially, needed no assistance as she was coping with her supplementary benefit allowance.

There has been little contact with Helen since August 1986, however there has been continued contact with the family and it is understood that Helen continues to move between her grandmother in Dundee and her mother in Manchester.

Recommendation

That

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Helen Andrews

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That parental rights assumed in respect of Helen Andrews in November 1983 be rescinded as she has now left care, is living independently and parental rights are no longer relevant.

Deborah M Ferguson

Mrs D M Ferguson
Senior Social Worker

DMF/DMM
28.5.87

Tayside Regional Council

Social Work Department

SUBMISSION TO AREA CONTROLLER

Case No.11.431.....

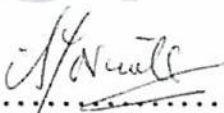
NameHelen Andrews..... Date of Birth21.8.68.....
 Address11 Fleming Gardens South, Dundee.....
 Father's Name (where appropriate)N/A.....
 Address
 Mother's Name (where appropriate)Janette Andrews.....
 Address
 Admitted to Care30.10.74..... Parental Rights Assumed28.11.83.....
 Date of Supervision Requirement
 Brief Summary of case including reason for referral:
 See attached Report

Recommendation:

That parental rights assumed in respect of Helen Andrews in November, 1983 be rescinded as she has now left care, is living independently and parental rights are no longer relevant.

Date2-6-87.....
E. Means.....
 Social Worker (Homefinder)
 Date2.6.87.....
D. M. Ferguson.....
 Senior Social Worker

(a) Decision of Area Controller

Date 3/6/87 

J. N. Smith / Area Controller

Passed to Regional Headquarters

(NB. All submissions must be accompanied by Case Papers or Case Notes)

(b) Decision of Depute Director (Fieldwork Services)

Date

(c) Decision of Regional Director

Date

(d) Decision of Committee
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Date

Noted by Finance Section

Date

Action taken

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Item No. Helen Andrews (dob 21.08.68)

Parental Rights Assumed - 24 October 1983

Helen and her two brothers and sisters were abandoned by their mother when Helen was almost six years of age. Her 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 a supervision requirement in terms of Section 44(1)(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 in January 1975. Helen remained in residential care for four years until October 1978 when she returned to her mother's care and supervision. This arrangement lasted for only six months before breaking down and Helen returned to care and was placed in Carolina House where she remained until November 1984 when her grandmother again undertook her care.

Parental rights in terms of Section 16 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 were assumed on November 1983 (Case 16/83).

Having spent most of her childhood in residential care, Helen experienced difficulties in adjusting to demands of living in a family. The placement with her grandmother eventually ended in October 1985 when both Helen and her sister [REDACTED] were placed in the Salvation Army Hostel. They were subsequently allocated a flat in Maybole Place Supported Accommodation Project which receives a considerable input from the Social Work Department's Independent Living Support Team. Helen was unhappy in this environment and returned briefly to the care of her grandmother before moving into a bedsitter. This too was short lived and Helen subsequently joined her mother in Manchester. This situation was the subject of checks by the local social services and was sanctioned in the light of favourable reports and Helen's wish to remain. However August 1986 saw Helen's return to the care of her grandmother.

Helen was discharged from care when she reached the age of 18 in August 1986. At that time Helen had returned to Dundee and although living in her own flat, spent most of her time at her grandmothers. She was unemployed at that time but was understood to be seeking work.

actively. At the time of leaving care Helen was healthy and financially independent being able to cope with her supplementary benefit allowance. There has been little contact with Helen since August 1986 and she has not sought this however, there has been continued contact with the family and it is understood that Helen continues to move between her grandmother in Dundee and her mother in Manchester. There has been no indication that she is seeking support from the social work department but should she do so the provision of Section 24 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act could be used to provide help as required.

Recommendation

That the Committee note that the parental rights assumed by the Council lapsed when she attained 18 years of age in August 1986.

DNM/LS/D1

3 August 1987