MEMORANDUM

To Miss B. Barraclough,
Divisional Social Work Officer.

From Mr. Ron Taylor,
Senior Social Worker.

Your ref.

Our ref. RT/SJG

Date 4.6.84

Please ask for Mr. Taylor.

Re: Mr. & Mrs. D. Simpson, [redacted], Brora.

On placing Pamela Clifford with Mr. & Mrs. Simpson on 11th May, 1984 Mr. Simpson brought up the question of expenses for attending Children's Panel on 29th February, when the children were returned to Mr. Clifford. Mr. Simpson had to take the day off work to attend the Panel and as a result he lost £35 in wages. He placed a claim for travelling expenses, subsistence and loss of wages, with the Reporter's Department but he told me that only travelling expenses and subsistence was paid. I checked this matter with Janet Burns, who told me that her Department would not meet the cost of loss of wages. Had he been cited to a Sheriff Court then loss of wages could have been taken into consideration. It was quite important that both Mr. & Mrs. Simpson attend that particular Panel on the 29th of February. I wonder therefore if a payment could be made to Mr. Simpson to cover his loss of wages.

Pamela is also to attend the Brownie Camp from 29th June to 4th July, at a cost of £16. This is to be held at Nethybridge Outdoor Centre. I would be grateful if the cost of the camp can be forwarded to Mr. & Mrs. Simpson.

Please also find enclosed receipt for three pairs of socks and two vests, amounting to £5.70. I would be grateful if Mrs. Simpson could also be reimbursed this amount.

pp. Senior Social Worker.

Sylvia Gillies

Reply

6.7.84
BB/EH

Brownie Camp and clothing costs aproved and payment to be included in next Allowance cheque.

Loss of Wages of £35 - would you please expand on the explanation of the need for both foster parents to be present at the Hearing - did you ask both parents to be present or did they attend out of their interest? Why was it necessary for Mr. Simpson to be present - could his wife not have given relevant information to the Hearing in his absence?

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To Senior Social Worker - ALNESS **From** Divisional Social Work Officer - DINGWALL

Your ref. RT/SJG **Our ref.** BB/EH **Date** 7.6.84

Please ask for Miss Barraclough

Clifford Children

I refer to my memorandum of 18.4.84 and my reply to your memorandum of 15.5.84.

Will you please confirm that Foster Parent Assessments are in progress in respect of:-

[redacted]

Mr. and Mrs. D. Simpson, Brora.

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Clifford, 24 Milnafua, Alness

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	Pamela remains where she is and that the case be reviewed within the next three months. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford both indicated they wished to see Pamela.	R.F.T.
14.3.80	H.V. to Mr. Clifford. Found Mr. Clifford at home and discussed question of possible visits to Pamela at Evanton. Stressed importance of him seeing Pamela. He did not feel that he would like the separation again, but I advised him that Pamela would get over these temporary separations. I left a number for him to telephone Mrs. MacDonald to let her know when he would call out to see her.	R.F.T.
18.3.80	Took Mrs. Clifford to Evanton to see Pamela. Mr. Clifford had not telephoned at the weekend nor had he come to see Pamela. The visit was quite successful and Pamela seemed happy and outgoing in her mother's presence. They played games and there was a small amount of anxiety when mother left, but not so marked as when Dad left on the last occasion.	R.F.T.
21.3.80	H.V. to Mr. Clifford. He apparently could not get Mrs. MacDonald on the 'phone at the weekend. Checked the telephone number and found that it was the wrong telephone number. However, I would have thought that he would have enough initiative to find out what Mrs. MacDonald's correct number was. He is still rather anxious about seeing Pamela.	R.F.T.
22.3.80	Arranged with Mrs. MacDonald for Pamela to spend an hour at 24 Milhafua in the afternoon.	
24.3.80	Office Interview with Mr. Clifford. The previous weekend visit was a bit of a disaster. Pamela enjoyed her visit, Mrs. MacDonald leaving her with Dad and picking her up an hour later. Pamela obviously thought she was home to stay for good and did not want to leave home. However, Mrs. MacDonald took her away in a pretty upset state. Mr. Clifford felt that his anxieties have been further heightened by this episode. We discussed this matter and felt that with hindsight it was not a good idea for Pamela to go home and that any future visits would be by him going to Evanton. Discussed D.H.S.S. and agreed that I write to D.H.S.S. about his supplementary benefit, particularly regarding an exceptional needs payment and rent and fuel direct.	R.F.T.
25.3.80	Mrs. Clifford to Evanton. Pamela was obviously quite upset according to Mrs. MacDonald over the past two days but was now coming round. The visit with Mum was again quite successful, but Pamela was not too concerned when Mum left.	R.F.T.
26.3.80	Office Interview with Mr. Clifford. Mr. Clifford rather angry that Eileen should be visiting Pamela. He did not feel she had a right to visit, having left the children in the past. I tried to impress on Mr. Clifford the need for children to maintain contact with both sets of parents and that I thought that these visits were helpful to Pamela. He did not agree and I advised him I would discuss the matter further with my superiors.	R.F.T.

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1.4.80	Informed by Mrs. Clifford that she and [redacted] have been allocated 74 Westford, Alness, and they have now moved in to that house. She has asked about the possibility of getting the children back. Took Mr. Clifford out to see Pamela, as arranged with Mrs. MacDon-:ald. Pamela has settled well with Mrs. MacDonald and continues to make good progress. The wetting has improved to the extent that it is more often the case that she is dry at night and through the day with only the occasional accident. Her soiling has also improved, to the extent that she now asks to go to the toilet. These improve-:ments are seen in a very good light by Mrs. MacDonald and Mr. Clifford. Pamela isputting on weight and Mrs. MacDonald has been able to get her some new clothes through the Department. She is still quite "clingey" with Dad but on this occasion was not so upset when we left.	R.F.T.
3.4.80	Took Mrs. Clifford to Evanton to see Pamela. The visit went normally and there was no problem on leaving. Mrs. MacDonald will be going off on holiday for Easter and therefore suggests we miss a week's visiting. She is going to Edinburgh to see her mother and left a telephone number where she can be contacted at her brother's, [redacted]	R.F.T.
14.4.80	Office Interview with Mr. Clifford. He called regarding visiting Pamela. This was arranged for tomorrow afternoon. Both Vincent and Deborah have been off on their holidays, arranged through the W.R.V.S., and have anjoyed these immensely. Went over the reply received from D.H.S.S. regarding his Benefits.	R.F.T.
15.5.80	'Phonecall from Mrs. Clifford asking if I would arrange a further visit for her for Thursday, 17th April. Child in Care Review fixed for 17th April at 10.30 a.m.	R.F.T.
17.4.80.	Initial Review This placement seems to be very satisfactory and perhaps Pamela's progress will enable Mr. Clifford to cope more adequately on her return home. His drinking is obviously a cause for concern but he would seem to be amenable to Social Work intervention and has affection for the children. The Panel decision that both parents may visit is being complied with, but we agreed that Mrs. Clifford, having left the children in the past, could only obtain them with the consent of her husband or by seeking custody. We felt that despite the problems, Mr. Clifford's efforts over the past year were commendable. Date of next review: 7th October, 1980. B.B.	BB.

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29.5.80	Summary Visits by both mother and father to the foster home have been on a weekly basis and proved quite successful. Pamela has been really responding well to Mrs. MacDonald and has come on tremendously. Her toilet training, physical appearance has all improved. Mrs. Clifford indicated that she and her cohabitee were leaving the area. I told her I did not think she had much hope in getting the children back. She indicated that she was going to Wales. A Review Hearing was held on 21st May. Father only attended, along with Mrs. MacDonald, the foster mother. I recommended that Pamela should be returned home to father, giving the reasons that although Pamela responded well to Mrs. MacDonald's care, the longer she remains with Mrs. MacDonald the more difficult it would be for her to re-establish herself within the family. The other three children would appear to be getting on reasonably well. Their school reports would appear to be good, apart from Mark's, which indicates that there are some problems. Future plan would be to have Pamela returned to the family home on 30th May. Arrangements will be made for Pamela to attend the Mil-:nafua Playgroup which can take children for a full day. Mrs. Raden, the Chairman of the Panel, said she would like to see close supervision of this family.	R.F.T.
30.5.80	Pamela discharged from care today. I took Mr. Clifford to Evanton to collect Pamela from Mrs. MacDonald. Pamela was very excited and obviously quite keen to go home. Mrs. MacDonald was visibly upset about Pamela leaving. Called at the Milnafua Playgroup and spoke to Mrs. McKeddie, Treasurer, and introduced Pamela to the playgroup. Playschool for Pamela will start on Monday, 2nd June, at 9.30 a.m. and will attend five mornings per week initially. Once she settles in I would hope that this would be extended to the full day. Mr. Clifford will contact Mrs. Wilson regarding any problems that may crop up.	R.F.T.
30.12.80	Over the past six months Mr. Clifford and the family have been seen approximately once a month. No real major problems have arisen and Pamela has been attending the Playschool for which the Department has agreed to pay the fees. Pamela is attending on a daily basis, five days per week. There have been comments from both the D.H.S.S. visit-:ing officer and Mrs. McKeddie, playgroup, that Dode is continuing to drink heavily at times. [redacted] I visited Mr. Clifford on 29th December [redacted] The children appeared to have enjoyed a good Christmas and the family situation at the moment appears to be fairly stable. Pamela has grown considerably and seems to be a fairly well adjusted child. Her speech has improved considerably and according to Mr. Clifford she is not wetting or soiling.	R.F.T.

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June 1981	Summary Since the last entry there have been considerable problems within the household, the main one being Mr. Clifford's excessive drin-:king. Following on the New Year he had something in the region of eight to ten weeks of excessive drinking and I was for a while making daily visits to administer medicine to help Mr. Clifford cope with the withdrawal symptoms. I was very concerned at this period about the children and would have removed them from his care [redacted] Mr. Clifford is a very weak individual who does not appear to keep good health. His excessive drinking does not help with his problem. However, the children do appear to have a very good rel-:ationship with him and when sober he provides well for them. He has had difficulties with his electricity, but this has now I under-:stand been resolved by Mr. Clifford paying off the arrears. A Children's Hearing was held on 22nd April 1981. The supervision order was continued and his drink problem was discussed. He has certainly made efforts to control his excessive drinking and has at this stage had some degree of success. He still has, however, bouts from time to time and it is during these periods that I am particularly concerned about the care of the children.	R.F.T.
31.8.81	Summary Since the last entry I haveseen the family on a number of occasions, mainly in connection with Mr. Clifford's D.H.S.S. problems. He continues to drink, mainly at weekends but this does not seem to be so bad as previously. [redacted] The children are perhaps less at risk now as they get older and Pamela has now started school. The children have enjoyed extensive holidays through the W.R.V.S. scheme this summer. The future for this family is not particularly good. The lifestyle which the children have been exposed to is bound to have a great eff-:ect in later years. They do have a strong relationship with their father and are a close knit family. Mr. Clifford's sister, Mrs. Christine Stirling, has moved away from the area and so there is no support from there. Mr. Clifford's mother can only give limited supp-:ort as her own husband does not keep good health.	R.F.T.
30.9.81	Summary The children have been off to their respective W.R.V.S. hostess holidays over the summer period and would appear to have enjoyed themselves. Pamela started school and would seem to be settling in well. Mr. Clifford trying to control his drinking much better.	R.F.T.
31.10.81	Summary Children have been off during the Tattie Holidays again. This is a good positive change for them. They are nice kids and the hostesses seem to enjoy having them. In fact it is almost on a foster-:ing-type basis they are taken.	R.F.T.
5.11.81	Mr. Clifford [redacted]	R.F.T.
30.11.81	Summary All quiet at the Clifford house over the last month. Mr. Clifford maintaining his control of his drinking and make preparations for the Christmas. The house is looking very nice at the moment. Mr. Clifford has been able to get various items, including carpets, colour T.V., etc. for the house. Seems to be doing very well. [redacted]	

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31.12.81	Summary Over the last month delivered Christmas gifts to the house. The children are getting bicycles for their Christmas, which Dad has picked up second hand and has been doing them up. The Clifford children are going off to their respective holiday aunts again and are looking forward to that. The children appear to be getting on well at school. Gave Mr. Clifford a friendly warning about his drinking over the New Year.	R.F.T.
28.1.82	Mr. Clifford [redacted]	R.F.T.
28.2.82	Summary The children's supervision orders are to be reviewed soon. Family appear to be managing fine. Mr. Clifford is certainly requiring less support and I feel the children are not at risk now.	R.F.T.
22.3.82	H.V. to go over the Children's Hearing report. Home very nice and comfortable, clean and tidy. The children sitting watching T.V. Mrs. Wale busy preparing tea. Children will be going off to their respective holiday aunts over Easter.	R.F.T.
23.3.82	Children's Hearing. The Hearing went quite well. The supervision order was continued in order to allow Mr. Clifford to approach a solicitor to obtain custody of the children. The present supervision order has a special condition of residence in order to protect the children. I do however feel that my involvement with this case should be merely to monitor and intervene only when necessary. This was agreed by the Children's Panel. They hoped that if a custody order was obtained we could seek a review at an early date and have the supervision order discharged.	R.F.T.
	5th April - 18th April on holiday.	
5.5.82	Interview with George Clifford. Mr Clifford asked if I had been contacted by Mr MacMillan, Solicitor, regarding the custody order. Informed him that I had no contact with Mr MacMillan and would wait to hear from him. Situation at home reasonablystable . George appears well and he tells me that the children are fine.	R.F.T.
18.6.82	Mr Clifford at office regarding DHSS benefit. See referral dated 18th June. Contact with Mrs Weir at this time indicated that the children were to be fixed up with their usual summer holidays.	R.F.T.
27.7.82	Mr Clifford seen again. [redacted] The children are well and enjoying their summer holiday. George still continues to drink but this is much more controlled than it has been in the past. Active case work not required in this situation. Mr Clifford will contact me should the need arise but the question of custody may need to be pushed a bit harder. On My return from holiday I will write to Mr MacMillan regarding this matter.	R.F.T.

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December 82	Summary The family have been seen on a number of occasions, i.e. 19th August, 24th September. [redacted] A number of problems arose, over D.H.S.S. Grants, School Meals. This was resolved. One complaint from a neighbour about the noise late at night within No. 24 Milnafua and Mr. Clifford [redacted] [redacted] Mr. Clifford's [redacted]	R.F.T.
31.1.83	Summary Mr. Clifford seen at the office on 11th and 12th January regarding clothing grants. Letter sent to D.H.S.S. He had a reasonably quiet New Year. Some of the children were off on holiday.	R.F.T.
February 83	Summary Mr. Clifford seen on 8th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th February. Mr. Clifford has been on a binge this last month. He had also received severe chest injuries, possibly cracked ribs, and the cooker at home blew up. The children have coped quite well with this and I discussed the matter with Mrs. Curzon at the school regarding Debbie and Vincent staying off school in the mornings. New cooker was to be delivered on 2nd March.	R.F.T.
31.3.83	Summary Most problems resolved. Mr. Clifford feeling a lot better and is managing to control his drinking. However, Mrs. Curzon did note that on occasions Pamela in particular arrived late and was often sleepy in class. Children's Hearing Review took place on 16th February when the supervision order was continued. Letter to be sent to solicitor regarding his custody application and to look at a grant for children's clothing.	R.F.T.
June 1983	Summary I will be going off on holiday shortly and will visit the family on my return. The situation at home has remained reasonably stable. Mr. Clifford continues to drink, but his drinking has not been to the same extent. [redacted] The children appear to fine and will be going off for part of the summer holidays to their respective W.R.V.S. hostesses. Application for clothing grant has been requested from the Education Department.	R.F.T.

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5.8.83	Mrs. Clifford Senior to the office regarding her son, George. George collapsed in her house last night and was rushed to Raigmore Hospital. It would appear as though he had taken some sort of fit or stroke. The children are presently with their W.R.V.S. hostess, apart from Mark, who is with his grandfather in Shillinghill. I telephoned Fiona Brown, Social Worker, Raigmore, and asked her to check the position. Fiona telephoned later to say that Mr. Clifford had been discharged later on that morning. Mrs. Clifford again to the office to say that her son had been discharged, but was not at all well. He has been drinking rather heavily and has not been eating. On top of this, he has a dislocated shoulder which is presently healing and he is very depressed. He is going to require further treatment and has been advised to go back to hospital in three weeks' time.	R.F.T.
20.9.83	Visit to office by W.P.C. [redacted] Pamela Clifford aged 7 found outside the Station Hotel at 21.30 on 19th September 1983. Was in the custody of [redacted], address [redacted], who was found to be under the influence of alcohol, was apprehended and detained overnight. The child was returned into the care of her father. Home Visit on 20.9.83, interviewed Mr Clifford and saw the other four children. Discussed the problem of his responsibility to ensure children are properly supervised. He states that when Pamela went with [redacted] earlier in the evening, [redacted] was sober. Warned Mr Clifford to ensure that this does not happen again. R.F.T.	
27.9.83	Referral from Children's Reporter re Vincent Clifford. [redacted] R.F.T.	
27.9.83	8.30 p.m. Telephone call received from Alness Police stating that ambulance was taking Mr Clifford to hospital for he had a dislocated shoulder. My presence was requested in order to arrange overnight accommodation for the children. I arrived at the house and found Mr Clifford in obvious pain, the ambulance waiting, a policeman being present, his sister Christine Stirling and an unknown individual, male, both under the influence of alcohol. Made arrangements with Mr Clifford [redacted] and that [redacted] Pamela be accommodated with foster parents of my choosing in Alness. These arrangements were thereafter actioned. Check to be made in morning as to whether Mr Clifford was to remain in hospital. If that was to be the case whether arrangements would be made regarding the care of the children over the next week to two weeks. R.F.T.	

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4.10.83	Mr. Clifford seen at the office when he repaid £10 Section 12 made to him following his admission to hospital when it was found that food, etc. had been stolen from his house. Mr. Clifford appears to have an ongoing problem with his shoulder, but I understand from him that it is not yet ready for surgery.	R.F.T.
10.10.83	Mr. Clifford seen at the office. He is not looking at all well. He continues to have trouble with his shoulder, but is hoping to hear in three weeks' time from the surgeon. I believe Mr. Clifford continues to drink heavily on occasions. I indicated to him the need to ensure the care of the children if he is drinking.	R.F.T.
19.10.83	Office Interview with Mr. Clifford. He repaid a Section 12 of £6 which was made to him the previous week when he had no money left to buy food for the children.	R.F.T.
24.10.83	O.I. Mr. Clifford has been told that he cannot undergo surgery at this stage. He states that he is getting on reasonably well, but admits to over-indulging on occasions. I expressed my concern about this to him.	R.F.T.
Nov. 1983	Summary No contact with the Clifford family during this month.	R.F.T.
6.12.83	5.30 p.m. - Report received from the police [redacted] This referral came as a result of [redacted] Mr. Clifford's nephew, coming to the Department that morning with his aunt, [redacted] Mr. Swan and Miss Atkinson, social workers, called at the Stirling house at 43 Firhill at 5 p.m. that evening to check on Mrs. Stirling's condition. They found four adults in the house, including Mr. Clifford and Mrs. Stirling, both severely under the influence of drink, and three unknown children in the household. After being invited in by Mrs. Stirling, they were then told, in no uncertain terms, to get out. Mr. Clifford was particularly aggressive. Mr. Swan and Miss Atkinson returned to the office, whereupon I advised them to get the police to check the home [redacted] The police subsequently visited 43 Firhill and found the same situation and then went directly to 24 Milnafua, where they found Deborah, Mark and Pamela Clifford and [redacted] unattended in the house. On arriving at Milnafua with Mr. Swan and Miss Atkinson, I asked the police constables if they had seen Mr. Clifford and Mr. Stirling and in their opinion were they fit to have the care of the children? They replied that both Mr. Clifford and Mrs. Stirling were intoxicated and unfit to care for the children. I then advised the police that I would be removing the children into care and taking a Place of Safety Warrant. I moved the four children to Alness Children's Centre as a temporary measure until we found out where [redacted] and Vincent Clifford were. [redacted] Vincent Clifford was found at 43 Firhill in the care of his/	

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	his father and was removed, with police help, to Alness Children's Centre. Arrangements for their overnight care was that [redacted], Mark, Deborah and Pamela Clifford remained in Alness Children's Centre. [redacted] would go to his step-sister, Brenda Stirling or Watson, at [redacted] and that Vincent Clifford would go to [redacted] During the course of the evening the children had been distressed on receiving them into care, but eventually had settled down. [redacted] In view of the allegations made we agreed that the children ought to be examined at this stage. Dr. [redacted] was called and he eventually arrived at the Children's Home about 8.30 p.m./9 p.m. and examined all the children. [redacted]	R.F.T.
7.12.83	Mr. Clifford was seen by Mr. Swan at the office and was advised of the whereabouts of the children. He was also advised that there would be a Children's Hearing on 8th December at 10.30 a.m. and that he would get there by taxi.	R.F.T.
8.12.83	Children's Hearing - Mr. Clifford [redacted] collected by myself and taken to Dingwall. The children were taken separately by Miss Atkinson and Mr. Swan. During the Hearing Mr. Clifford accepted he had been drinking that afternoon, but that he was not incapable of caring for the children. He stated that he had sent Debbie [redacted] in a taxi to Milnafua from Firhill so that she could collect Pamela and Mark out of school, whereupon they were supposed to return directly to Firhill by taxi. Debbie indicated that she was not able to get a taxi. I understand from Mrs. Stirling that the children left Firhill at 3.20 p.m. and therefore they would have been in the house on their own from that period until the police and ourselves removed the children at approximately 6 p.m. In view of the fact that Mr. Clifford did not accept that he was incapable of looking after the children, the Panel decided to refer the matter to the Sheriff for a finding. Later found out that this was to be held on 10th January at Tain Sheriff Court. In the meantime the children were retained on a continuation warrant for a period of three weeks which will be reviewed on 22nd December to continue the warrant. Discussed the arrangements for the care of the children with the Panel, who were agreeable that they go to their respective "aunts and uncles" at Lairg, Brora, Helmsdale and Balintore. Accordingly, arrangements were made to transport the children that afternoon. Deborah - [redacted] Pamela - Mrs. Simpson, 11 Carrol Crescent, Brora. Mark - [redacted] Vincent - [redacted] I/	

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	I transported the children and saw the accommodation at Lairg, Brora and Helmsdale. Discussed the situation with the couples involved and will initiate assessment for foster parents, i.e. police, medicals and reference checks, to be made initially until such time as the Sheriff decides on the grounds for referral on 10th January. It would be hoped that some type of fostering payment would be made to the couples and that items of clothing required would be met by the Department.	R.F.T.
9.12.83	H.V. to Mr. Clifford. Found him suffering from depression and feeling very upset about the children being removed. [redacted] Debbie [redacted] Debbie [redacted]	R.F.T.
12.12.83	O.I. with Mr. Clifford and his mother. He has been asking for the children over Christmas Eve. I pointed out that this was a problem in that a place of safety warrant would not allow for overnight visits. However, I had previously discussed this with Janet Burns and felt that if he were to accept the grounds of referral on 22nd December, I could ask for a review of the existing superivision requirement. I would recommend in this case that the children remain with their respective foster parents for a period and that the matter be reviewed when Mr. Clifford has shown he is able to maintain a stable, alcohol-free life-style. There is little doubt that there is a very strong bond between the children and their father and there would be considerable damage done if this bond was broken forcibly by the Department. The case is to be considered as a N.A.I. referral and to be discussed at a Case Conference on Tuesday, 13th December.	R.F.T.
12.12.83	Change of Circumstance Form sent.	R.F.T.
13.12.83	N.A.I. Case Conference held at Coulpark Children's Home. All four children are registered on the Central Register.	R.F.T.
14.12.83	Called at Mrs. Clifford's home, 15 Market Square, as arranged to collect George Clifford to bring him up to Brora and Lairg to see his children. Arrived at house at 2.30 and found Mr. Clifford in a grossly intoxicated state. He was lying on the sofa, crying and unable to get up. His elderly parents looked on in despair but I believe they do not help to any extent. He was unable to travel in that state and I therefore took some presents he had got and went to Brora where I saw Mrs. Simpson and Pamela, [redacted] Marc [redacted] Deborah [redacted] The children had settled fine and were very disappointed that father was unable to travel. Debbie [redacted] Explained to all foster parents about the detention warrant and that it would be likely they would be paid fees as soon as possible.	R.F.T.
22.12.83	Prior to this date the Sheriff at Tain had fixed a Hearing for the 10th of January in view of the fact that Mr. Clifford would not accept in total, the grounds for referral. However I discussed with Mr. Clifford during an Office interview about the grounds for referral on/	

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22.12.83 (cont.)	on 16.12.83. He agreed to accept the new grounds for referral which in effect re-worded the grounds. He objected strongly to the fact that he was drunk and incapable, but would accept that he had had a lot to drink. Mrs. Burns, Reporter, informed and a Panel Review set for 22.12.83. Foster parents and children arrived from the North. It was a fairly tearful reunion. Vincent at first would not go to see his father. Mr. Clifford was looking pretty rough and was in obvious pain by the fact that his shoulder was giving him trouble. However at the end of the Panel, the Panel made a Supervision Order requiring the children to reside at their present addresses in Helmsdale, Brora, Lairg and Ballintore and that a Christmas visit be arranged on Christmas Day by the Social Work Department. I would be required to check Mr. Clifford was sober prior to the children arriving.	R.F.T.
23.12.83	Memo to Dingwall re fostering payments.	R.F.T.
24.12.83	Arrangements made with local taxi firm of Mike Davies to collect children on Christmas Day and deliver to Dad. [redacted]	
	Home Visit to Mr. Clifford when I delivered some presents. He was in fairly good fettle today and was obviously looking forward to the visit of the children and the house was clean, tidy, the Christmas Tree was erected, with Christmas lights, but he was obviously also upset that there would be no overnight stay. I do not believe he has stopped drinking and he is unlikely to deny that in any case. What he does tell me is that he has cut down drastically in his alcohol intake. Said I would check with him the following morning at approximately 12 o'clock to ensure that he was sober.	R.F.T.
25.12.83	Home Visit. Mr. Clifford O.K. and is looking forward to the children arriving.	R.F.T.
	On leave until 8.1.84.	R.F.T.
12.1.84	Telephone call to Dingwall Headquarters to check on whether fostering payments were being processed. Did not speak to Mrs. Rhind but left message. Also phone calls to Brora, Lairg and Ballintore to find out how Christmas Day visit went and how the children were. All reported settled and well.	R.F.T.
20.1.84	Mr. Clifford to Office enquiring about further visits. Indicated that in view of the weather I was not going to arrange visiting.	R.F.T.
23.1.84	Mr. Clifford seen by Mr. Dingwall at Office.	R.F.T.
	On leave 23.1.84 - 29.1.84	R.F.T.
30.1.84 and 2.2.84	Mr. Clifford to see Mr. Dingwall re alcohol abuse. Mr. Dingwall indicated after interview that if Mr. Clifford was telling him the truth, he was not at this present time, experiencing a drink problem, and that his alcohol intake was well under control. [redacted]	R.F.T.
2.2.84	[redacted]	R.F.T.
4.2.84	[redacted]	R.F.T.
6.2.84	Checked/	

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6.2.84	[redacted]	R.F.T.
13.2.84	George Clifford at Office twice. He was looking very rough and his face was badly swollen. He complained of suffering from pyorrhoea of gums and had been to dentist. Advised him to go and see doctor. Wanted to know whether a Children's Panel could be arranged at the end of the month to discuss the children. Children would have been in care for three months by that time. He also wished to know about the children coming down for a visit. Advised Mr. Clifford I would look in to both.	R.F.T.
14.2.84	Office interview with Mr. Clifford. Again raised question of Panel date, saying that Debbie in particular wanted to return home. Advised Mr. Clifford I would want to see children and foster parents and then advise him about the panel and further visits home by children.	R.F.T.
17.2.84.	Visit to Brora, [redacted] Saw Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Corbett, and also Mrs. McKay. Children are all well [redacted] Pamela also have poor eyesight and they are due to have their eyes tested next week. All foster placements agreed that there should be a home visit. Arranged with them that I would collect children on Sunday, 19th February, 1984 and take them down to Alness returning them to their respective foster parents later in the afternoon.	R.F.T.
19.2.84	Collected children and deposited them with Mr. Clifford. Mr. Clifford was sober when I arrived. The house was neat and tidy and warm. There was sandwiches, orange juice and cake on the table. They arrived at Alness about 12 o'clock and the children immediately went on to eat what was on the table. Mr. Clifford said he would be taking the children to their grandparents in Alness. Arrived at 4.15p.m. Debbie was not happy about going back to Lairg and started crying. This sparked off little Pamela and generally upset everybody, including Mr. Clifford himself. The visit appeared to be a reasonably good one but both Pamela and Deborah stated they wanted to stay with their father After a good deal of discussion the children were eventually transported back to their respective foster parents. The children would appear to have enjoyed themselves today but the visit was rather marred by the departing scene from Milnafua. The children indicated that they had been to see the grandparents.	R.F.T.
23.2.84	Discussed on the phone with [redacted] Mrs. McKay and Mrs. Corbett about a further visit this week-end. [redacted] Arranged to collect Marc, Pamela and Debbie on Saturday morning and bring them to Alness, returning them later in the afternoon. Debbie had settled quite well after coming home, as did both Pamela and Marc. [redacted]	R.F.T.
24.2.84	Home/	

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24.2.84	Home Visit to Mr. Clifford to discuss proposed visit the following day. Found Mr. Clifford very much under the influence of drink. He was in a very depressed state, was crying, stating he wanted his children back, and that he was finding life very lonely and that he could not live without his children. It was a very sorry sight given that he would appear to have made a good effort to cut down on his drinking over the past two months. I felt that I should not deny him the visit of his children to him tomorrow provided he was sober, and that I would be able to check him out when I arrived with the children.	R.F.T.
25.2.84	Collected Debbie, Pamela and Marc from the North and transported them to Alness. Mr. Clifford was sober and in good spirits today. The children very happy to see him. I warned him about taking the children to the pub and that I would not tolerate that in future. Mr. Clifford indicated that he had enough food in the house to feed the children. I advised him that I would collect the children at 4p.m. and return them North. The children returned in good spirits to their respective homes. During the visit today the position of the Children's Panel was discussed. There is a proposed Hearing to be held on the 29.2.84 to review the Supervision Order. It is very clear that Mr. Clifford is desperate to have his children returned to him and it is fairly evident that the children, particularly Debbie, wish to return to stay with their father. I would not be averse to this provided Mr. Clifford controls his drinking. This last week's episode was obviously sparked off by the very distressing scene when I removed the children back to the foster parents on the 19th. [redacted] The immediate impression I get is that Mr. Clifford is not ready to receive the children back. However against that I must say that when I collected the children that particular day Mr. Clifford was certainly not smelling of alcohol nor did he appear to be under the influence. This would again be in keeping with his controlled drinking. The children have now been in care since the 6th of December, 1983 and I feel that they have greatly benefitted from their stay with their respective foster parents. The quality of care they will get from Mr. Clifford will not be of the same standard but against that there is a very strong bond between the children and their father. They are extremely protective towards him and will not tell me anything which is likely to get him into trouble or jeopardise their return to him. I feel it is time that the Supervision Order was reviewed in view of the time that these children have been in care. Should the Panel continue the Supervision Order requiring the children to reside with the foster parents, there will require to be special arrangements made for regular contact with Mr. Clifford. I believe that should the Panel not return the children to his care, both children and Mr. Clifford will be very upset and may do some permanent damage to their relationship and to their view of Social Work and Children's Panel. My own opinion is that the children should be returned to their father at the earliest possible point. Not only do the children miss their father but they miss each other as well. The return home will indeed have some risks and will require very careful monitoring. Mr. Clifford is under no delusion that any further repetition of his drinking while the children are in his care is likely to result in the children being permanently removed from him.	R.F.T. RT

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28.2.84	In Care Review held at Alness Area Office. In attendance A. Butter (P.S.W), Mary MacKay (S.S.W.) Dornoch and R. Taylor. Felt the situation to be quite difficult particularly on the question of the return of the children to Alness. A Childrens Hearing Review to be held on 29.2.84. (See Report).	R.F.T.
29.2.84	Childrens Panel Review. All foster parents and children attended. Collected George Clifford [redacted] Mr. Clifford very anxious about the outcome of the panel and clearly "worked up" about it. The panel was a long drawn out affair during which Mr. Clifford became upset by what the foster parents had said to him about taking the children for a day and going to the Hotel "for a drink". Panel saw all children on their own. [redacted] Pamela showed they wished to be returned home. Vincent [redacted] The panel felt this was a very difficult case to decide, but felt the three children i.e. Pamela, Mark and Debbie should go home and Vincent remain with [redacted] Mr. Clifford very hurt and upset by Vincent refusal to go home. However, they did spend a few minutes together before Vincent left. The arrangements for return of the children arranged with foster parents. Likely to be weekend. Return journey to Alness with Mr. Clifford spend mainly discussing Vincent [redacted] Also discussed money for children's return. Mr. Clifford does not get paid till next week and therefore, would be unable to get in groceries. Agreed £10 Section 12 Grant.	R.F.T.
2.3.84	Home Visit. George Clifford in reasonable mood, but still upset about Vincent. No evidence he had been drinking. [redacted] Section 12 of £10 made.	R.F.T.
3.3.84	[redacted]	R.F.T.
4.3.84	Pamela returned home by Foster Parents.	R.F.T.
5.3.84	Office interview with Mr. Clifford. Discussed childrens return - all high and full of chatter. George Clifford quite sober today. Managed fine over weekend. Discussed return to schools - telephoned Obsdale Primary, Mrs. Curzon and Health Visitor. [redacted]	R)

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5.3.84	George Clifford still showing signs of upset about Vincent. Seems as though other three children are not important.	
	Agreed to see Vincent this week about a Home Visit.	R.F.T.
7.3.84	Home Visit to Vincent [redacted]	R.F.T.
8.3.84	Office Interview with Mr. Clifford. Advised him about Vincent's planned visit. He indicated Debbie had been phoning Vincent who had told her that he would stay the weekend. Warned Mr. Clifford about undue pressure on Vincent. Again, Mr. Clifford sober on visit.	R.F.T.
9.3.84	Days Leave.	R.F.T.
13.3.84	Office Interview with Mr. Clifford. [redacted] had arrived as planned on Friday and intended staying overnight. [redacted]	R.F.T.
	Mr. Clifford then admitted he got drunk on Friday night as a of that incident. He did say that Brian and Ann were looking after the children and stayed overnight. Warned Mr. Clifford that this was a sure way of loosing his other three children again. Left it with Mr. Clifford that I would see Vincent and the McKenzies this week. He apologised to me and and asked me to pass on his apologises to Vincent. I felt he was being quite sincere in that.	R.F.T.
14.3.84	To Edinburgh (B.A.A.F.).	R.F.T.
15.3.84	Day's Leave.	R.F.T.
16.3.84	Home Visit to Balintore. [redacted] Vincent [redacted]	R.F.T.

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19.3.84	Office Interview with Mr. Clifford. Discussed my visit to Vincent. Mr. Clifford felt less upset today and was sober. Agreed not to push Vincent into visiting. [redacted]	R.P.T.
20.3.84	Off ill till 1 p.m. Called at 24 Milnafua [redacted] y	R.P.T.
21.3.84 - 23.3.84	Off three days B.A.A.F.	R.P.T.
26.3.84	Office Interview with Mr. Clifford. [redacted]	R.P.T.
27.3.84	[redacted]	R.P.T.
2.4.84	Office Interview with Mr. Clifford. Pamela and Debbie on holiday and with dad today. [redacted] Debbis and Pamela going off to their respective holiday placements tomorrow. Mr. Clifford sober. Discussed S.E.R. for 18.4.84 for Tain Sheriff Court for neglet charge. Mr. Clifford had originally pled quilty then changed his plea to not quilty and then changed again. N.A.I. Review to be held on 11.4.84. Whilst Mr. Clifford has not stopped drinking entirely, I do not feel the children are not at risk. Therefore continue registration.	R.P.T. R

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1984 11.4.84	Office interview with George Clifford. [redacted] [redacted] N.A.I. Case Conference Review held today, decided to continue the children on the Register.	
18.4.84	Tain Sheriff Court. [redacted]	
20-23rd	Easter public holidays.	
4.5.84.	Mr. Clifford called twice at the Office today. He is keen to have Vincent down for a visit. I promised I would try and arrange something.	
7.5.84	On holiday (May Day)	
11.5.84	Mr. Clifford at Office at 9.15a.m. in a very aggressive, drunken state. [redacted] At 3.15p.m. that same day, telephone call received from Police to advise us to go to 13 Market Square, Alness to receive the Clifford children into care. Ian Swan and Brian Dingwall called there and the Police were in attendance. The position was that Mr. & Mrs. Clifford, Senior, Marc and Deborah, and Mr. Clifford were in the household. Mr. Clifford had fallen out with his mother, and had assaulted her. Both Deborah and Mark had witnessed this. The Police had been called. By the time I arrived the situation had quietened down somewhat but obviously the children were quite upset. Mr. Clifford was obviously still intoxicated and looked as though he had taken further alcohol. The parents requested that he leave the house, and the Police told him to go. They were to take him home to Milnafua, accompanied by Brian Dingwall, so that Pamela could be found. Mr. Clifford refused to say where Pamela was and indeed committed a breach of the peace at his home, was arrested, and was detained in custody. Pamela was found at Mrs. Morgan's, [redacted] and removed by the Social Workers. It/	R.T.

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11.5.84 Cont.	It was eventually decided that Marc and Pamela go to Brora but Debbie refused to go to Lairg, and in the end, we left her with her grandfather, Mr. Henderson, at 89 Shillinghill, with the warning that she was not to go home over the week-end, as we were unsure what would happen to Mr. Clifford, i.e. whether he would be kept in custody over the week-end. Marc and Pamela were taken to Brora, and left with their respective foster parents with the understanding they hold on to them until Monday. Prior to this Mrs. McKenzie from Balintore had phoned to say that Vincent could not visit his father this week-end because he had a very sore throat.	
14.5.84	Called at 13 Market Square at 9.30a.m. and was told that they had not seen anything of Mr. Clifford apart from an incident witnessed by Mrs. Clifford when she saw Mr. Clifford and Eileen Clifford walking down the road. [redacted] Thereafter Mr. & Mrs. Clifford went to the Commercial Hotel. Home visit to Mr. Henderson, 89 Shillinghill. He advised me that Marc and Pamela had been returned by Mr. MacKay. They had been returned on Sunday afternoon and had spent most of Sunday evening with Mr. Henderson, having walked from Milnafua to Shillinghill on their own. They were then lifted by taxi, after 11.30p.m. from Mr. Henderson's home, and taken back to Milnafua. Home Visit to 24 Milnafua at 10a.m. Found Mr. Clifford at home. Answered the door after a long period. He was obviously just newly up, and I heard movement upstairs, obviously another person was in the house. Mr. Clifford was obviously drunk. I questioned him about the care of the children over the week-end. He did not indicate at the beginning that Marc and Pamela had been returned, and it was only when I put this to him that he admitted that they were with him overnight. During the long silence, in the conversation, Eileen Blackstock appeared in the living-room from upstairs. She obviously had thought I had gone, or had forgotten I was in the house. She was obviously a lot more sober than Mr. Clifford, and admitted to having stayed overnight and had put the children out to school. Mr. Clifford thereafter fell asleep and that ended the interview. I advised Mrs. Clifford, and had mentioned previously to Mr. Clifford, that the children could not remain in his care. I said I would call back at 2p.m. to check on the home situation. Called back at 2p.m. Mr. Clifford still drunk. I was accompanied by Brian Dingwall on this visit. Mrs. Clifford was also under the influence of alcohol. I decided to remove her from the house and gave her a lift down the road. Advised Mr. Clifford on leaving that I was taking a Place of Safety Order, and removing the children from his care. They would be placed probably with their respective foster parents. Discussed care of the children with Mr. Simpson and Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. MacKay. It was decided that, because of Mr. & Mrs. MacKay's family situation, i.e. his mother being terminally ill, and living in the house, Marc would require to go to another foster home. Decided to approach Mrs. McKenzie at Balintore, who agreed to take Marc. Arrangements were therefore made to transport Pamela to Brora, and Marc to Balintore. Place of Safety Orders were taken.	
16.5.84	Home visit to Mr. Clifford. Explained to him about the Panel at 4.30 that afternoon, and that I would take him through. Mr. Clifford very subdued.	R.T.
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16.5.84	Children's Hearing. Mr. Clifford accepted the grounds for referral and the continued detention order was made by the Panel [redacted] Pamela with Mr. & Mrs. Simpson in Brora.	
17.5.84	Mr. Clifford at Office but not seen by me.	
23.5.84	Home visit to Balintore. Saw Marc and Vincent and Mrs. McKenzie. Explained that the Panel had continued the Place of Safety Order and that there would be a further Panel on the 28th of May. Home visit also to Mr. Henderson regarding Debbie. He would be able to look after her for the time being but obviously was unable to commit himself to the long-term care of Deborah.	
24.5.84	Home visit to Mr. Clifford. Mr. Clifford did not look very well. He said he had been suffering from the 'flu. Discussed the hearing due to Monday at 8p.m. and advised him I would be collecting him at 7.30p.m. Discussed the possibility of him attending the doctor's to discuss his drink problem. He indicated he would be agreeable, provided it was Dr. [redacted]	
25.5.84	Home visit to Mr. Clifford. Asked if Deborah could give her father a message to say that he had an appointment with Dr. [redacted] on Monday at 10.30a.m.	
28.5.84	Mr. Clifford at G.P. He also visited the office to advise me he had been to see Dr. [redacted] and was prescribed some tablets. I reminded Mr. Clifford that I would be calling for him at 7.30 in the evening. Called on Mr. Clifford - apparently he had taken 2 tablets in the afternoon and two tins of beer, he was in a terrible state, looked drunk, could hardly speak, was very unsteady on his feet, but at the same time appeared sober. Was laughing one minute and crying the next. He blamed the tablets. Discussed whether he ought to go to the Hearing or whether it should be cancelled. He felt that he had to go to the Hearing. Had to stop on the way to Dingwall because I thought Mr. Clifford was going to pass out. However he seemed to improve. The hearing was not a good hearing as Mr. Clifford was really incapable of keeping discussion on a particular level, e.g. he was joking one second and crying the next. I did explain to the Panel members that Mr. Clifford had just started a course of medication, which did not seem to be agreeing with him. The panel decided to make Supervision Orders on the children, requiring them to reside with their respective placements, and that access would be at the discretion of the Social Worker. Returned Mr. Clifford to his parents at 13 Market Square.	
30.5.84	Arranged to meet Mary MacKay at Dornoch and to introduce her to Mr. & Simpson and Pamela at Brora. This visit went quite well, discussed a variety of things about the care of Pamela. Mr. Simpson is now unemployed, having been paid off from Nigg. Discussed the question of foster parent payments and payment of expenses from a Brownie Camp and Mr. Simpson's loss of wages. I indicated that I would take this matter up with my Divisional Officer.	
11.6.84	Office interview with George Clifford. He was sober and we had a good interview. However he indicated that he was not taking the medication, as he did not feel it agreed with him, but was taking the sleeping tablets. However staff saw him later on that day. He appeared to be staggering up the street, under the influence of drink. This was around lunch-time. Home/	

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11.6.84	Home visit to Mr. Henderson. Saw Debbie. [redacted]	
15.6.84	Office interview with George Clifford. He had obviously been drinking the night before and was indicating he was going to Balintore. [redacted] Mr. Clifford readily admits he is continuing to drink but I tried to impress on him that really he ought to stop completely and that the problem was not going to improve if he continued to drink. Warned him that he must remain sober for the visit tomorrow otherwise the boys were not likely to want to return home and there was no way I could recommend that if he was drinking heavily.	
16.6.84	Visit by Marc and Vincent to Dad. [redacted]	
26.6.84	Home visit to Balintore. [redacted]	RPT.

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17.8.84	Office interview with Mr. Clifford. Previously in the week Mrs. Morgan had called at the office to say that Mr. Clifford wanted to see me. However she also indicated that he was drunk at that time, and did not advise me to visit. Mr. Clifford has a broken ankle which was in plaster. He indicated that this happened on Monday, 13th August, and said that he had slipped in the house when doing the washing. However the other story which was going about, was that his foot was run over by a taxi when he was drunk. I tend to believe the latter story. Mr. Clifford produced a bottle of Valium and also indicated that he was still drinking. I warned him about the dangers of mixing his Valium with alcohol. He looked quite rough, with a couple of days' growth on his face. His hair was unkempt but his main reason for calling, I think, was two things:- Firstly - his Medical Certificate, which he was about to send off to D.H.S.S. and was worried in case he did not get money at the end of the week. I checked with D.H.S.S. and confirmed that he would receive his money, if his Medical Certificate was sent in. Secondly - he was anxious to see the children, a week on Saturday, and could I arrange transport. I said that this might be difficult, but I would make enquiries. He indicated that Debbie had told him that Mr. Henderson, her grandfather, had said that I had instructed him that she could not visit every night. I said that this was really a matter for Mr. Henderson. Mr. Clifford does not seem to be motivated to stop drinking, and from all accounts, I hear that he is continuing to drink heavily, e.g. information received from Mrs. Morgan and Mr. Henderson. I am therefore quite concerned about access visits, as in the past, it would seem that he has gone drinking during these access visits, and I do not feel that this is a particularly good thing for the children.	RFT
21.8.84	Mr. Clifford called at the Office at approx. 4.45p.m. Neither I nor Brian Dingwall, were available at that time. He appeared to be in a very bad condition, shaking, under the influence of drink and demanding that he see somebody. He had been to the Health Centre and had been told to go away and would not be prescribed any medication while he was in that condition. He was demanding that someone in this office 'phone the Health Centre to get him tablets. This was refused. He was rather aggressive, and left saying nobody was any good. Earlier in the day, Mr. Dingwall saw Mr. Clifford in Westford, with [redacted] both of them finding great difficulty in walking along the road, e.g. they were hanging on to the wooden fence. Mr. Dingwall's opinion was that they were both under the influence of alcohol.	RFT
22.8.84	Mr. Clifford at the Office at approx. 12 noon. Looked better and was sober, although still tended to suffer from "the shakes". He was concerned in case his money did not come through for the week-end, and I again 'phoned D.H.S.S., who confirmed that it was more than likely that his Giro would be through. However, his pay-day is likely to be changed after this next Giro. He also asked about whether I had seen Debbie and whether the children were coming on Saturday. I advised him that I had not worked this out but there was likely to be problems about Pammie coming down to see him.	

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22.8.84	cont. I was informed by him that he was again in Hospital on Monday, having broken his plaster cast again. He had to have his broken ankle re-set and a new plaster put on. He advised me that he did not get home until near mid-night. I tackled him about being seen yesterday in Westford. He did not say he had been drinking, and did not reply directly to my question. He did however say that [redacted] stole four tins of beer that he had bought, plus rolls and his tobacco, and that he had tried to get the Police to go and recover them. This was in response to my question about being seen in Westford. I also asked him if he remembers coming in to the Office to which he said he did, and did not give any other reply.	RFT
	[redacted]	RFT
23.8.84	Office interview. Dod had been to the Health Centre and had received tablets, including Valium, from Dr. [redacted] I detected a smell of drink on him this morning. Appeared fairly rough. Later on in the day I 'phoned Mr. Henderson at Shillinghill, who confirmed that Debbie had been up the previous night, and had found her Dad drinking. She had not stayed and come back home.	RFT
	<u>Summary</u>	
September	Mr. Clifford at office on 6th, 7th, 13th, 18th, 20th, 21st and 28th. Home visit to Balintore to see Marc and Vincent on 28th September. Dod has called regularly at the office this month, despite his broken ankle. His plaster was removed on the 20th September, and although his foot is still painful, feels a lot better now that he can get his boot on. The main problems that have arisen this month are mainly my concern about his continued drinking, although I have no proof, nor have I actually seen him intoxicated. He has been looking very rough. He continues to take his Valium and sleeping tablets, and we discussed the danger of mixing alcohol with his tablets. He is still indicating he wants the children home and, what he does not appreciate that the children will not be returned home to him until he has shown that he has stopped drinking completely, as I do not really think he can control his drinking. I believe he is still drinking heavily and although he does not deny drinking, will not admit to his drink being a continuing problem. Until such time as this man is prepared to accept that he must stop drinking before I would consider calling a Panel to discuss the return of the children. He has been pressing me very hard to do so, but have indicated to him that it would really be quite impossible. The question of access has again been raised. Debbie calls to see her father once or twice/	

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Sept. (cont)	twice a week. She has not visited nearly as often as she has in the past. Mr. Clifford has certainly been having relationships with [redacted] but denies being labelled as "her boyfriend". In his more unguarded moments he discusses quite openly his relationship with [redacted] but has indicated that in no way would she become part of the household. Also on the 20th September, I had a visit from Mrs. Clifford, Senior and Debbie, [redacted]	
October Summary	Dod at Office on 1st, 3rd, 8th, 12th, 23rd, 26th and 29th October. Children's Panel took place on the 11th and a home visit to Brora on the 4th. From the end of last month, Dod's drinking would not seem to have improved. His main contact in the early part of the month was concerning a lost Family Allowance Book, and also the question of access. However, the most important part of his contact was concerning his request for a Children's Hearing Review. He had a right to seek a review, given that 3 months have elapsed since the last Review. He was so advised, and through myself, requested Mrs. Burns to call a Panel. This was held on the 11th of October at Dingwall. Advised Dod that I would not be recommending return of the children, and that he should not build up his hopes for the return of any child. He was hoping that the Panel would consider the return of Debbie. On 9th October he was seen by staff members including myself, [redacted], to be very badly intoxicated in the High Street. He was making his way, with great difficulty, along the pavement passed the Office at 3.45p.m. On 4th October, I made a home visit to Pamela at Mrs. Simpson's in Brora, to discuss the forthcoming Panel and to make sure that travelling arrangements were O.K. Mrs. Simpson indicated that she would take Pamela down by car. Discussed the long-term care of Pamela and indicated that we would have to be thinking of moving Pamela in view of the fact that Mrs. Simpson was expressing some anxieties that she thought that she would not be able to continue long-term the care of Pamela, in view of the fact that the twins were becoming more of a handful. Initially Pamela was placed with Mrs. Simpson on a short-term basis, say three to four months, in the hope that Dad would sufficiently recover from his drinking habits to/	

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Oct.Summary (cont).	to allow her return. This, of course, has not happened. I agreed with Mrs. Simpson that plans would need to be set at looking for an alternative placement for Pamela. Home visit to Debbie [redacted] On the 11th October, the Children's Panel met. This was attended by Mr. Clifford, Pamela, Marc, Vincent, and Deborah, Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Simpson. Mr. Clifford was obviously under a great deal of strain. The Panel made no bones about the fact that he was continuing to drink, and until he decided to stop, the children would not be returned to his care full-time. However, access could continue at my discretion. He was upset by the Panel decision, and on the way home, I reinforced what they had said to him. He has a choice to make, and, although there would be no question of the children being returned to his care while he continues to drink, this would not necessarily stop the children having access to him. He has, to date, been unprepared to make any effort to contact the children, either by 'phone or by letter, or even going to visit them himself. This was not without encouragement from myself over the past few months. The Panel had obviously a significant effect on Mr. Clifford as for the rest of the week, and the following week, he would appear to have stayed off the heavy drinking. When seen on the 23rd October, he appeared much better. He looked better, was able to hold a conversation, and indicated indeed that he had not had any spirits since the Panel, and that he was trying to stay off the beer and lager. I was impressed by his effort. He also asked, at this stage, for a visit by the children at the end of the week. I indicated this would be a one-day visit to see how things go. 'Phoned the foster parents on 25th October to discuss the proposed home visit. Vincent [redacted] Marc [redacted] and Pamela was also very keen to see Dad. Both foster parents were willing to transport the children down for the day, and collect them, and take them back in the evening. It was agreed that Mr. Clifford be seen by the Social Worker prior to the visit on Saturday, to ensure that everything was O.K. This was carried out by Brian Dingwall, who reported that Dod was sober, the house was warm, clean and tidy. Pamela, Marc and Vincent and Deborah spent Saturday, 27th October, with Dad. Pamela was collected about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and Vincent and Marc in the early evening. It would appear that the visit went well. Mr. Clifford reported on the following Monday morning that the visit went well, and was looking forward to another visit. I advised him that I would have to check with the foster parents, and with the children, as to how this visit went.	RFT
November Summary	Dod Clifford at Office on 1st, 2nd,5th (twice), 7th, 8th (twice) 9th, 13th, 15th, 19th, 20th, 23rd and 26th November. Home visit to Balintore on the 15th and 21st November and to Brora on the 20th November, and to Mr. Clifford on the 21st November. Mr. Clifford appeared to continue making good progress in his control of his drinking. At Office interviews he appeared, in the early part of the month at least, to be making very good progress indeed/	

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November Summary (cont)	indeed. He looked better, and indeed was feeling a lot better. He was continuing to take Valium and his sleeping tablets. Following the successful one-day visit on the 27th of October, [redacted] Vincent [redacted] Vincent [redacted] On 15th November, I interviewed Mr. Henderson about the weekend visit in addition to some clothing needs that Debbie required. He indicated that Debbie was quiet on her return, and Mr. Henderson thinks that Mr. Clifford had been drinking. [redacted] On Friday, 16th November, Mr. Clifford had arrived at the office twice, the second time seeing Brian Dingwall. He reacted very angrily and denied the allegations about his drinking the previous week-end. Asked for a change of social worker and so on. On 19th November, Dod Clifford came to the Office again and asked to see Brian Dingwall. However, this was refused, and I saw him. I again put to him what had happened the previous week-end and again he denied drinking. He blames Vincent for making up these stories. I/	

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Nov. Summary (cont)	I told Mr. Clifford that I believed what the children had told me, and that as far as I was concerned, until he could show that he was stopped drinking, home visits were to be stopped. If he wanted to see the children, he would have to see him by going himself to either Balintore or Brora. We discussed his drinking and I again reinforced that he really had to stop drinking, and this was what was expected of him. He would not have the children returned to him if he continued to drink. He felt I was being unjust, that I did not believe him, and that I was very much against him.	RPT
20.11.84	Long office interview with Mr. Clifford. Went over the same ground as I went over yesterday. Made a home visit to Mrs. Simpson and Pamela as the teacher was indicating that she was a bit concerned about Pamela's fantasy. She had told the teacher that she had received a letter saying that Marc was dead. Discussed with the teacher and Mrs. Simpson and Pamela. My own feeling is that this is Pamela's way of explaining to teacher and her friends why Marc is no longer at Brora ~~High~~ School, and that he is living with another family. Visited Balintore to see Mr. & Mrs. McKenzie and had a long discussion about the previous week-end again and discussed my concern about Dad's continued drinking. Home visit to Mr. Clifford. Again a long interview, going over how the children came into care, the reasons for our concern, and the position at the moment, in that he has to make a very difficult choice, which will not be easy to follow through, whichever he does i.e. either stop drinking or continue drinking. The access arrangements continue to prove difficult. In my last home visit with Mrs. Simpson we again discussed the need to move Pamela. I have had tentative discussions with Mrs. Nicholson, Home finder, about possible placement. One has been identified in Tain, but I feel that the child ought to be nearer her father. The interviews I had with Mr. Clifford this week were very good and he was responding to the discussion that we have had regarding his drinking. I do believe that there is a real need for Pamela in particular to have increased access to father. This has to be balanced against the need to take care regarding Mr. Clifford's drinking. The main problem with his drinking is that he would not harm the children but would not give them the quality of care that we might expect e.g. that Deborah would probably be expected to take a fairly major part in taking care of Pamela. I do believe Mr. Clifford does love his children, and genuinely wants them home. He has always in the past shown concern about them, and to his credit, he has endured hardship in looking after them. However, there is only one problem, namely his drinking, which gives us concern. The bond between the children and father is a strong one, and I believe there would be psychological and emotional damage to the children should contact not continue between father and children. My anxieties are therefore in recognising the great difficulty in stopping drinking. Do the risks sufficiently outweigh the probable effects of damage done by curtailing access and overnight stays. How far should these be supervised, if at all? What actual risks are the children likely to face should Mr. Clifford be under the influence of alcohol? A home visit was arranged for Pamela to spend the day with Dad on Saturday, 24th November. Mr. & Mrs. Simpson prepared to take Pamela down and collect her at 4p.m. Mr. Clifford was well warned that/	RPT

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Nov.Summary (Cont)	that any repetition or indication that he had been drinking during this visit would, in effect, not be acceptable, and I would seriously have to consider whether access should continue. Over the next few weeks, the problems which will no doubt present, the main one is the removal of Pamela to another foster home and secondly the question of access and overnight stay during December and over Christmas. Marc has indicated that he would like to spend some time with his father at Christmas, as has Deborah and Pamela. Marc, however, would also like to go back to Balintore on Christmas Day. Father has made fairly major efforts to stop his drinking, but there is likely to be a pattern of non-drinking and the occasional time when he will over-indulge. This is a fairly predictable pattern, as he is susceptible to stress. I think the children should remain on the N.A.I. Register and all are presently under Supervision Orders, with conditions of residence. Access is at the discretion of the Social Work Department.	
	N.A.I. Review to be held on the 4th of December and in 'In Care' Review on 6/12/84.	RFT
4 12 84	N.A.I. Case Review. After discussion, the decision of the N.A.I. Review, was that the children should remain on the Central Register. Provisional date for review - 13th June, 1985.	RFT
6.12.84	In Care Review held on four Clifford children, attended by Mrs. Margaret Nicholson, and Alistair Butter. Two areas of concern. One was that Pamela will have to be moved from her present placement, and placed with foster parents, in or around the Alness area. The other area of concern is regards the access visits. This was discussed at the Case Conference (In Care). I expressed my anxieties about on-going access being unsupervised, in view of Mr. Clifford's drinking behaviour. At the end of the Review, it was agreed that access visits be supervised. It was also agreed that we look at Debbie going to the Millers at Alcaig as a possible fostering placement. There would be a trial visit, to be arranged in the near future. I am anxious that the child is placed with new foster parents, before the beginning of the new school term in January. It was further agreed that there would be no overnight visits and that Christmas Holidays would not be possible. For the older children, it would be left very much up to them, as to whether they wished to see Dad or not.	
12.12.84	Home visit to Pamela at Brora. Saw Mr. & Mrs. Simpson. Discussed the possible move for Pamela to go to the Millers for a trial week-end, or at least an overnight stay. Saw Pamela and explained to her what was happening about her moving from the Simpsons. Mr. & Mrs. Simpson had already began the task of preparing Pamela for the move.	RFT
14.12.84	Phoned Mrs. Simpson, Brora, Mary MacKay, Dornoch and Mrs. Miller. The arrangement was that Mary collect Pamela on Sat. morning, and take her to Mr. & Mrs. Miller's at Conon Bridge, where she would spend an overnight stay. I would collect her on Sunday and take her back to Brora.	RFT.
15.12.84	Phone/	

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15.12.84	Phone call from Mary MacKay saying that she had delivered Pamela but Pamela had taken a tantrum when she left the Simpsons, but soon calmed down afterwards.	RFT
16.12.84	Collected Pamela from Mr. & Mrs. Miller's. The visit went well. Returned Pamela home about 7p.m. at Brora. Discussed with Pamela on the way home, the need for the move from Mr. & Mrs. Simpson's.	RFT
18.12.84	Home visit to Marc and Vincent at Balintore. All is well with Marc and Vincent. They did not really want to visit Dad at Christmas time they said.	RFT
19.12.84	Children's Hearing to consider the case of Pamela Clifford, concerning the move from the Simpsons to the Millers. Panel agreed to the move.	RFT
21.12.84	It was agreed today that Pamela come down to the Millers for a week-end, returning to Brora on Christmas Eve. However, phone call received from Mrs. Nicholson, to say that the Millers had called off, because of family problems. Some time spent on deciding whether Pamela should move from Brora. Finally agreed by everyone involved, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Simpson, and Pamela, that Pamela come down to Mr. & Mrs. Wilson for the week-end. I collected Pamela at Brora, and placed her with Mr. & Mrs. Wilson. On Christmas Eve, I returned Pamela to Brora, calling in passed Dad, where she spent an hour with him. He was sober on this occasion. Agreed with the Wilsons and the Simpsons that Pamela return to Evanton on the 30th December. Collected Pamela from Brora on that date and placed her with Mr. & Mrs. Wilson.	RFT
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3.1.85	Phoned Mrs. Wilson, Evanton, re Pamela. Settling down well. She was a bit upset at the New Year. To arrange school meals, G.P., a bed etc. Phoned Mrs. Swan, Head Teacher, to explain Pamela's background.	RPT
4.1.85	Phoned McKenzies, Balintore, re Vincent's trip abroad. This had been agreed divisionally, but required the Director's approval. The family all had a good Christmas and New Year.	RFT
	Home visit to Linda Wilson, Evanton. No one at home.	RPT
14.1.85	Office interview with Dod Clifford. He stated he had not been drinking but argued, fairly strongly, about the kids coming back to him, thinking that I have got it in for him. Explained to him that there would have to be a further Hearing on the 16th to ratify Pamela's move. He would be invited to attend the Hearing if he wished to go.	
	Home visit to Evanton. All would appear to be going well with Pamela settling fine at the school.	RPT
15.1.85	Dod Clifford to Office twice today. When he first called in the morning, he was quite sober, the second time he had been drinking. He was offensive, and verbally aggressive. Threatening Court Action etc. Was seen by Ian Swan. He wanted to know if I would collect him for the Panel, and he was advised to come to the office.	RPT
16.1.85	Children's Hearing for Pamela. Dod sober today at Hearing. Denied/	

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16.1.85	Denied he had been drinking yesterday. Discussed access visits and agreed that these should go ahead, but pointed out to the Hearing that I would have to supervise the visits, in view of the past experience. Arranged to take Pamela through to Alness on Thursday to see Dad for an hour.	RFT
17.1.85	Pamela collected and also Debbie. Took them to Dad. Dad was sober. Spent an hour with Dad, and returned Pamela and Debbie eventually finishing work at 6.45p.m. Next visit will be in a week's time.	RFT
24.1.85	Dod into office twice this morning and again in the afternoon. He had been drinking in the afternoon, but was not bad. [redacted] Called off visit because of bad weather for children.	RFT
26.1.85	Arrangement had previously been made for Pamela to spend some time today with Dad and also the boys to come down from Balintore. This would be the first time they have been together for some considerable time. Collected Pamela from Evanton at 10.30a.m. and took her to Milnafua. Phoned Balintore regarding the boys, who were ferried down by the McKenzies by car. Collected Pamela at 7 o'clock and returned her home at 8. The boys went home by taxi, as the McKenzies could not manage to collect them. The visit would appear to have gone very well today. Visit again arranged for next week.	RFT
2.2.85	Home visit to Dod Clifford 9.30a.m. Sober, all is well. Arranged to pick up the children from Evanton i.e. Pammie, and the boys to come down from Balintore by train and to return by taxi. Bob Wilson arranged to collect Pamela from Dod's.	RFT
4.2.85	Office interview with Dod. He looked in bad shape today, but would not appear to have been drinking. Suffering acutely from bad toothache. Advised to go and see the dentist and doctor about this. Agreed that next visit could go ahead next Sat.	RFT
9.2.85	Home visit to George Clifford, then to Evanton to collect Pamela. Marc and Vincent down from Balintore today. During the past three visits, Deborah has also been visiting Dad at the same time. This visit would appear to have gone well. Pamela was collected by Bob Wilson, and returned home. The boys went home by taxi. Relationship with Dod would appear to be a lot better now. There was a time, within the last four weeks, that he was asking for a change in social worker, and indeed went to his solicitor for advice, regarding access and custody of the children. See letter dated 18th January, 1985 from Middleton, Ross & Arnot and my reply. I faced Dod with this letter. He withdrew his accusations, saying that, as the visits appeared to be working well, and I was not preventing the children from going to see him, he would be quite happy to continue.	RFT
13.2.85	[redacted]	
	Later - home visit to George Clifford to discuss future access visits, the next visit to be on the 15th, as this was the long week-end. Linda took Pamela through on Friday, the 15th and Marc came/	

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13.2.85	Marc came down by taxi from Balintore, as Vincent was not able to visit Dad today, because of a very sore neck. Taxi arranged for Marc to go home, and Dad advised to take Pamela back to the Office at 5 o'clock. Later found out that visit had gone well and there were no problems.	
	Next visit arranged for Feb. 23rd.	RFT
23.2.85	Home visit to Dad, then took him down to his mother's. Collected Pamela, and delivered her to Granny Clifford's. Collected Pamela later at night (7 o'clock). Boys did not come down from Balintore as Marc had gone to Helmsdale, Vincent did not wish to come on his own. When I arranged at Dod's at 7 o'clock I found Christine Stirling in the house. Dod looked as though he had been drinking, and admitted he had taken two tins of beer, plus two Valium. Christine had also been drinking, but was sober, at this stage, but very upset. I eventually took Dad and Christine down to Granny's. Pamela was a bit upset, and wanted Dad to come to Evanton with her. I think the events of today probably had some effect on Pamela. Fortunately Debbie was also there, and is a good safeguard for the children. Left Christine at Granny Clifford's, and took Debbie home to Evanton. Both Pamela and Dad had to go as well. Pamela quite upset when we left. Today's visit has given me some anxieties about the effect on Pamela.	RFT
2.3.85	Another access visit arranged. Boys collected from the train, then I collected Pamela from Evanton, and we went to see Dad. Dad appeared sober. Pamela picked up by taxi, along with the other two boys tonight, as I was unable to arrange to collect her myself. Children arrived somewhat late back tonight. Later found out from the taxi driver that when he arrived at 7 o'clock, Dod had asked him to come back later. The taxi driver agreed to come back at 7.30p.m. However, children returned home O.K.	RFT
9.3.85	Children again to see Dad today. Boys collected at the Station and then we collected Pamela at Evanton. Taxi ordered for the boys at 7 o'clock to return them to Balintore. Bob collected Pamela. Later found out that Bob thought Dod had been drinking, but was not drunk. Pamela became upset when Bob tried to get her to go back to Evanton. Dad became a bit aggressive as well, when Bob insisted that Pamela go. Pamela, however, settled quite quickly, once Bob finally got away.	RFT
15.3.85	Dod at Office, complaining of a very sore back. Says he had been lifting a T.V. and fell over. Looked pretty rough, and in general, does not look particularly well. He is probably still drinking, but to what extent, I do not know. He has not been at the office under the influence of alcohol for some time, and I certainly have not heard any rumours or stories that he has been over-indulging. He called at the office today to find out about the children coming down to see him. Apparently Debbie did not go to see Dad last week. He was quite annoyed about this, and when he found out that she had gone to see her mother on the Sunday, he was even more annoyed. Feels that Deborah has changed. In a way, I feel that this is a good thing. She is beginning to grow away a bit from Dad. Vincent, too, does not seem to spend very much time at home, when he comes to see Dad. In fact, I think the amount of time spent with Dad on access visits, would be relatively small and short. Children have been seen down the Street, Debbie, Vincent, Pamela and Marc, on Saturday afternoons. Comments from the foster parents, would indicate/	

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15.3.85	indicate that Dod is back at home. Dod today indicated that he had given the kids a row last week, and so felt that Vincent, in particular, or even Marc, would not be too keen to come down this week. I said I would phone and find out what was happening. Later phoned the McKenzies. Vincent had his marathon or cross-country race on Sat. and therefore would not be visiting Dad. Marc has a bad cold and the McKenzies felt that he ought not to go either. Phoned Linda Wilson, who indicated that she had still to get clothes for Pamela. The only time possible was on a Saturday, and could Pamela not go to see Dad this Saturday, but go for clothes instead. In view of this, I felt that the visit ought to be cancelled. Phoned Mrs. Clifford, Senior, to advise Dod that the children would not be coming down this Saturday for the above reasons. If Dod wanted to discuss this with me he should get in touch with me, and I would go and see him. Later on that evening, having discussed the case with Brian Dingwall, Brian phoned at about 8p.m. to say that Dod had been on the phone, quite angry, about finding out the children were not coming to see him. He indicated that he already knew about Vincent not coming to see him, but had not made any mention of this to me earlier in the day. Discussed case with Brian, and suggested that if he was still quite angry, we could perhaps arrange for Pamela to go and see Dad on Sunday. Brian felt that he would go back to Dod and see if he could stop the visit anyway. Later Brian phoned to say that Dod had agreed. I phoned the McKenzies, spoke to Raey. She indicated that she did not really think Marc was too happy about going down on his own, and in any case, the children would seem to indicate that Dad spends little time with them. I continue to have anxieties about the access arrangements for these children. On the one hand I think it is important that access continues, as long as it is in the interests of the children. What is good about the access visit, is that the children get to see one another. I think this is vitally important. I am still concerned about Dod drinking, although, to be fair, I do not think he has been drinking to the same extent as in the past. However, I think what he does do, is mix small amounts of beer or lager with his Valium. I do not know what is worst, for the children. The times that I have collected Pamela from the house, there was only the one occasion where I felt he had been the worse the wear. He is hoping to have overnight stays for the Easter break. I am not convinced that this would be good for the kids, as I do not think he is sufficiently motivated yet to stop drinking completely. In fact he will never stop drinking completely. The question is whether there is an eventual plan to return the children home or not. Dod also has become quite involved with [redacted]. Agreed that the children ought to visit on Saturday, 23rd March. Brian to see Mr. Clifford in the morning, and to arrange taxis. If there would be any problem, he could contact me at home, as I would be home for this week-end.	RPT

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23.3.85	Arrangements today were to be that Brian Dingwall, Social Worker, would collect Pamela and meet Dod at his mother's house, the two boys coming from Balintore by taxi, arriving at grandmother's. However, about 10.15a.m. Brian phoned to say that when he arrived at Granny's with Pamela, father wasn't there. He had then gone up to Milnafua and found Dod at home, the two boys having arrived from Balintore by taxi. Father, at that point, was raging into the boys, particularly Vincent, and Marc shouting to Dad that he (Dod) didn't care about him. Brian felt that the situation was not ideal, but Dad had not been drinking, and therefore arranged to be back at 6 o'clock to collect the children. Prior to leaving, Dad had become angry about not being able to buy clothes for Pamela. Previous discussion with me about this and caring of Pamela. I said, at one point, that it may be possible for him to be involved in the purchase of clothing for Pamela, but this have to be looked in to more fully. In any case, he was not pleased with the coat that Mrs. Wilson had purchased for Pamela, and had said so to Brian. Brian warned him that, if his attitude was to continue, then it would be as well for the children to be returned home. Later on in the day, about 2.30p.m. phone call received from Donellen McKenzie, Duty Social Worker. She had received a phone call from an aunt of the children, either Christine or Anne, to the effect that Dod was in the Station Hotel, was very drunk, and was about to go home to grandmother's. There was a fear that there would be further trouble. Advised Donellen that I would go down the Town and see if I could pick up the children and take them up to 89 Shillinghill to Grandpa Henderson's. Left the house and, as I was passing the office in the car, saw Dod staggering up the road towards his mother's, obviously very much under the influence of drink. Further down the road, sitting on a shop window ledge, were the four children. I got them into the car, and took them to Grandpa Henderson's, having arranged a taxi for the two boys to return immediately to Balintore. On arriving at Grandpa Henderson's, I telephoned the McKenzies, and Linda Wilson, and confirmed that the boys were to be returned, and that I would return Pamela to Evanton. I advised Donellen McKenzie of the situation. In discussion with Mr. Henderson, he advised me that Mr. Clifford was still in receipt of Family Allowance, and that he was particularly annoyed about this, as he did not provide for the children. Debbie would like to go to School Meals, but Grandpa cannot afford this. I said I would look in to the situation of free school meals once more for her. Later phoned Brian and advised him of the situation. [redacted] Advised Brian that the children would not be allowed to visit Dad from now on, as I did not feel Dad was being particularly involved with the children, and could not be trusted to remain sober. The children would appear, today, to have spent most of the time at Granny Clifford's, then going down the Street, and spending their time down the Street. They did not have any lunch today. It would appear that they had money to buy chips. Dad was in the Station Hotel, during that time. As to the future, I do not think that we should continue with access visits, but I think it is important that the four children keep in touch with one another, and therefore some arrangements will have to be made, so that they can meet together regularly.	RPT

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24.3.85	Telephone call by Dod to my house about 6p.m. My son, [redacted] answered the phone, and when he asked who was calling, Dod had apparently shouted something to the effect that it didn't matter who was phoning. [redacted] was quite upset by the reaction he got. I spoke to Dod on the phone. He was sounding very drunk, and wanted me to come to see him. I said that I would not be going anywhere tonight, at which he started swearing. I hung up on him, as I was not prepared to listen to his abuse. He phoned back about ten minutes later. He again asked if I would come and see him, to which I said No. I told him that the children had been returned home, that I had seen him drunk in the Street, and that it was unlikely the children would be visiting him again. He made a veiled threat about my own two children, saying something to the effect that I had better think about them. He then hung up.	RFT
18.3.85 - 29.3.85	Mental Health Course, Aberdeen.	RFT
29.3.85 - 12.4.85	On holiday	
	Dod called at the Office on 10.4.85, and was seen by Lynda Morris regarding his benefit problems and his decoration of his ceiling in the kitchen. Debbie spent a week of the Easter Holidays at Lairg with Mrs. Corbett.	
18.4.85	Bumped into Dod in the main street. Said to him that I needed to see him about his access to the children. Asked him to call at the Office later on in the day.	
	Later Dod called at the Office to see me. His breath was smelling of alcohol but was not drunk. Discussed the event of the 23rd March. He denies that it was he whom I saw in the Street, and that he was not drunk. Told him that I did not believe him and advised him that a review was to take place at the Office to consider future access. He would be welcome to attend if he wished.	
19.4.85	Dod at Office in morning, sober and breath not smelling of drink. He called regarding his hydro bill. It would appear that he is in credit to the tune of £140 and wanted that money back so that he could replace some items of furniture. Telephoned Hydro Board to arrange. He has been staying at his mother's for the last three weeks. He is now on invalidity benefit and his fuel and rent direct have now been stopped. Discussed with D.H.S.S.	
23.4.85	Care Review chaired by Mr. Alistair Butter. In attendance was Margaret Nicholson. Discussed the situation and agreed that access be limited to once a month for the children and that this would be supervised at the office. Later Dod invited to sit in the review, and was advised of the decision by Mr. Butter.	
24.4.85	Dod at Office regarding his hydro credit. Sylvia dealt with this by 'phoning Hydro Board.	
27.4.85	Saw Dod in Street at a funeral. He apparently got his £140 credit from the Hydro Board. Saw him going into the Station Hotel. Later in the evening he 'phoned Linda Wilson. He was drunk and abusive on the 'phone. Linda and Bob a bit concerned about the threats that Dod was making about removing Pamela.	
29.4.85	Letter/	RFT

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29.4.85	Letter sent by Mr. Butter regarding access. See copy on file. Dod at Office in morning, looking rough. Challenged about the 'phone call he made to Wilsons and warned him that that had better not happen again.	
30.4.85	Phone call from his sister. [redacted]	
3.5.85	Dod at Office twice today. Once at 10 o'clock and then at 12. Smelling of drink second time he called. He then left the Office and was watched going into the Station Hotel with [redacted] 'Phone call from Linda Wilson. School are a bit concerned about Pamela's behaviour in school. She is not settling very well and has difficulty in concentrating. Agreed with Linda Wilson to go and see the teacher on the 7th of May.	
7.5.85	Along with Linda Wilson, saw Pamela's teacher at Kiltearn School. Discussed Pamela's behaviour, story-telling, difficulty in concentration etc., and discussed with the teacher, Pamela's background. Advised that should there be problems, educational-wise, they should consider referral to the Educational Psychologist. Later on in day, went to Tain and then saw Vincent and Mark at Balintore with Reay and Alistair. Advised them about access agreement and that it would be up to the boys to ask for a visit, to Dad.	
10.5.85	Home visit to Balintore. [redacted]	
14.5.85	Dod seen by Brian Dingwall at Christine's. He had been drinking heavily (Carlsberg Special) and he told Brian he was going to drink himself to death. He has been staying down at [redacted] for some time now.	
16.5.85	Dod handed in Child Benefit Counterfoil and asked if we could send it back to D.H.S.S. Mr. Henderson is in the process of claiming Child Benefit in respect of Debbie.	
17.5.85	Dod admitted to Ward 6B Raigmore Hospital this morning, [redacted]	
21.5.85	Dod at Office at 9.05a.m. Drunk, looking very rough and had been in a fight. His hand was bleeding. He was obviously very aggressive and threatened violence. He later apologised. He was not willing to stop drinking. Was wanting the children back, but I was obviously saying to him that that would not be possible while he still continued to drink as he did. Later in day saw Pamela at Evanton to discuss various things with her, particularly/	RFT

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21.5.85	particularly her Dad, and the idea of going home. Dad had been telling Pam that he would soon be taking her home. I tried to explain to Pamela that as long as her Dad was drinking, as he was doing, she would not be able to go home to live with him, and that her home would have to be with Linda and Bob in Evanton. She found it very difficult to discuss Dad and always changed the subject when I tried to raise this with her. P.S. Dod indicated he was selling off things in the house for drink. He had stayed the night with [redacted] in Westford and admitted to having drunk a bottle of whisky earlier this morning.	
23.5.85	Up to Balintore to see the boys about visiting Dad. Dod in Office in morning concerning broken windows. Looked a bit better today and he advised me that he had stopped drinking and was on Valium. Wanted to see the children. Telephoned Reay and Linda Wilson to check out visit for tomorrow at the Office. Both agreeable, but Vincent would not be involved.	
24.5.85	Dod at Office in the morning. He looked well and obviously had not been drinking. Talked about the visit this afternoon and again reinforced that the visit would be at the office for an hour. Mark would be coming down in the afternoon, by taxi. He called again at 2.30p.m. and had a smell of alcohol about him. However, he was not drunk. I collected Pamela at Evanton at 4 o'clock and took her through to the Office. Debbie arrived and later Mark. They spent time in the office, then went to the Co-op and then across to Granny Clifford's (next to the office). Visit went well and I returned Pamela and Mark to their respective homes.	
28.5.85	Dod at Office again re windows. They are being repaired today. They are asking about another visit from the children.	
31.5.85	Dod at Office in the morning. He looked a lot better and sounded rational and "with it". Discussed his past drinking to which he admitted that he had been drinking very heavily. He now wanted to stop drinking, particularly the spirits and special lagers, and he also wanted to come off his drugs. He indicated he was wanting to make a determined effort to get his children back.	
5.6.85	Dod at Office again. Was looking well and obviously enjoying life a bit better. He is now beginning to do some repairs at home e.g. television, washing machine etc.	
7.6.85	Dod at Office again in the morning. He sounded and looked good. Had not been drinking. However, later on in the afternoon a report was received that Dod was at [redacted] sleeping off the effects of over-indulgence.	
10.6.85	Office interview with Dod. I wondered if he had been drinking this morning as there was a slight smell of alcohol about him. This may have been left over from the night before. However he looked O.K. and sounded quite rational and well. He was asking about another visit by the children which I fixed for the 13th.	
12.6.85	'Phoned Reay at Balintore and Linda Wilson concerning the visit by the kids. Both agreeable, although Vincent did not want to go.	
13.6.85	Dod called at the office in the morning. He was O.K. There was no smell of alcohol about him. He sounded and looked good. Said/	RPT

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13.6.85	Said he was off the hard stuff. Later in afternoon I collected Pam and took her up to Milnafua and saw Dad. Debbie and Mark arrived. Visit went well and I collected the kids at 5.35p.m. and returned them.	
23.6.85	[redacted]	
26.6.85	Dod at office. Was looking well with no sign of drink. Visit by children arranged for 27th. Home visit to Linda Wilson's with Margaret Nicholson regarding Pamela. Wilsons concerned about Pamela's continual lying and trying to get [redacted] into trouble. Pamela very attention-seeking. Had long discussion at the Wilsons' house involving Margaret Nicholson. The feeling was that Pamela wanted home to her Dad and that she needed the individual attention which Linda was unable to give her. Margaret going to look out for possible placement. Visit arranged for Dad tomorrow.	
27.6.85	Collected Pamela. Mark coming by taxi from Balintore. Children enjoyed visit. Dad was well and I collected the children at 5.30p.m. and returned them home. I will be on holiday from 28th June to 12th July, inclusive. The next visit will be arranged when I return from holiday. No visits to be made in my absence.	RFT
28:6:85	Dod called at Office and was advised by Mrs. Gillies that I would be on holiday from 28th June until 16th July. There would be no access visits during this time. ON HOLIDAY 29th JUNE - 16th JULY	RFT
10:7:85	Mr. Lowe, Senior Social Worker, Raigmore, sent memo (see file) concerning Dod's admission to Raigmore yesterday night [redacted]	
19:7:85	Dod at Office but I was not available.	
23:7:85	Dod at Office twice to-day - was seen by Jane, the Secretary.	
24:7:85	Dod at office again twice to-day - was advised I was not in.	
25:7:85	Dod at office again, but I was not available. 29th JULY - 5th AUGUST - ON HOLIDAY	
6:8:85	Dod at office and was seen by Brian as he had specifically asked to see Brian.	
7:8:85 concerned the	Dod at office again to-day and was seen by Brian. Previous visits possible attendance of the children at the wedding of Dod's stepson who is getting married on the 16th August.	
9:8:85	Office interview with Dod - Dod was looking reasonably well, was sober and we discussed the forthcoming marriage of his stepson, Brian, on the 16th of August. Wanted the boys and Pamela to come to the wedding as well as Debbie. Said I would have to look into this and to discuss the situation with Mr. Henderson.	

Date	REPORTS ETC.	Initd.
14:8:85	Visit to Evanton and Balintore and home visit to Dod. Pamela and boys wanting to attend the wedding - boys not willing to stay at Dad's and would prefer to stay with their Grandfather. Idea was, initially, that the boys would come down for the Friday only - the day of the wedding and return on the Friday evening. However, Mr. & Mrs. MacKenzie had planned to go away that weekend. This meant that the boys would have to stay with Mr. Henderson over the weekend. The plan for Pamela would be that I would take her through on the 16th and she would be returned home in the evening after the wedding. The visit to Dad at his home was to say the least very stormy he was very upset that the boys preferred to go to stay with Mr. Henderson and that I would also not allow them to stay with him at this stage, principally because I felt the situation was potentially a difficult one for him as he was not planning to go to the wedding and the after reception celebrations were to be held in [redacted] house just along the road. Eventually calmed him down - he was quite angry and was threatening that the children would not go to the wedding after all.	
15:8:85	Home visit at 11 a.m. - Dod had calmed down a bit by this time - accepted that the boys go to the grandfather and that Pamela should come through for the day. Later in the day took Pamela and Linda to Invergordon and purchased new dress for her so that she could attend the wedding - the boys would be taken down from Balintore by Mr. & Mrs. MacKenzie and left at Mr. Henderson's this evening. They would plan to go and see their Dad in the morning prior to the wedding.	
16:8:85	Dod at Office to check that boys and Pamela would be visiting - advised him that I would be collecting Pamela at 1 O'clock and taking her through. Went to Evanton and collected Pamela - brought her through. Debbie and the boys were already there - hoped they would have an enjoyable time.	
19:8:85	Telephone call to MacKenzie's and to Mr. Henderson - the wedding went well - there were no problems and the children had a great time. Dod apparently behaved himself and did not cause any trouble.	
20:8:85	Dod at Office asking for children for the day as Pam's birthday was on the 23rd - he would like the boys, Debbie and Pamela for Saturday. He was sober and looked a lot better - I was able to hold a good discussion with him to-day. Remarkably shows insight into some of the needs of the children.	
22:8:85	Dod at Office twice to-day concerning the weekend proposed visit. Advised him that I felt it would be O.K. for the day on the 24th had a long talk with Dod about his drinking and how he was feeling in general - he admits that he continues to take lager but stresses he does not touch spirits now. Continues to attend his G.P. regularly and is on medication. Seems more motivated now to stay off the booze a and to get his children home. I still have my doubts though.	
23:8:85	Home visit to Evanton - saw Linda Wilson - had chat with her about Pamela going to see her Dad to-morrow - also left Pamela's birthday present - discussed situation with the MacKenzies - Marc and Vincent would like to visit Dad for Pamela's birthday. Arranged for them to come down by taxi and to return by taxi. Similar arrangement made for Pamela for the 24th.	
26:8:85	Office interview with Dod - was happy with the visit on Saturday and hopes that he can have another visit next Saturday.	
30:8:85	Dod at office re proposed visit for Pamela and Marc to-morrow - Vincent would not be visiting - indicated to Dod that arrangements were in hand for Pamela and Mark to be transported by taxi for the day.	

Date	REPORTS ETC.	Initd.
2:9:85	Dod at office - but I was not available.	
3:9:85	Dod at Office - visit last Saturday went well - Dod was sober and was looking well. Plan would be that they would have a weekend next. However there could be problems in that Marc has a wedding (the Mackenzie's son is getting married on Saturday).	
4:9:85	Home visit to the MacKenzie's and discussed Dad's hope that Marc would visit as already thought Marc would like to attend the wedding and the MacKenzie's felt that Marc should not go to Dad's this weekend. I would agree with that arrangement. Later advised Dad who appeared to accept the situation and was happy that Pamela and Debbie could come along for the weekend. I discussed this with Mr. Henderson who was agreeable.	
6:9:85	Collected Pamela at 4.30 p.m. and delivered her to Dad's. [redacted] Dod indicated he had lost £10 and needed some money. Felt that as he was going to be feeding Pamela and Debbie that he ought to have a special payment (Section 29) in any case. Arranged with him for a £10 food voucher.	
9:9:85	Office interview with Dod - he felt the weekend went quite well although he felt that Pamela was a bit of a handful. Debbie and she went to the disco on the Saturday evening - Pamela returning after 9 p.m. Debbie would appear to have come home late and Dod indicated that he had given her a row about this. Later in the day Linda Wilson indicated that Pamela came home quite tired on the Sunday evening but sounds as though she enjoyed herself. Would arrange for another weekend visit next weekend and a Children's Panel Review on the 18th - an N.A.I. Review will be taking place on the 13th September.	
10:9:85	Office interview with Dod [redacted]	
13:9:85	N.A.I. Review - this family has had ongoing social work contact since 1972 - the children have been in care now since May 1984, although they had also been admitted prior to that (December 1983) and had been returned home from the end of February 1984 to the end of April that same year. They had to be admitted to care at that time under a Place of Safety Order as Mr. Clifford was abusing alcohol fairly severely. The children have remained on the Register since that time. His attempts to get his children back have tended to be unsuccessful in that he is not able to stop drinking and has tended to lapse into bouts of heavy drinking. He has been attending his G.P. regularly and has been on medication. He has also had a number of emergency admissions to hospital as a result of combinations of overdose and alcohol but has never remained in hospital for more than a few hours. He has maintained his stance that he wishes his children to be returned to him and all the children, apart from Vincent have indicated their wish to return to stay with Dad. In the last few weeks he had made a concerted effort, I believe, to change his drinking habits. He indicates that he is not drinking spirts but nevertheless admits that he still has his lager. I feel that if the children are not tried at home at this stage it is highly unlikely that they will ever return home to his care. Pamela in particular has been showing some disturbed behaviour which can only be considered as normal considering her circumstances. I believe the best place for the children is back with their father provided he controls his drinking. I would recommend the names of the children be retained on the Register apart from Vincent who will not be returning home to stay with his father and who will be 16 in June next year. The children are subject to Section 44 (1A) Supervision Orders and their case is to be reviewed on the 18th September by the Chidlren's Panel.	RFT

Date	REPORTS ETC.	Initd.
Sept. 1985	Dod seen at office on 16th, 19th, 23rd, 25 and 26th - children seen on 17th - home visit being made to Evanton, Shillinghill and Balintore. Children's Hearing heard on the 18th - Panel Supervision Orders varied in respect of Pamela and Mark to allow them to go home to father. Children, i.e. Pamela and Mark - home to father for weekends 20:9:85 and 27:9:85. Taxis ordered on both occasions. On the whole, Dod has been looking forward to the children coming home. The children have been home for weekends and he appears to have managed very well. He was finding it rather difficult to re-adjust, however, to cooking for two children. Section 12 help given at weekends when the children were are home. The children are enjoying their weekends with Dad. [redacted]	R.T.
October '85	Dod at office on 1st, 4th, 7th, 9th, 17th, 21st, 25th, 29th. Debbie at office on 21st. Home visits on 3rd, 11th, and 28th. Weekend visit by Pamela and Mark on 4th - 6th October. They were discharged home on the 11th October. Section 12's were given on the 4th and on the 11th as D.H.S.S. had not sorted out grant. Took Dod through to Inverness on the 9th to make claim for D.H.S.S. and Child Benefit. [redacted] Letter sent to D.H.S.S. re grant for bed and bedding. In care review held on the 28th October. Children settling in and Dad appears to be coping.	R.T.
November '85	Dod at office on 1st, twice on the 8th, 11th, 20th, 25th, 26th 28th, 29th. Home visits on the 1st, 29th and 30th. Debbie seen on 30th,, Mark and Pamela on 1st, 29th. The children appear to be fine - Dod still having some problems with the D.H.S.S. but this was resolved on the 6th when two Giros were sent re beds and bedding. On the 8th Dod telephoned office - sounded slurred on 'phone. Came to office twice - in the morning looked very rough, but in the afternoon was fine. His father died on the 11th and the funeral was on the 14th. Very distressing period for Dod - he called at the office on the 25th and had been drinking, but not heavily. Washing machine provided on the 29th. Had been to the doctor and was looking much better. Boots supplied to Debbie and a pair of jeans - through Section 12. Children coping fine. Dod appears to have got over the worst after his father's death.	R.T.
December '85	Dod at office on 3rd, 5th, 10th, 13th, 17th, 18th. Home visit on 20th. Mark seen on 5th and Pamela on 20th. All going well - Dod keeping fine - three piece suite delivered through C.S.O. on 9th. Grant received from D.H.S.S. for £400 re over-payment of Hydro and grant from D.H.S.S. Pamel and Mark on holiday over New Year. Dod making adequate arrangements for care of children and makes no bones that he will have a good drink at New Year as the children will not be there - seems satisfactory.	R.T.

FILE 4

MEMORANDUM

To Alistair Butter,
Divisional Social Work Officer.

From Ron Taylor,
Senior Social Worker.

Your ref.

Our ref. RFT/SJG

31 JAN 1985

Date 29.1.85

Please ask for Mr. Taylor

Re: Mr. & Mrs. Wilson - Fostering - Pamela Clifford.

You will be aware that Pamela was placed with Mr. & Mrs. Wilson on the 30th December, 1984. This is likely to be a fairly long-term placement. Mr. & Mrs. Wilson required bunk beds and bedding in the first instance, and now that Mrs. Wilson has had an opportunity to check through Pamela's clothes, she finds that she requires the following items:-

Winter coat.
Dressing Gown.
Slippers.
Winter Boots
Shoes
Two Nighties
Two pairs of trousers
Track suit and trainers
Two skirts
School clothing
Tights
Underwear.

It would appear that Pamela came to Evanton without these items, and we did not provide an initial clothing grant to the previous foster parents, Mr. & Mrs. Simpson, although we did provide one or two items of clothing. In addition, the Wilsons are saying they require a chest of drawers to keep her clothes.

I would be grateful if you could consider the above request and give me your decision as soon as possible.

R Taylor

Senior Social Worker.

Agreed.

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RECEIVED 21/2/85.

MEMORANDUM

To Miss B. Barraclough
Divisional Social Work Officer.

From Ron Taylor,
Senior Social Worker.

Your ref.

Our ref. RFT/SJG

Date 19.12.84

Please ask for Mr. Taylor.

Re: Pamela Clifford - Fostering Payments.

This child is in a fostering situation under Section 44.1 (a) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act. At a recent Review we agreed that Pamela should be moved from her foster home at Brora to a foster home in the Alness area. Mr. & Mrs. Miller of [redacted] Conon Bridge, were identified as being suitable, and Pamela spent an overnight stay on the 15th of December with Mr. & Mrs. Miller. I planned that Pamela would stay for further overnight stays before being moved permanently to the Millers about the New Year. I enclose the Change of Circumstance Form for 15th December, and would be grateful if arrangements could be made for fostering payments to be made to Mr. Miller for that date. I discussed the question of payments with Mrs. Nicolson, Home Finder, and we feel that it would not be appropriate to deduct the overnight fostering payment from Mr. & Mrs. Simpson in this case.

R Taylor

Senior Social Worker.

Payment for 15th Dec. only as placement is not being made now with Millers.
Continue payments to Mr. & Mrs. Simpson.

Divisional Social Work Officer,
DINGWALL

Ron Taylor,
Senior Social Worker.

RPT/SJG 8.1.85

Mr. Taylor.

Re:Fostering-Mr. & Mrs. R. Wilson, [redacted] Evanton-Pamela Clifford.

The above child was placed with Mr. & Mrs. Wilson on the 30th of December, 1984. The plan is that this will be a long-term placement. I would be grateful if you would consider the following requests:-

1. Mr. Wilson is presently unemployed, and in receipt of Supplementary Benefit. The Wilsons are using a Z Bed for Pamela and I would consider it essential that the Department provide a proper single bed. In discussion with the Wilsons they felt it would be much more practical if a set of bunk beds could be purchased in view of the fact that Pamela would be required to share a bedroom with [redacted], their own daughter. There is not a lot of space in the room, but Mr. Wilson being unemployed, would not be able to meet part of the cost of bunk beds. Personally, I believe it would be a good idea if bunk beds could be provided but in any case a single bed will have to be provided by the Department.

2. School meals will be required in respect of Pamela. [redacted] I understand the policy, in respect of foster children, is that school meals should be paid for. I would like consideration to be given to making an enhanced payment to the Wilsons, in view of the fact that they would be required to meet the cost of school meals for Pamela, bearing in mind Mr. Wilson is unemployed. This may be got round by increasing the fostering payment, in view of the fact that Pamela is an N.A.I. Registered Child, and the Wilsons are going to have to have contact with Pamela's father, who can be difficult at times. Pamela herself is a very active 8 year old but at the same time is immature and requires a lot of babying and a lot of mothering by Mrs. Wilson.

I would be grateful if you could consider the above points as a matter of urgency.

Senior Social Worker.

Mr. Taylor RFT/SJG

7.1.85

Mr. & Mrs. David Simpson,
[redacted]
Brora.

Dear David & Edith,

I felt I would like to write to thank you for the love and care you provided for Pamela over the past year. I know that this could not have been easy for you at times. Pamela would appear to have settled reasonably well with Mr. & Mrs. Wilson. She will have to do a lot of readjusting to her new home and school. She is, however, young enough to adjust in this way and I dare say she will be 'phoning or writing you to let you know how she is getting on.

Mr. & Mrs. Wilson told me that Pamela's coat was still up in Brora (according to Pamela). If this is the case, perhaps you could give me a 'phone and I will arrange for it to be collected. The Wilsons would be pleased to see you any time you are passing, and I am sure Pamela would be delighted to see you as well.

Once again, can I, on behalf of my Department, thank you both very much for your help and support.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Senior Social Worker.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

19/85

memorandum

from Divisional Reporter, Dingwall

to Divisional Officer, Social Work, Dingwall.

date 8.1.85

ref.

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
ALNESS
RECEIVED 11/1/85

PAMELA CLIFFORD, 2 Milnafua, Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on Wednesday, 16.1.85 at 11 a.m.

within the Education Centre, Castle Street, Dingwall.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 11.1.85

James Burns

REPORTER.

Highland

19/85

Memorandum

To Divisional Officer,
Social Work Department,
Dingwall.

From Divisional Reporter,
Dingwall

Your ref

Our ref

Date 8.1.85

When writing or calling please ask for

PAMELA CLIFFORD,

This is to inform you that at a Children's Hearing on 19.12.34 the supervision requirement/referral(s) against the above was CONTINUED/~~TERMINATED~~/VARIED/~~DISCHARGED~~.

Divisional Reporter.

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
ALNESS
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FORM 11 **Rule 22**

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date) AT DINGWALL on the 19.12.84

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 11.10.84 to which

Pamela Clifford is subject, hereby require him/her* [~~or reside in~~

]*†

[to be under the supervision of]*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 11.10.84 is hereby revoked.

MARGARET RADIN

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

11. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

12. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

3. etc. The child is to reside as soon as possible with Mr. & Mrs. Miller, [redacted] Conon Bridge who are to act as foster parents but in the meantime is to reside with Mr. & Mrs. Simpson, [redacted] Brora but she may visit her father at the discretion of the supervising social worker.

MARGARET RADIN

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

**Delete as appropriate*

REASONS Although Mr. Clifford has made some efforts to curb his drinking this problem has not yet been overcome. Pamela is now to reside with foster parents at Alcaig nearer home in order that contact with her father can be made easier.

MARGARET RADIN

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Highland

19/85

Memorandum

To Divisional Officer,
Social Work Department,
Dingwall.

From Divisional Reporter,
Dingwall

Your ref

Our ref

Date 21.1.85

When writing or calling please ask for

PAMELA CLIFFORD, 22 Tilhafua, Alness

This is to inform you that at a Children's Hearing on 16.1.85 the supervision requirement/referral(s) against the above was CONTINUED/~~TERMINATED~~/VARIED/~~DISCHARGED~~.

Divisional Reporter.

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
ALNESS

RECEIVED 23/1/85.

FORM 11 Rule 22

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date) AT DINGWALL on the 16.1.85

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 19.12.81 to which

Pamela Clifford is subject, hereby require him/her* [~~to reside in~~]*†

[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council]*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 19.12.81 is hereby revoked.

EDITH M IP

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

†1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

†2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

3. 1. Pamela Clifford is to reside with Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wilson, [redacted] etc. [redacted] Evanton who are to act as foster parents but she may have supervised access to her father at the discretion of the supervising social worker.

EDITH M IP

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

***Delete as appropriate*

REASONS Pamela is now to reside with foster parents in Evanton so that access to her father can be made easier as home circumstances are unlikely to return.

EDITH M IP

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FORM 1 **Rule 7**

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Notification of children's hearing to child required to attend hearing

To Pamela Clifford,

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
ALNESS

C/o Social Work Department,
ALNESS.

RECEIVED 9/1/85

You have been referred to a children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division) to review the supervision requirement.

be notified but need not

You are required in terms of section 40(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 to attend the hearing

on Wednesday, 16th January, 1985, at 11 a.m.

within the Education Centre, Castle Street, Dingwall.

Please read the Notes set out below.

(Address of Reporter)
Education Centre,
Castle Street,
DINGWALL

date 8.1.85

*Reporter/[illegible]

NOTES

A children's hearing is a group of three people specially selected for their interest and concern in understanding and helping children who are in trouble. They meet to discuss with a child and his parents any difficulties that may have arisen, to discover the reasons for these difficulties and to find an answer which is in the best interests of the child. In some cases this may involve compulsory supervision or even removal from home. Further information on the hearing is set out in the leaflet entitled *To tell you about the Children's Hearing* a copy of which accompanies this notification.

When the children's hearing are discussing your case, they will want to find out your views and you may, if you wish, bring with you to the hearing someone to help you in discussing your difficulties and what might be done. The personal expenses of this representative (but not any fees) may be refunded if they are not less than fifteen pence (15p).

Your own personal expenses (but not any loss of earnings) in coming to the hearing may be refunded if those expenses, together with any expenses of your parent(s), in coming to the hearing are not less than fifteen pence (15p).

If you do not attend the hearing, steps may be taken, including possibly your detention, to make sure that you do appear before a hearing. If there is a very good reason, such as illness, why you will be unable to attend the hearing, you should contact the Reporter immediately at the above address (tel 2255).

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Mr. Taylor. RT/SJG

7.3.84

Mr. & Mrs. David Simpson,
[redacted]
Brora.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Simpson,

Pamela Clifford.

I write to thank you for the co-operation and excellent caring service you provided for Pamela I am very grateful for that and I am sure Pamela has greatly benefitted from the stay with you.

With regards expenses for travelling I have requested that Mrs. Burns, the Reporter, sends you a claim form for claiming expenses in relation to the Children's Panel Hearing which was held on the 29th of February. I would be grateful if you would complete these and return same to Mrs. Burns. With regards to travelling expenses in returning the child to 24 Milnafua, please write to me indicating the number of miles you wish to claim. I will then arrange for the Finance Section to pay you at the appropriate mileage rate.

I hope the children settle and that Mr. Clifford does not over-indulge. I will keep in touch with you and there is every likelihood that Pamela will be with you for the Easter holidays. If you have any queries/

queries, or if you hear any rumours about the children or Mr. Clifford, I would be grateful if you would contact me as soon as possible.

Once again my grateful thanks.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Senior Social Worker.

MESSAGE:

To: Ron

From: Mary McKay, Dornoch. Telephoned/Called Personally

Tel:

On: 9.7.84 Time: 12.40p.m.

Message: Re: Pamela Clifford. Mrs. McKay visited Pamela's foster parents' home at Brora. The foster parents were on holiday but she got the feeling that they were finding things a bit much and you had mentioned that you were hopeful of somewhere more permanent for Debbie and Pamela to be together. They are not pushing it but Mary thought she would mention it.

Taken By Sylvia. P.T.C

I let Margaret Nicholson who will discuss it with you on your return. She'll put her thinking cap on. Hope I haven't interfered by talking to Margaret

Lynda.

MEMORANDUM Alness.

To Miss B. Barraclough,
Divisional Social Work Officer.

From Mr. R. Taylor,
Senior Social Worker

Your ref.

Our ref. RT/SJG

Please ask for Mr. Taylor.

Re: Mr. & Mrs. D. Simpson, [redacted], Brora.
Foster Parents - Loss of Wages.

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Further to your reply of 6th July, 1984 the following additional information may be of assistance to you in reaching a decision about Mr. Simpson's loss of wages.

The Hearing of 29th February, 1984 was a particularly important Hearing, in that the Panel were to consider a decision to return the children from the foster parents to the care of Mr. Clifford. The children had, at that time, been in their care since the beginning of December. Prior to the Panel, I did visit the Simpsons and asked if they could both attend the Children's Hearing, failing which it would require the presence of one of the foster parents. The Clifford Panels, in the past, have been particularly difficult and lengthy, but I was not aware at that time that Mr. Simpson would lose a day's wage. It was not my intention that he take a day off work to attend the Panel. However I understand later that transport arrangements were particularly difficult and the various foster parents were not sure how the Panel would go or whether the children would be returned home immediately to the care of their father. Accordingly they arranged their own transport, Mr. & Mrs. Simpson coming by private car from Brora to Dingwall and return. Mr. Simpson had particularly important information to tell the Children's Panel as he had received information from his workmates at Nigg, who knew the Clifford household. This was in fact relevant to the question of the child being returned to her father's care, and Mr. Simpson felt that he required to be there, in order to discuss this with the Panel members. The Hearing itself was a drawn-out affair and was quite difficult, Mr. Clifford being quite argumentative with the foster parents at that time. On looking back, it was, I felt, quite important for Mr. Simpson to be at the Panel, given that he received information, and made this known to the Panel members that Mr. Clifford had taken the children to a Hotel and to the Golf Course Bar on the one day that the children were on a home visit. Mr. Clifford denied the fact that he had taken the children to the Golf Club but did not deny having taken them to a Hotel. Mrs. Simpson, I felt, also required the support of her husband during this particular Panel, as she is not such an assertive, or forceful, individual as her husband.

I trust that this information will help you decide whether the Department ought to meet any of the loss of wage incurred by Mr. Simpson.

Ron Taylor
Senior Social Worker.

6.7.84. Payment approved as fostering expenses. BB

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
ALNESS
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MESSAGE:

To: Ron

From: Dod Ashford — Telephoned/Called Personally

Tel:

On: 5/1/85 Time: 9:25 AM

Message: Dod is going to Panel tomorrow. He is going to see the solution to see if he is also going to the Panel. He will let us know if he needs a left Tackle. Sylvia

Taken By

[illegible] REGIONAL COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REFERRAL FORM CASE NO. [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

Surname CLIFFORD Forename(s) PAMELA

Address 24 MILNAFUA ..... Sex: M/F .....

..... AINESS ..... Date of Birth ..... Marital Status .....

..... G.P. .....

Referred by Janet Burns ..... Date of Referral 11/1/85 .....
*(by letter/telephone/in person)

Previously known to department YES/NO

Other agencies involved .....

.....

PROBLEM/REQUEST:

Children's Panel 16/1/85 at 11AM.

Report by 11/1/85.

RECEIVED BY S. Gillies ..... Date 11/1/85 ..... Time .....

Action taken at time of Referral: ✓

Referral passed to: .....

Signed .....
Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision: Ron

.....
Senior Officer

Classification of Case ..... Register on: .....

Re-open existing file ..... Open new file .....

For miscellaneous cases file .....

N.B. ON COMPLETION OF THIS FORM ATTACH REFERRAL FORM (APP.A.) FOR COMPLETION AS APPROPRIATE.

* Tick as applicable.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Details of child/ren admitted to care - can be used for up to three children from one family who are being admitted at the same time.

Information Compiled by ..... R Taylor ..... Designation

Date ..... 3/1/85 .....

Reason for Admission : Details .....

Statute ..... Sect. 44.1(c) Social Work Scot Act 1968.

Likely Duration of Care: ..... Long Term .....

Any Special Medical Treatment or Care Requirements which require IMMEDIATE ATTENTION:

FACTS ABOUT CHILD/REN

Surname	Clifford
First Names	Pamela Alison
Sex	Female.
Date of Birth	23.8.76
Place of Birth	Dingwall
Religious Denomination	C of S
Date and Place of Baptism	None.
Previous Periods in Care	25.2.80 - 21.5.80
Previous Addresses	c/o McDonald, [redacted] Evanton (25.2.80 - 21.5.80)
	c/o Simpson, [redacted] Brora (8/12/83 - 29/2/84; 11/5/84 - 30/12/84)
General Practitioner	
Dates and Place of Admission	30/12/84 To Mrs R. Wilson [redacted] Evanton.
Case Number	10002

PERSONAL INFORMATION ON CHILD/REN

What is the child usually called?	Pammy
With whom has the child been living?	Foster Parents in Broom.
Which address does the child regard as 'Home'?	Father - 24 milnafua Alness
Any special friends?	All in Broom, some in Alness.
School/Nursery/Play-group attended	N/A.
Club or Youth Organisation	N/A. Member of Brownies

Short report on personal functioning - sleeping, eating and bathroom habits, fears, temper tantrums, relationships, special toys, bowel and bladder control, etc.

Usually sleeps, eats well. Bed wets on average once per week. Close to sister + brother. Fear of dad drinking. Seen much violence + drinking within home.

FAMILY INFORMATION

	MOTHER	FATHER
Full Name (include Maiden Name of Mother)	Eileen Blackstock or Clifford	George H. Clifford
Address and Telephone no.	c/o Henderson 89 Shillinghill Alness	24 Milnafua Alness
Date of Birth		
Occupation	Unemployed	Unemployed
Employer (for emergency contact)		
Religion	C of S	C of S
Date of Marriage	Cohabit	Cohabit
Date of Separation or Divorce	1980	1980

Brothers or Sisters not shown elsewhere on this form.

NAME	AGE	ADDRESS

Close relatives or persons interested in child

NAME & RELATIONSHIP	AGE	ADDRESS
Debbie (Sister)	13	[redacted]
Vincent } Brothers	14	[redacted]
Mark } Brothers	10	[redacted]

PARENTAL UNDERTAKING

P.T.O.

I .....

being the parent/legal guardian of .....

hereby request the Highland Regional Council to receive the above child/ren into care, under Section 15, Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968, and hereby agree that the child/ren may receive such medical, surgical or dental treatment as may be deemed necessary by a registered medical or dental practitioner. I further agree that the child/ren may be given a general anaesthetic if in the opinion of a medical practitioner this is felt to be necessary

(a) I understand that I am liable to contribute towards the cost and maintenance of the children.

(b) I understand the law requires me to keep the Social Work Department informed of any changes in my circumstances, including change of address, and undertake to co-operate with the Highland Regional Council in formulating future plans for the care of the child/ren.

(c) The contents of the leaflet - "A Child in Care" - have been fully explained to me by the Highland Regional Council Work Department.

Signed .....
Father/Mother/Legal Guardian

Address .....

Relationship to Child/ren .....

Date .....

Witness .....

Designation .....

must always be through S/Worker and must be supervised. This is a result of past unsatisfactory access (father drinking)

DINGWALL DIVISION

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME: PAMELA ALISON CLIFFORD **DATE OF BIRTH:** 23.8.76 **AGE:** 8

ADDRESS: Home address-24 Milnafua, Alness **RELIGION:**
now residing with Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wilson, [redacted] Evanton.
DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 16th January,1985 **TIME:** 11a.m. **PLACE:** Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Review

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See previous reports.

Pamela was reviewed at a Children's Hearing on the 19th of December, 1984 as she was to be moved from her then foster parents; Mr. & Mrs. Simpson, [redacted], Brora. She was to be placed with Mr. & Mrs. Miller, [redacted] Conon Bridge, and the Panel made a variation in her Supervision Order, to allow this to happen. However, the day after the Children's Panel, Mr. & Mrs. Miller decided not to proceed with fostering as a result of difficulties they were experiencing with their own child. As a result of this, plans for moving her had to be reviewed. A certain amount of preparation had already taken place for moving Pamela from Brora and in view of the timing e.g. school holidays, it was felt by the Social Work Department that she should be moved nevertheless. As a result Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wilson, Evanton, were identified as suitable foster parents and the plan was set in motion for Pamela to spend a week-end with Mr. & Mrs. Wilson from the 21st December to the 24th December, 1984. This week-end went quite well and Pamela was able to spend an hour with her father on the 24th before returning to Brora, where she spent Christmas. She was subsequently moved again from Brora on Sunday, 30th December, 1984, to Mr. & Mrs. Wilson's. This would allow her a full week with the Wilsons prior to commencing school. Mr. & Mrs. Wilson are approved adoptive and foster parents. They have a daughter aged 6, and an adopted son aged 9 months, and have full knowledge of Pamela's background and the difficulties which have been experienced and are likely to be encountered in the future.

The question of access to Dad has been restricted over this last three weeks in order to allow Pamela to settle. I would hope that Pamela would be able to go and visit Deborah and also her brothers in Falkirk frequently, and that access to Dad could become a regular event. Access to Dad will have to be supervised by this Department and will go ahead very much on the basis of Mr. Clifford's sobriety.

Pamela herself would appear to have settled in and has commenced school.

I/

I, therefore, respectfully recommend that the Hearing Order is varied to allow Pamela to stay with Mr. & Mrs. Wilson.

Senior Social Worker,
Area Office,
Suie House,
Bridgend
ALNESS

10.1.85

To Alistair Butter,
Divisional Social Work Officer.

From Ron Taylor,
Senior Social Worker.

Your ref.

Our ref. RFT/SJG

Date 10.1.85

Please ask for Mr. Taylor

Re: Pamela Clifford.

Following my Memo of 8th January, 1985, concerning request for the provision of a bed for this child at her new home, I omitted to request also to consider the provision of bedding e.g. pillow and pillow-cases, sheets, duvet quilt and quilt covers. I would be grateful if you could consider these along with my earlier requests.

Ron Taylor

Senior Social Worker.

Agreed. AB.

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Highland

Department of Social Work

Dingwall Division

Highland Regional Council

Area Office – 55A High Street,
ALNESS
Telephone Alness 882609
R. F. Taylor
Senior Social Worker

Please ask for

Our ref

Extension No

Your ref

Date 27/11/84.

CONFIDENTIAL

Please reply to: Senior Social Worker,
55A High Street,
Alness.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I understand that the undernoted child, who is in the care of this Depart-:ment, is in attendance at your school. I should therefore be grateful if you would kindly complete the attached form in respect of this child and return it to me.

I should also be obliged if you would send me copies his/her report cards. These will be returned to you as soon as possible.

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

R Mayh for

Divisional Social Work Officer

Name of Child: Pamela Clifford School: Evanton Primary

Address: [redacted] Date of Birth: 23.8.76

Class: P4 Number in Class 19 Place in Class —

Progress and Ability

Conduct

Attendance

} See Report attached.

Impression of Standard of Care Provided at Home

—V.C.

Signature: [redacted] Date: 3/12/84

MISS D. MACLEOD
CLASS TEACHER.

Individual Report on Basic Attainment - Language and Mathematics

NAME Pamela Clifford.
CLASS P4

A - Well above average
B - Above average
C - Average
D - Below Average
E - Well below average

LANGUAGE The Spoken Word	C	Communicates well - but sometimes too chatty.
Reading	D	Pamela has difficulty with reading & tends to read mechanically with very little understanding
Comprehension	E	
Spelling	E	Very rarely does Pamela finish any written work.
Formal Writing/Grammar	E	
Written Expression	E	
Listening	D	Needs to be much more attentive.
MATHEMATICS Number (+, −, ×, ÷, Decimal and Vulgar Fractions)	E	Has difficulties with all aspects of Maths - Tables 2, 3, 4, 5 + 6 need a lot of attention.
Problem Solving/Reasoning	E	
Measure (Length, Weight, Volume, Area, Time, Money)	E	
Shape (Simple geometry)	E	

OTHER INTERESTS/SUBJECTS

REMARKS AS APPLICABLE

Handwriting — D
General Neatness - Could be better.
Conduct
Attitude to Work
Days absent (this session) 10

— Pamela has difficulty in concentrating for long periods of time. She is easily distracted & can be distracting to others.

Date: Nov., 1984

Class Teacher: [illegible]

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION ..... DINGWALL .....

To be completed for:-

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

Name ..... PAMELA CLIFFORD .....

Present Address [redacted] .....

..... BRORA .....

Date of Birth ..... 23:8:76 .....

Case Reference .....

Effective Date of Change ..... 30/12/84 .....

Statutory Condition Imposed ..... 44.1(a) + Fostering .....

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PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	✓
Residential Care	
Day Care	
Supervision	✓
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

Change of Address where applicable :-

From [redacted] ..... BRORA .....

To ..... C/O WILSON ... [redacted] ..... EVANTON .

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner i.e. DINGWALL PRACTISE .....

School last attended ..... BRORA PRIMARY .....

School to be attended ..... EVANTON PRIMARY (KILTEARN) .....

Signed ..... R Mc[illegible] ..... Date ..... 3/1/85 .....

Administrative Action:- [illegible] commence [illegible] payments [illegible] to C/O Mrs Wilson

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office		C	
Amendment to Register		O	
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

(CASEFILE COPY)

[redacted]

Brora
Sutherland

enclosing receipt
for goods bought for
Pamela Clifford. hoping
will receive your attention
Thanking you.

MRS E. Simpson

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Telephone: BRORA 229

Brora 23-5-1984

Mrs. Edith Simpson [redacted]

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND
Established 1850
General Drapers and House Furnishers

Socks	1	30
	1	10
	1	20
Vests 2@105	2	10
	£5	70

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To

The Divisional Social Work Officer
Dingwall

From

Senior Social Worker
Alness

Your ref.

Our ref. RPT/SJG

Date 23.12.83

Please ask for

I also enclose an account from A.M. Ross & Co. Lairg in respect of a pair of shoes for Deborah Clifford amounting to £16.99. I would be grateful if you would arrange for this account to be paid as soon as possible.

R.F. TAYLOR
Senior Social Worker.

Name of school

KILTEARN PRIMARY

Note to parents

The object of this report is to inform you of your child's development in the main language and mathematical skills, and also to provide an estimate of whether, *in relation to his/her own age, aptitude and ability* the degree of effort can be regarded as satisfactory.

You are also advised in the report of any special interests or aptitudes which the class teacher wishes to draw to your attention and which merit the encouragement of the home.

If you wish more information you are welcome to call at the school.

Name of pupil PAMELA CLIFFORD

Class PR 4

ACTIVITY	CLASSIFICATION*	EFFORT	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
LANGUAGE SKILLS			
LISTENING	rarely distracted		
	attentive		
	easily distracted	✓	
Remarks: Pamela is only now beginning to settle down.			
SPOKEN ENGLISH	communicates fluently		
	communicates satisfactorily	✓	✓
	has difficulty		
Remarks: Pamela continuously will to discussions. Tends to chatter also.			
READING	skilled		
	competent	some	✓
	has difficulty	✓	
Remarks: Enjoys reading with practice should make progress			
WRITTEN ENGLISH	communicates fluently		
	communicates satisfactorily	some	✓
	has difficulty	✓	
Remarks: Pamela finds it difficult to complete an assignment needs lots of practice Handwriting poor / MATHEMATICAL SKILLS			
HANDLING PRACTICAL PROBLEMS	special aptitude		
	fairly competent	✓	✓
	has difficulty		
Remarks: As confidence grows, so does her ability			
COMPUTATION	firm grasp		
	competent	✓	✓
	uncertain		
Remarks: Pamela is below class average. She is trying and has made some progress			

* Enter tick in appropriate box

SUBJECT	Special aptitude	Interested	Shows little interest
CENTRES OF INTEREST			
Social studies		✓	
Science		✓	
INTERESTS AND APTITUDES			
Creative art and crafts		✓	
Dramatic activities		✓	
Recreative reading		✓	
Creative writing		✓	
Musical activities		✓	
Instrumental tuition			
Physical education		✓	
Other languages			

ATTENDANCES	
POSSIBLE	ACTUAL
352	341

COMMENTS: Pamela has taken a long time to settle down. She is showing more interest now in the first year apply herself a little more. She has had a number of problems mixing with the other children as she tends to be rather "bossy" & find her age. Will help and please ...

I.M.W. Mackay (Class Teacher)

A.E. Swan (Head Teacher)

15/6/85 (date)

ALNESS MACKAYS

RECEIVED 9/4/85

MACKAYS STORES LIMITED

TO:-

Joint Valuation Committee
Social Work Department
Struie House
Alness.
Inverness-shire

Registered Office
Mackays Stores Limited
Caledonia House Caledonia Street
Paisley PA3 2JP Scotland
Telephone Number 041 887 9151
Telex 779577 Leven G

VAT Reg. No. 263 8089 36

SALES INVOICE

INVOICE No. : M19868 /018

Invoice Date :

Advice No. 27256	Your Order No. : 36981 Date of Supply : 16.3.85.

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Amount
1	Girls Skirt		7.99
1	Girls Skirt		7.99
1	Tracksuit		11.99
1	Girls Coat		14.99
1	Girls Vest		1.35
2	Girls Vests		2.70
3 Pairs	Girls Pants		2.67
1 Pair	Tights		1.75
2 Pairs	Tights		3.50
1 Pair	Tights		1.75
1	School Skirt		4.50
1	School Skirt		4.50
1 Pair	Girls Trousers		6.99
1 Pair	Girls Trousers		6.99
2	School JUmpers		7.00
			86.66

VAT at the current rate has been included in the above prices where applicable.

Total Invoice Value £ 86.66

Terms : Net 30 Days

Please make payment to : MACKAYS STORES LIMITED
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CALEDONIA STREET
PAISLEY PA3 2JP

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Yours sincerely Pamela Kinsella

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Alistair Butter,
Divisional Social Work Officer.

Ron Taylor,
Senior Social Worker.

RPT/SJG 10.1.85

Mr. Taylor

Re: Pamela Clifford.

Following my Memo of 8th January, 1985, concerning request for the provision of a bed for this child at her new home, I omitted to request also to consider the provision of bedding e.g. pillow and pillow-cases, sheets, duvet quilt and quilt covers. I would be grateful if you could consider these along with my earlier requests.

Senior Social Worker.

To Mrs. Helen Rhind
Senior Administrative Assistant.

From Ron Taylor,
Senior Social Worker.

Your ref.

Our ref. RFT/SJG

Date 7.1.85

Please ask for Mr. Taylor

-9 JAN 1985

Re: Pamela Clifford ex c/o Simpson, [redacted], Brora - Christmas Present

The above-named child, who was in care to Mr. & Mrs. Simpson, was provided with a Christmas present by myself. After discussion with the foster parents, and because of the distance involved, Mrs. Simpson purchased, on my behalf, a personal radio the cost of which was £13.04 and a doll costing £6.75, making a total cost of £19.79. I would be grateful, therefore, if you could arrange to make a payment to Mrs. Simpson for £15, being the amount authorised.

R Taylor

Senior Social Worker.

Agreed

Cheque requisition passed 9/1/85

H.R.

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
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To Goods - 14/12/84
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(Personal Radio)

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DOLL. 0.00

Rag Doll
£6.75
M. Cecil
pp Dikidaks

From Mr Mrs R Wilson Interpreters

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With reference to phone call from Mr George Clifford.

He phoned up on Saturday 27th April about teatime, very drunk and not speaking properly, he asked to speak to pammy. I told him that I wasn't going to put her on the phone when he was drunk as he had rung up a week or two back and had her crying and upset when he had been doing boyf phoning. He said he wasn't drunk. Then his mother came on the phone and said he wasn't drunk and that he was crying. So then I put pammy on the phone. He said to her to tell me that he was going to come down here and smash my face in and Bobs. Then pammy said you talk to him I don't want too.

so I told Bob to speak to him. Then he said all kinds of foul language and that he was coming down to smash our faces in and he would kill anyone who is near his daughter and he was going to get her in a home. He had asked panning for our address.
We are very worried that he might come down here when he has had a drink, Especially if Bob is out with three young children in the house and knows real close neighbours to hand.

FILE 3

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

DINGWALL DIVISION

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH:	AGE
MARC CLIFFORD	17.12.74	15
PAMELA CLIFFORD	23.08.76	12

ADDRESS: RELIGION:

MARC c/o Eileen Henderson (Mother) 89 Shillinghill, Alness
PAMELA, c/o Christine Stirling (Aunt), 166 Kirkside, Alness

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING	TIME:	PLACE
8.3.89	11.30	Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL

Review at request of Local Authority

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES:

See File

INTRODUCTION

Marc and Pamela are both subject to statutory supervision requirements, these requirements stipulating that they must reside with their father at 24 Milnafua, Alness. This Review has been requested as a consequence of the breakdown of the home situation, Marc and Pamela having prior to breakdown, been in the care of Mr Clifford since being discharged from foster care on 27.1.88.

Neither Marc nor Pamela has resided with their father since 21.2.89 they being taken by their older sister, Debbie, to her home and that of her mother, on this date Mr Clifford being in a drunken stupor at this time. Circumstances were such that neither child wished to return to the care of their father, however this said, Pamela did return to Mr Clifford's care on 24.2.89.

I was not aware of the above breakdown, being on holiday during the week commencing 20.2.89 however the matter was discussed fully with Mr Marquis, Senior Social Worker upon my return on 28.2.89 with it being agreed on this date that the Department would endeavour to take Place of Safety Orders on the children should Mr Clifford return with them to 24 Milnafua. At this time Mr Clifford and Pamela were living at the home of Mrs Stirling, this following an alleged burglary of Mr Clifford's home. This decision was reached as a consequence of the believed abuse of alcohol together with other incidents of a similar nature which had been brought to the attention of myself within the proceeding month.

RESPONSE TO SUPERVISION

Since the Childrens' Hearing of 12.5.88 Social Work input has been of a substantial and frequent nature with Mr Clifford and the children having either been seen at the home or at the Social Work Department's office on at least a weekly basis. While Mr Clifford has continued to drink throughout this period, his intake has, for the most part, been controlled, however the dangers of overindulgence have been constantly reinforced to him.

While within the present period of supervision circumstances have until recently remained relatively stable in regard to the above, Pamela's behavioural problems have been such that much work has been undertaken by Mrs Lewis, Alness Academy and myself. Pamela's behavioural and educational difficulties are such that I am informed that serious consideration has been given by the Education Department to referring Pamela to Raddery School.

PRESENT SITUATION/

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The present deterioration in Mr Clifford's circumstances correspond approximately to the death of Mr Henderson, the childrens' maternal grandfather, Mr Henderson dying in late January. While Mr Henderson's death has been distressing for all family members, Mr Clifford has been particularly effected, his alcoholic intake increasing substantially and being on an almost daily basis at this time. Mr Clifford's alcoholic stupors and behaviour is such that I am of the opinion that the children are increasingly at risk when within his care.

Immediately prior to the present placement of Marc and Pamela with their mother, Marc reported that his father had attempted to assault him and had additionally thrown crockery at him. This followed a similar incident of 31.1.89 when both Marc and Pamela reported to the Social Work Office requesting that they be admitted to care, Mr Clifford having during the previous night, in a drunken condition, thrown some darts at Marc. The latter incident followed from Mr Henderson's funeral with Mr Clifford solemnly undertaking that no further incidents would occur, Marc and Pamela returning home on this basis, Mr Clifford has clearly failed in this undertaking .

It should also be noted that Mr Clifford's health is seriously at risk he having for the past week had blood in his urine. Mr Clifford has been urged to seek medical help on the matter however he continues to refuse to do so.

CONCLUSION

At a meeting attended by Social Work Staff, Mr Clifford, Miss Henderson and the children convened in Alness on 2.3.89 it was concluded that a recommendation be placed before the Childrens' Hearing that the children reside outwith their father's home. In making this recommendation there was a general agreement that it would be in Marc's interests to remain with his mother, while in pamela's case a suitable foster home be found. In completing this report I am unable to provide further details regarding the nature or location of the foster home, however a supplementary report shall be submitted by myself outlining the proposed nature of both Marc's and Pamela's placements.

pp. Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Suie House
Bridgend
Alness

3 March 1989

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON MARC AND PAMELA CLIFFORD

Foster Placement - Pamela Clifford

In recommending that Pamela be placed in foster care there was, at the meeting held within the Social Work Department on 2nd March, 1989, a general recognition that Pamela's needs were different from Marc's and that as such they be considered independently.

Given that Pamela remains emotionally very close to her father and that progress is now being made at Alness Academy, it is believed that Pamela's interests would best be served by allowing her to remain in Alness. With this in mind, a Community Carers placement is available for Pamela with Mr. & Mrs. Tait, [redacted] Alness. This couple have been foster parents for ten years and Community Carers for four years, they having within this time fostered numerous children, their last foster placement having finished in December, the foster child having resided with them for nine months. The home is a four bedroomed Local Authority house,s the couple having three children of their own, twin boys aged 16 years and a two year old daughter. The boys are in their fifth year at Alness Academy and are studying for their Highers.

Circumstances of Ms. Henderson

Eileen Henderson is aged 41 years, she having entered into a common law marriage with Mr. Clifford when aged 19 years. While four children were the product of this union, the parental relationship was a stormy and turbulent affair, with the couple separating in 1978. I understand that Ms. Henderson has not cared for any of her children since that time, she has, however, had contact with them throughout the last ten years.

Following the death of Mr. Henderson, her father, in January, Ms. Henderson has taken over the tenancy of the home, the house being shared with her mentally handicapped sister, Sandra, aged 40 years. Sandra [redacted] The home is also shared with Ms. Henderson's daughter, Debbie, aged 17 years, Debbie having for many years prior to this been cared for by Mr. Henderson.

Immediately prior to Mr. Henderson's death, Ms. Henderson cared for her sister and daughter at her present address, [redacted]

Ms. Henderson accepts that she has herself had a drink problem in the past.

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

7th March, 1989

REFERRAL TYPE	
New	
Re-Referral	
Ex Client Assoc	
Correction	
Sub-Referral	

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
REFERRAL FORM

Client No. | | | | | | | | | | |

REFERRAL POINT .....

Surname ..MARK + Rowden.....| Forename ....Clifford.....

Address .....24 Meadow.....Postcode .....

.....Amers.....Telephone .....

Sex Male | | Female | | D.O.B. / /

MARITAL STATUS				
Married	1	Divorced	4	
Single	2	Separated	5	✓
Widowed	3	Other	6	

OCCUPATIONAL STATUS				
Employed	1	Retired	5	
Self-Employed	2	Home/Family	6	
Unemployed	3	Student	7	✓
Lt Sick/Disabled	4	Other	8	

REFERRAL DATE 21 / 2 / 89.

REFERRAL TIME Stand by AM/PM

REFERRAL METHOD				
Letter	1	Caller	3	
Phone	2 ✓	Standby	4	

REFERRAL AGENT				
Self	1	DHSS	10	
Family	2 ✓	Vol Orgs.	11	
Friend/N'bour	3	School	12	
Councillor	4	Educ.Servc	13	
MP	5	Reporter	14	
GP	6	HV/Nurse	15	
Police	7	Other LA	16	
Court	8	Unclassified	17	
Housing	9	Hosp code		

NAME Eileen Clifford.....

ADDRESS.....

.....

CLIENT GROUP: Tick up to 3 Circle Primary Reason				
Deaf/Hard Hearing	11	Parole	18	
Psy.H'cap/Chr Sick	12	Fine Supervision	19	
Mental Handicap	15	Probation	20	
M.H.(Guardian)	16	Stat. After Care	21	
Elderly Infirm	17	CSO	27	
Reg. Blind	25			
Acute Phys.Illness	13	Child (Non S)	23	
Mental Illness	14	Child (Stat)	24	✓
Fin/Housing	22			
Family/Mat/Per	25	Other	28	

REASONS FOR REFERRAL TICK UP TO 5 (CIRCLE PRIMARY REASON				
Fin. Assistance	1	Phys.Illness	13	
Material needs	2	Frailty	14	
Court Proceedings	3	Self Neglect	15	
Drug Problem	4	Not Coping	16	
Alcohol Problem	5	Child Abuse	17	
Housing Problem	6	S.Isolation	18	
Gas Debt	7	Behav. Prob	19	
Electricity Debt	8	School Prob	20	
Other Debt	9	Marital Diff	21	✓
Mobility Problem	10	Family Prob	22	
DHSS-Social Fund	11	Emotional Dis	23	
DHSS-Other	12	Unclassified	24	

HOME AREA .....(Team Code)|
For Hospital/Specialist Team Use Only|

GP NAME/PRACTICE .....

.....

CLIENT AWARE OF REFERRAL? YES | |
NO | |

SURNAME	FORENAME	ADDRESS (if Diff)	RELATIONSHIP	D.O.B.	28	53

PROBLEM/ACTION

Eileen telephoned to advise the children's Father — Dod Clifford was drunk and unfit to care for the children. She had taken them to her own home bathed them etc and indicated she was willing to keep them overnight. Eileen's other daughter Debbie (17) and sister Sandra-Marie Handicapped also in the house.

Phoned Bill Forbes children's S.W. He was happy for the children to be there but decision required from A.T.L. given Father has custody. Discussed with Stewart Maguire children to remain overnight will Eileen to be followed up by Thurs Team tomorrow.

advised Eileen of above.

Pauline Bill Forbes

REVIEW DATE			RESOURCE ASSESSMENT(S) REQUESTED			PASSED TO				
SIX MONTHS	(Y)		GENERAL SERVICES	50		DHSS	1		HEALTH (HOSPITAL)	6
NONE	(N)		ELDERLY SERVICES	51		HOUSING	2		HEALTH (COMMUNITY)	7
SPECIFY (sc77)			CHILDRENS SERVICES	52		CAB	3		VOLUNTARY AGENCY	8
/ /			HOSPITAL SW	53		SCHOOL	4		WRVS CLOTHING LINE	9
			SPECIALIST SW	54		EDUC. PYS.	5		OTHER	10

REPORTS REQUESTED	R	C	OR COMPLETED (SC9)	R	C		R	C		R	C
Mental Hel.Conn. 91			SER-District Crt 96			Investigation 101			Parental Right 106		
Home Background 92			Means Enq-S. Crt 97			Fostering 102			Hospital SW 107		
CP/Reporter 93			Means Enq.-D. Crt 98			Custody 103			English Courts 108		
SER-High Crt 94			Freeing for Adop 99			Access 104			Unclassified 109		
SER-Sheriff Crt 95			Suitability S23 100			Resps Med Off. 105					

COMPLETED BY J. Howis CODE 202 DATE 21/2/89.

ALLOCATE TO SW NUMBER		ALLOCATION PLUS ASSESSMENT	
NO FURTHER ACTION		RESOURCE ASSESSMENT ONLY	

AUTHORISED BY [signature] DESIGNATION ATL DATE 21/2/89

COMPUTER OPERATOR ONLY : Action Entered ☐ Returned to sw ☐

V.D.U. OPERATOR .....DATE.....

FILE 2

Standby 5.45 pm

Form No. SWI/2

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REFERRAL FORM CASE NO. [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

Surname Clifford Forename(s) Geo

Address 24 Millcafore Sex: M/F

Date of Birth Marital Status

G.P.

Referred by Self Date of Referral 28/9/83

*(by letter/telephone/in person)

Previously known to department YES/NO

Other agencies involved

PROBLEM/REQUEST:

Urgent call from m Cafford. Returned home from hospital & find food stole from house 4 children. Has no food or money.

Sent 12 of £10 made.

RECEIVED BY Date 28/9/83 Time

Action taken at time of Referral:

Referral passed to:

Signed

Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision:

Sent 12 £10 from Standby

Senior Officer

Classification of Case Register on:

Re-open existing file Open new file

For miscellaneous cases file

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Ron

Form No. SW1/2

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REFERRAL FORM CASE NO.

Surname Clifford Forename(s) Vincent Pamela, Mark & Deborah

Address 24 Mcnaghten Sex: M/F

Date of Birth Marital Status

G.P.

Referred by Police Surgeon Date of Referral 27/9/83

*(by letter/telephone/in person)

Previously known to department YES/~~NO~~

Other agencies involved

PROBLEM/REQUEST: Father admitted to hospital with Dis- shoulder. ? Possible surgery. Child required accommodation overnight.

Vincent – [redacted]

Deborah and Pamela to Mrs Souter [redacted]

Mark [redacted]

RECEIVED BY R Taylor Date 27/9/83 Time

Action taken at time of Referral:

Referral passed to:

Signed

Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision:

Senior Officer

Classification of Case Register on:

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For miscellaneous cases file

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ADMISSION + DISCHARGE

Form SWI/3/A

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION ..... DINGWALL .....

To be completed for:-

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

CLIFFORD DEBORAH (1)

Name CLIFFORD ..... PAMELA ..... (2) .....

Present Address 24 MILNAFUA .....

..... ALNESS .....

(1) 13.12.71

Date of Birth (2) ..23.5.76.....

Case Reference ...100012.....

Effective Date of Change ..27.9.83. ADMITTED
28.9.83 DISCHARGED

Statutory Condition Imposed .....

..... SECT 15 ..... SW. SCOT ACT 1968

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	✓
Residential Care	
Day Care	
Supervision	
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ..... Home address .....

To ..... Foster parents — Mrs P. Souter, [redacted] Culloden .....

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner ..... ALNESS GROUP PRACTISE .....

School last attended (1) ALNESS ACADEMY
(2) DRAKIE PRIMARY .....

School to be attended ..... AS ABOVE .....

Signed ..... R Mayle ..... Date ..... 29/9/83 .....

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			
Amendment to Register			
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

(CASEFILE COPY)

Form No. SW2/7A

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

RECEPTION OF CHILDREN INTO CARE

Information Compiled by ..... R Taylor ..... Designation ..... Senior Social Worker.

Date ..... 28/9/83 .....

Reason for Admission: Details ..... Father admitted to Hospital .....

Statute ..... Sect 15 .....

Likely Duration of Care ..... Overnight .....

Any Current Medication ..... No .....

Facts about Child/ren

	ONE	TWO	THREE
Legal Surname	CLIFFORD	CLIFFORD	
First Names	PAMELA	DEBORAH	
Sex	F	F	
Date of Birth	23.8.76	13.12.71	
Religion	C of S	C of S	
Date & Place of Baptism	—	—	
Date of present admission	27.9.83	27.9.83	
Address at Time of Present Admission	24 Millburn Annex	24 Millburn Annex	
Number of Previous Periods in Care	One	—	
Date & Address of Last Admission	25.2.80 [redacted]	—	
General Practitioner's Name & Telephone Number	Alness Group	Alness Group	
Case Number	10002		

Form No SW2/7A (Cont'd)

Personal Information on Child/ren

What is the child usually called?	PAMMIE	DEBBIE	
With whom has the child been living?	FATHER	FATHER	
Which address does the child regard as 'Home'?	24 M/F Alness	24 M/F Alness	
Any Special Friends?			
School/Nursery/Play-group attended	OBSDALE PRIM	ALNESS ACAD	
Club or Youth Organisation	—	—	

Information on personal functioning - sleeping and eating habits, fears, temper tantrums, relationships, special toys, bowel and bladder control, etc. no special comment

Family Information

	Natural Mother	Natural Father	Other, e.g. Co-Habitee, Step-parent.
Full-name (include Maiden Name of Mother)		George H. Clifford	
Address & Telephone Number		24 Milnafua	
Date of Birth		1·3·50	
Occupation		unemployed.	
Employer (for emergency contact)		—	
Religion		C of S	
Date of Marriage	not	married	
Date of Separation or Divorce		Separated	

Brothers or Sisters not shown elsewhere on this form.

Name	Age	Address
Vincent	13	24/ Milnafua
Mark	8	Avon

Close relatives or persons interested in child

Name and Relationship	Age	Address

Parental Undertaking (to be signed by parents, when available, in Section 15 Cases Only)

I ..Geo. Clifford.....

being the parent/~~guardian~~ of ..Pamela and Deborah.....

hereby request the Highland Regional Council to receive the above child/ren into care, under Section 15, Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, and hereby agree that the child/ren may receive such medical, surgical or dental treatment as may be deemed necessary by a registered medical or dental practitioner. I further agree that the child/ren may be given a general anaesthetic if in the opinion of a medical practitioner this is felt to be necessary.

(i) I understand that I am liable to contribute towards the cost and maintenance of the children.

(ii) I understand the law requires me to keep the Social Work Department informed of any changes in my circumstances, including change of address, and undertake to co-operate with the Highland Regional Council in formulating future plans for the care of the child/ren.

(iii) The contents of the leaflet - "A Child in Care" - have been fully explained to me by the Highland Regional Council Social Work Department.

Signed ..G. Clifford.....
Father/~~Mother~~/~~Legal~~ Guardian

Address ..24 Milnafua.....

Relationship to Child/~~ren~~ ..Father.....

Date ...27/9/83.....

Witness .....

Designation .....SSW.....

1/83/346.

Form No. SW1/2

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REFERRAL FORM CASE NO. [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

Surname ... Clifford Family ... Forename(s) .....

Address ... 24 Milhafua, Alness ... Sex: M/F .....

..... Date of Birth ..... Marital Status .....

..... G.P. .....

Referred by .. A. Franklin, Senior Social Worker, Tain ... Date of Referral ... 11th July 1983 .....
*(by ~~letter~~/telephone/~~in person~~)

Previously known to department YES/~~NO~~

Other agencies involved .....

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PROBLEM/REQUEST:

Miss Franklin called out last night (Sunday, 10th July) on Standby duty. Father taken to hospital with a displaced clavical. Four children in the family, but twelve year old had gone to Inverness with him. Neighbour in looking after the children in the home, but stated she could not look after them overnight.

Miss Franklin made a home visit at approximately 11.50 p.m. She found the neighbour and her husband, who had decided that they could in fact stay overnight in the house to look after the children. Children seen and seemed to be alright.

This is for our information as the family may contact us today.

RECEIVED BY ... Jayne I. Milne ... Date ... 11.7.83 ... Time ... 10.15 a.m.

Action taken at time of Referral: -

Referral passed to: Senior Social Worker .....

Signed .....
Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision:

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Senior Officer

Classification of Case ..... Register on: .....

Re-open existing file ..... Open new file .....

For miscellaneous cases file .....

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Form No. SW1/2

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REFERRAL FORM CASE NO. [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

Surname ..... Gelfford ..... Forename(s) ..... George .....

Address ..... 24 Rednefua .... Sex: M/F .....

..... Aima. ..... Date of Birth ..... Marital Status .....

..... G.P. .....

Referred by ..... Self ..... Date of Referral ..... 22/8/83 .....

*(by letter/telephone/in person)

Previously known to department YES/NO

Other agencies involved .....

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PROBLEM/REQUEST: Free school meals :— Filled in form on Friday. Sent for back

Educ. People i Inverness

Phoned DHSS + Educ Dept.

meals to be supplied today.

RECEIVED BY ..... Date ..... 22/8/83 ..... Time .....

Action taken at time of Referral:

Referral passed to: .....

Signed .....
Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision: ~~Educ~~. no further action

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Senior Officer

Classification of Case ..... Child Supervision ..... Register on: .....

Re-open existing file ..... ✓ ..... Open new file .....

For miscellaneous cases file .....

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REFERRAL FORM CASE NO. [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

Surname ....Clifford Family..... Forename(s) .....

Address ....24 Milnafua, Alness..... ..... Sex: M/F .....

..... Date of Birth .....Marital Status .....

..... G.P. .....

Referred by . Anonymous 'phonecall..... Date of Referral ....10.2.83.....
*(by letter/telephone/in person)

Previously known to department YES/~~NO~~

Other agencies involved .....

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PROBLEM/REQUEST:

Woman who 'phoned said she did not wish to give her name, but was very concerned about the four Clifford children. She said there was a lot of drinking and "carrying on" going on in that house and that the children are not in school. She thought a social worker should visit to see what was going on. She had no further information.

Thought to be relative - children at school
No action meantime.

RECEIVED BY ..Jayne I. Milne..... Date ...10.2.83.....Time ....10.50 a.m....

Action taken at time of Referral: -

Referral passed to: Senior Social Worker.....

Signed .....
Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision:

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Senior Officer

Classification of Case ..... Register on: .....

Re-open existing file ..... Open new file .....

For miscellaneous cases file .....

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REFERRAL FORM CASE NO. ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Surname ....Clifford..... Forename(s) .....George.....

Address ....29 Inchafure..... ..... Sex: M/F .....

.....Alness..... Date of Birth .....Marital Status .....

..... G.P. .....

Referred by .....Self..... Date of Referral .....11/1/83.....
*(by letter/telephone/in person)

Previously known to department YES/NO

Other agencies involved .....

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PROBLEM/REQUEST:

[redacted]

Clothing grant. Letter to OHSS

Clothing. Shoes & Boots.

Letter sent to OHSS

RECEIVED BY ..... Date ....11/1/83.... Time .....

Action taken at time of Referral:

Referral passed to: .....

Signed .....
Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision:

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Senior Officer

Classification of Case ..... Register on: .....

Re-open existing file ..... Open new file .....

For miscellaneous cases file .....

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file : Clifford file 1/82/499.

Form No. SW1/2

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REFERRAL FORM CASE NO. ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Surname Wale Forename(s) Helen

Address 91 Milrafna Sex: M/F

Aviemore Date of Birth Marital Status

G.P.

Referred by Mary Bramhall Date of Referral 2/9/82

*(by letter/telephone/in person)

Previously known to department YES/NO

Other agencies involved

PROBLEM/REQUEST: Mrs Bramhall was rather disturbed about the Wale and Clifford children at last night from 11.00 pm to approx 3.50 am. (Girls) They were clad in night attire & Coats. Helen Wale refusing to let them in. She was reluctant to report matter to the police because of past harassment from Helen. Suggested that she let the police know and shared the re-occurrence with the police immediately

RECEIVED BY P. McDermott Date 2/9/82 Time

Action taken at time of Referral:

Referral passed to:

Signed
Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision: check out with Mrs. Clifford. Mrs Wale in process of leaving Aviemore with family.

Senior Officer

Classification of Case Child Care Register on:

Re-open existing file Open new file

For miscellaneous cases file ✓

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1/82/334.

Form No. SW1/2

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REFERRAL FORM CASE NO.

Surname Clifford Forename(s) George

Address 11, Milrafna Sex: M/F

Alness Date of Birth Marital Status Sep.

G.P.

Referred by Self Date of Referral 18/6/82

*(by letter/telephone/in person)

Previously known to department YES/NO

Other agencies involved U/Benefit Invergordon

PROBLEM/REQUEST: He give arrived on Wed. He had Contacted U/B twice and been told it had gone off in the post. Rang U/B and asked them to check on his Giro. They interogated their computer and finally discovered that he had been overlooked. Agreed to make a Giro payment "over the counter" at 2-00 pm.

RECEIVED BY P. McDermott Date 18/6/82 Time

Action taken at time of Referral:

Referral passed to:

Signed
Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision:

N/A

Senior Officer

Classification of Case Care free Register on:

Re-open existing file Open new file

For miscellaneous cases file

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Dingwall Division.

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39 (4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT TO CHILDREN'S HEARING

	Pamela Clifford	23.8.76		6
	Mark Clifford	17.12.74		8
NAME:	Deborah Clifford	DATE OF BIRTH: 13.12.71	AGE:	11
	Vincent Clifford	23.6.70		12

ADDRESS: 24 Milnafua, Alness

RELIGION:

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 16th February 1983

TIME: 2.30 p.m. PLACE: Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Review

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See previous reports

The Supervision Order was last reviewed on 23rd March 1982 when the Order was continued, largely to allow Mr. Clifford to retain custody and follow up legal proceedings of custody of the four children.

A local solicitor has been instructed by Mr. Clifford to seek a Sheriff Court custody order. This has, however, taken considerably longer than was anticipated but Mr. Clifford is hopeful that the Court action will be completed within the next two months.

Since the last Review the children continue to be well cared for by Mr. Clifford. Mrs. Wale and her children left to go south in September. Mr. Clifford had to readjust, as had the children, who were obviously very fond of Mrs. Wale.

There has been some contact with Mrs. Clifford, but this has not been too troublesome, either for Mr. Clifford or the children.

Mr. Clifford remains on Supplementary Benefit and tries very hard to maintain standards within the home. The children have enjoyed the developing relationships with their respective "aunts and uncles" - originally W.R.V.S. hostesses and have spent holidays with them.

The school reports indicate some difficulty in attendance and lateness in the mornings, but this now seems to have been resolved.

On the whole, Mr. Clifford is coping well with the children and would therefore recommend continuing the supervision order until Mr. Clifford has gained legal custody.

R.F. Taylor pp.

R.F. Taylor
Senior Social Worker

9th February 1983

Mr. Taylor RFT/JH

12th January
1983

The Manager,
Department of Health and Social Security,
Church Street,
INVERNESS.

Dear Sir,

George Clifford, 24 Milnafua, Alness

I had a visit from the above named, who I understand had written to you requesting a grant for clothing. I explained to Mr. Clifford that it was unlikely he would receive a grant unless he had special circumstances, but nevertheless I am anxious that he should be helped financially if possible.

He is a single parent, looking after four young children. I wonder therefore if it would be possible for a visit to be made to him so that not only the grant for clothing could be looked into, but any other financial help which your Department might be able to give him.

Yours sincerely,

Senior Social Worker

Supar. Continued...

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Dingwall Division.

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39 (4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

	Pamela Clifford	23.8.76		5½
	Mark Clifford	17.12.74		7
	Deborah Clifford	13.12.71		10
NAME:	Vincent Clifford	DATE OF BIRTH: 23.6.70	AGE:	11½

ADDRESS: 24 Milnafua, Alness RELIGION:

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 23rd March 1982 TIME: 7 p.m. PLACE: Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Review

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See previous reports

This family were last reviewed on 22nd April 1981 when the supervision order was continued in order to monitor the home situation and to provide support to Mr. Clifford.

The family have now been on supervision since 2nd November 1978, mainly on the grounds of the children being in Mr. Clifford's care while he was unfit through drink and because of the extremely unstable marital relationship.

Mrs. Clifford, the children's mother, deserted the family in June 1979 and Mr. Clifford has had the care and control of the children since that time. He has presently formed a relationship which has been ongoing for the past year and a half and Mrs. Wale [redacted] The relationship appears to be one which is basically good, which nevertheless has experienced "ups and downs". Mrs. Wale has been a strong influence on the care of the children.

The home situation has remained fairly stable over the past twelve months and although Mr. Clifford still enjoys a drink from time to time, his drinking would appear to be well controlled. He has had one court appearance since the last Panel [redacted]

Mrs./

Mrs. Clifford has been back in the area for two to three months now and is staying with her father. Mr. Clifford has been able to adjust to seeing and meeting Mrs. Clifford in town without him overreacting in any way. I have spoken to Mrs. Clifford, who does not wish to attend the Panel and who states she does not wish to have any involvement with the children.

My contact with the family has been mainly to monitor the home situation, to help with financial problems, e.g. D.H.S.S. Benefits, but I must say that Mr. Clifford has been coping very well with these and I feel that there is less and less need for me to be involved with the family. I do feel that Mr. Clifford would contact me in the event of any problem arising in any case.

Vincent [redacted]

Deborah [redacted]

Mark [redacted]

Pamela is now aged five and a half and started school in August last year. She is fairly small in stature and keeps good health. She has an excellent school attendance and is normally a quiet and friendly little girl.

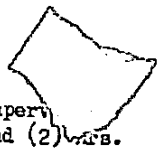
The children are always well turned out and are kept clean and neat. The family remains a very close knit one and the children appear to enjoy a very close, secure relationship with their father. They get on well with Mrs. Wale and her own children.

The school reports indicate that the children do show a degree of tiredness and are sometimes pale. I found the children to be usually fairly pale skinned which would seem to be a natural trend. With regards to the tiredness displayed at school, I believe that this is certainly something to do with the time the children go to sleep. Having eight children in the house does tend to create problems with getting the children bedded down. Apart from this I see no behavioural problems or disturbance in the children.

Conclusion

It is now going on for four years since the children have been on supervision. They are now of course that bit older and are less at risk because of that. I have had less and less contact with the family over the past few months and feel confident that Mr. Clifford or Mrs. Wale would contact me should there be any serious problem which they cannot deal with. I do not consider the children to be at risk and feel confident that Mr. Clifford is coping well with them.

I/



I do feel that it is time we should be thinking of discharging the Supervision Order as (1) the children are unlikely to be left unattended again and (2) Mrs. Clifford will not try and take the children away.

Should the Panel decide to discharge the supervision order I feel confident that Mr. Clifford would contact me should there be any difficulties.

R Taylor

R.F. Taylor
Senior Social Worker

Area Office
55a High Street
Alness

18th March 1982

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Dingwall Division.

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 59 (4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

	Pamela Clifford	23.8.76		4
	Mark Clifford	17.12.74		6
NAME:	Deborah Clifford	DATE OF BIRTH: 13.12.71	AGE:	9
	Vincent Clifford	23.6.70		10

ADDRESS: 24 Milnafua, Alness RELIGION:

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 22nd April 1981 TIME: 11.30 PLACE: Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Review

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See previous reports

The children were last reviewed on 21st May 1980 when at that time Pamela, the youngest child, was in a foster placement with Mrs. MacDonald in Evanton. Shortly following on the Review Pamela was returned home and started attending playgroup and has continued to do so since that time.

The family circumstances continue to give concern in this case. Mr. Clifford continues to have a drink problem, which became particularly worse after the New Year for a period. However, he has been able to stop his very excessive drinking. He does, however, in my opinion, continue to have a considerable drink problem.

The children are normally well cared for and he is very protective towards them and they seem very fond of their father. Mr. Clifford has found a great deal of support from Mrs. Helen Wale with whom he has started a relationship. I do not, however, see this as a relationship which is likely to be of any longstanding duration. Mrs. Clifford has left the Alness area but has occasionally come back. It is usually at this time that Mr. Clifford is unable to cope and turns to excessive drinking.

There are various family members around who are willing and do keep an eye on the situation and help out where necessary. The children enjoy various holiday arrangements which have been established through the W.R.V.S. and apart from occasional days off school, the children do not appear to cause any problem.

In view of the home environment I would suggest that the supervision orders be continued.

Ron Taylor

Senior Social Worker

Area Office
55a High Street
Alness

6th April 1981

Continued Supervision

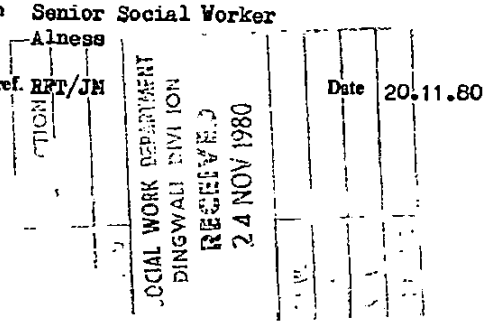
MEMORANDUM

To Divisional Social Work Officer From Senior Social Worker
Alness

Your ref.

Our ref. RFT/JM Date 20.11.80

Please ask for Mr. Taylor



Pamela Clifford - Playgroup Fees

I originally requested Section 12 approval for five mornings per week on 30th May 1980. Approval was given for payment of fees in excess of one attendance per week. However, up to 5th September 1980 Pamela was given a free place by the playgroup committee and so saved the Depart-:ment some money.

However, Pamela is attending playschool on a daily basis now, five days per week. The home circumstances have not changed but Mr. Clifford is finding it difficult financially to cope.

Pamela has no mother figure at home and she has had a period in care. She is responding well to the playgroup and I feel is benefitting trem-:endously from this. I would like to recommend that the Department support Pamela's attendance on a daily basis, five days per week, as a preventative measure until she commences school. The cost invulved would be £2.50 per week for thirty weeks, totalling £75, until she commences school. I would consider that this money would be well invested in view of the very bad family background that this child has experienced.

Please find enclosed account from Milnafua Playgroup from 5th September to 14th November amounting to £25. Playgroup have not charged for the period 1st June to 5th September.

I would be grateful if you could arrange payment of this account.

P.S. The playgroup withdraws the free place available as they are short of funds.

R May R.

5.12.80. Outstanding amount approved + will approve payment of 5 days up to week ending 12.12.80. After that date will expect parent to pay for 1 day each week + Dept pay days in excess. Will need to re-approve 31.3.81 for next financial year.

B B Bavaday

Mr. Taylor RFT/JH

10th December
1980

Mrs. McKeddie,
50 Milnafua,
ALNESS.

Dear Mrs. McKeddie,

Playgroup Fees - Pamela Clifford

My Department has agreed to pay playgroup fees for five days per week up until 12th December 1980, and a cheque will be on its way to you to cover this. From that date, however, the Department will only pay for four days per week. The fifth day will have to be met by Mr. Clifford himself. I will be writing to Mr. Clifford to inform him of this.

Should you experience difficulty in getting payment from Mr. Clifford please do not hesitate to contact me. This arrangement will be reviewed on 31st March 1981.

Yours sincerely,

Senior Social Worker

Mr. Taylor RFT/JH

10th December
1980

Mr. G. Clifford,
24 Milnafua,
ALNESS.

Dear Mr. Clifford,

You will be aware that this Department has been meeting playgroup fees in respect of Pamela at a rate of £2.50 per week. However, from 12th December I have been informed that you will be required to pay one day amounting to 50p per week. This should be paid direct to the Playgroup. The Department will continue to pay for the four days until 31st March 1981 when the situation will be reviewed.

Yours sincerely,

Senior Social Worker

CONFIDENTIAL

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL WORK
Committee Item No.
(For H.Q. Use)

Application for assistance under S. 12., Social Work (Scotland) Act and other Acts

Case Number : 100021 Division : Dingwall

Assistance applied for : (state estimated costs) Request for payment of playgroup fees

Arrangements for repayment: (if applicable) N/A

Case Background and reasons for request :

This child was admitted to care in February 1980 due to the inability of father to cope with her care. A Review Hearing was held on 21st May, which recommended discharge to her father. This was possible as the child would be able to attend playgroup, possibly on a full day basis.

The family is a one parent family. There are three other children and they are dependent on supplementary benefit.

It is essential that this child attend playschool which will provide her with the stimulation, etc. which has been lacking previously. In view of the low income of this family I would be grateful if the Social Work Department could pay the cost of playgroup fees.

Recommended attendance - five mornings per week.

Agree that child should attend Playgroup for one morning per week but Social Father should contribute by paying for one morning. Hqtrs would authorise payment of attendances in excess of one per week

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

View of other statutory agencies consulted

Signed ..... (Social Worker/Occupational Therapist) Date: 30.5.80

C/Signed ..... (Divisional Officer) Date: 1/6/80

THIS PART WILL NOT APPEAR ON COMMITTEES AGENDA

Name and Address of client: Pamela Clifford, 24 Milnafua, Alness

Any other information for Director

Please note that as far as possible no identifying details should appear above the line

TWO COPIES REQUIRED

Mr. Taylor RFT/JH

30th May 1980

Mrs. T. MacDonald,
[redacted]
EVANTON.

Dear Mrs. MacDonald,

Just a note to say thank you very much for all the love and attention you gave to Pamela during her three months stay with you. The benefit of the past three months to Pamela will be tremendous and whilst she would have continued to benefit from your care it would be more and more difficult as time elapsed for Pamela to return to the family home.

I hope you will keep in touch with Pamela as I am sure she will miss you greatly.

Once again, many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Senior Social Worker

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Dingwall Division.

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 59 (4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

	Pamela Clifford	23.8.76		3
	Mark Clifford	17.12.74		5
NAME:	Deborah Clifford	DATE OF BIRTH: 13.12.71	AGE:	8
	Vincent Clifford	23.6.70		9

ADDRESS: 24 Milnafua, Alness RELIGION:

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 21st May 1980 TIME: 11 a.m. PLACE: Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Review

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See previous reports

The children were placed on supervision on 2nd November 1978 following Mr. Clifford's conviction for being in charge of the children whilst unfit through drink. The marital situation was also extremely unstable. The case was reviewed on 2nd July 1979 following Mrs. Clifford's desertion of the family.

Pamela was received into care on 25th February 1980 and her supervision requirement reviewed on 10th March 1980. She has been placed with foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald, [redacted] Evanton. Mr. Clifford was finding great difficulty in coping with the caring of Pamela and on admission to care Pamela was found to be slow in many aspects of her socialisation, e.g. speech, toilet training, etc.

Pamela has really blossomed since being with Mrs. MacDonald. She no longer soils or wets and her speech has greatly improved. She is still however not a child who appreciates cuddling and close physical contact. She also retains a tenseness when exposed to any sudden movements and does not enjoy horseplay.

Contact has been kept between Mr. and Mrs. Clifford and Pamela on a weekly basis. It was interesting to see Pamela's response to these visits and particularly when her mother or father left. In the initial weeks Pamela would usually cry but as she became more settled and secure with Mrs. MacDonald these scenes diminished. Pamela now attends Playschool three days a week and enjoys this immensely.

I feel that Pamela must be returned home now otherwise she will experience fairly severe problems in readjusting to the family home.

The home situation remains as before. Mrs. Clifford is cohabiting with another man in Alness. Mr. Clifford continues to live on his own with the children. He continues to drink, at times to excess, but has been generally in better shape since Pamela has been in care.

I have looked into Mr. Clifford's D.H.S.S. Benefits. His income consists of £16 Child Benefit and £12.20 Supplementary Benefit. In addition D.H.S.S. pays rent direct of £9.28 and £13 plus 95p towards the Hydro Board.

He recently received a grant of £40 plus voluntary savings of £32.50 for clothing for the children. Rent arrears of £53.50 were also cleared from the voluntary savings. I have requested a further grant for clothing for himself and have supplied him with bedding.

The other three children appear to be surviving reasonably well. Mark [redacted]

Holidays/

[redacted] Vincent and Deborah [redacted]

Conclusion

I would recommend that Pamela's supervision order be varied to allow her to be returned home within the following week. A playschool place will be available at the Milnafua Playgroup and it is likely Mr. Clifford will receive financial help towards this.

I would further recommend the supervision orders be continued.

Mrs. Clifford has indicated she is to be moving away from the area and may not be at the Hearing.

R. J. Taylor.
p.p.

Senior Social Worker

Area Office
55a High Street
Alness

16th May 1980

FORM NO. SW1/4B

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Six-Monthly review of a Child in Care.

1. Name of Child: Pamela Clifford 2. Date of Birth: 23.8.76

3. Home Address: 24 Milnafua, Alness

4. Present Address: c/o Macdonald, [redacted] Evanton

5. In Care under Section 44(1)(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.

6. Date of Review: 17th April 1980 7. Date of Previous Review: N/A

8. Number of visits since previous Review:

9. Behaviour of Child since previous Review:
The child was admitted to care because father was experiencing difficulty in coping with Pamela soiling and wetting. Since being with Mrs. MacDonald there would appear to be a marked improvement in both her bladder control and soiling.

10. Any changes of importance since previous Review:
The Panel hope that this case will be reviewed within a period of three months. The Panel was held on 10th March 1980.

11. Date of last School Report: N/A

Recommendations/Observations from School Report:

12. Date of last Medical Report: 26.2.80

Recommendations/Observations from Medical Report:
Pamela was suffering from a mild respiratory infection at the time of admission. She is also of slightly small stature. Pamela's infection has since cleared up and she is gaining weight.

13. Contact with parents /friends:
Pamela has had contact with both mother and father. Pamela experiences more distress when her father leaves than when her mother leaves. Father is not happy about mother having contact with child. However, it is my opinion that Pamela finds her visits by mother pleasurable.

14. Any recommendations since previous review:

The Children's Hearing discussed this case quite fully and felt that Mr. Clifford was indeed having difficulty in coping with Pamela. Recommendation was that Pamela remain with Mrs. MacDonald for a period and that the case be reviewed within three months.

15. General Comments:

Father was undergoing a particularly difficult period after the New Year, which was further exaggerated by the fact that he had a very short reconciliation with Eileen Clifford, which ended in disaster. Mrs. Macdonald has got the situation well in hand and Pamela is responding well to the care and attention. She is much more confident and gives the appearance of a boisterous, happy child. It is hoped that Pamela will remain in care until May, when I hope to take the case back to the Children's Panel. Visiting by both parents is to continue as frequently as possible as there is the likelihood that Pamela will be returned to the care of her father. Mrs. Clifford has also indicated an interest in the child. She has now obtained a house in Westford, Alness, and is cohabiting with [redacted]

Signed .....
Supervising Officer

Date .....15th.April.1980....

16. Recommendations following the Review:

17. Date of next review:

Signed .....
Senior Social Worker

Date .....

MEMORANDUM

To Mr. R. Taylor,
Senior Social Worker,
Social Work Area Office, Alness.

From Mrs. H. Rhind,
Senior Administrative Assistant,
Social Work Dept., Dingwall Division.

Your ref.

Our ref. HER/KMAM

Date 12th March, 1980.

Please ask for Mrs. Rhind.

Pamela Clifford - Financial Assessment

Could I please have a financial assessment form in respect of Pamela Clifford who was admitted to foster care on 25th February.

Would you also tell me the name of the foster parent and the social worker involved.

Helen Rhind

Mrs. Clifford returned north to live with her father in Shillinghill, Alness, and [redacted] around New Year time. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford were able to avoid one another until 22nd February when they met in a local pub. It would appear that they effected a very temporary reconciliation, Mrs. Clifford spending the night with Mr. Clifford. However, she left the following day and returned to her father's house. Mr. Clifford took this very hard and turned to drink for comfort. He had been drinking fairly heavily for the whole weekend. The children had been farmed out between a sister, Mrs. Stirling, at 6 Milnafua, and Mr. Henderson, 89 Shillinghill, who is Mrs. Clifford's father. This experience upset the children and as a result Pamela in particular started soiling and wetting.

Mr. Clifford regretted his decision to have Pamela removed into care the next day but I feel he understands that it will benefit Pamela a great deal.

Mrs. Clifford remains with her father [redacted] in Alness and I understand has applied for a council house in this area. She has asked me about getting the children back but I feel that she has little genuine love and affection for them. She appeared at Tain Sheriff Court on 5th March [redacted]

Conclusion

Mr. Clifford has over the past nine months given me cause for concern at times regarding his ability to cope with four young children. He has continued to drink, albeit not excessively and admits he has a drink problem. However, he does not wish to seek help from Alcoholics Anonymous nor does he wish me to provide help within his home. I feel he does genuinely care for his children, but does so in a perhaps rough and ready way. With Pamela in particular I feel he has not been able to give adequate stimulation. She is a small, thin three year old who would appear to be slow in many social achievements, e.g. speech, toilet training. She is however a very open child who seeks attention and affection. The foster Mum has started toilet training from the first basic step and hopes that she will improve. Pamela's clothing has generally been second hand, hand-me-downs as Mr. Clifford is on supplementary benefit. I feel that he has indeed found difficulty in coping with Pamela.

I would recommend that she continue to reside with Mrs. MacDonald at Evanton for a short period. I would hope that Pamela could eventually be returned to Mr. Clifford's care. The other children all attend school and would seem to be surviving fairly well.

R.F. Taylor

R.F. Taylor
Senior Social Worker

Area Office
55a High Street
Alness

6th March 1980

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[illegible]

Dingwall Division.

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 59 (4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT (CHILD'S HOME)

NAME: Pamela Clifford DATE OF BIRTH: 23.8.76 AGE: 3

ADDRESS: 24 Milnafua, Alness RELIGION:

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 10th March 1980 TIME: 8 p.m. PLACE: Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Review at the request of the Social Work Department

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See previous reports

This case was last reviewed in July 1979 following Mrs. Clifford leaving the children and the area. A supervision order was made in respect of the four children in this family with a condition that they reside with their father at 24 Milnafua, Alness.

The four children have remained there until I removed the youngest child, Pamela and placed her in the care of the Local Authority on 25th February 1980. This action followed a home visit to Mr. Clifford, where I found him to be considerably under the influence of drink but there was another male adult in the house who was sober. Mr. Clifford requested that I take Pamela into care as over the past two weeks he had not been coping with her. She was soiling and wetting. Mr. Clifford was very depressed and weepy and I tried to persuade him he should withdraw his request and reconsider the matter in the morning. However, he was insistent and I felt that in the circumstances I had no alternative but to remove Pamela. I placed Pamela with foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald at [redacted] Evanton, where she remains to date.

Up until Christmastime the situation had been fairly stable bar one incident where Mrs. Clifford returned to Alness and was living with her father. The children were quite upset at knowing their mother was back in town. However, Mrs. Clifford again left with [redacted] and they returned to the Edinburgh area. Mr. Clifford was managing reasonably well with the care of the children and had been getting the house together slowly. He had not stopped drinking but appeared to have his drinking sessions under some control. The extended family is a very close knit one and unfortunately Mr. Clifford would appear to become involved in other family disputes by allowing certain members of the family to stay within his house.

He had Pamela completely off nappies prior to Christmas and this was confirmed by the Health Visitor. She describes Mr. Clifford as trying the best he could for his children. Standards within the home have been poor but adequate. Mr. Clifford's ability to care for the children has always caused me anxiety but I would support him in that he has tried very hard to keep his home and family together.

Mrs./

ALNESS

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MEMORANDUM

To Divisional Social Work Officer

From Senior Social Worker Alness

Your ref.

Our ref. RFT/JM

Date 26.2.80

Please ask for Mr. Taylor

Clifford Family, 24 Milnafua, Alness

Please find enclosed casefile on the Clifford family.

Pamela was admitted to Mrs. MacDonald, [redacted] Evanton, on 25th February.

The section 15 application and financial assessment form have been completed and a change of circumstances form has been sent to the Admin. Section.

Ron

P.S Please arrange foster Payments to Mrs MacDonald.

Reply

Thank you. Will commence payments this week.
File still with BB. HR

Alness

MEMORANDUM

To Divisional Social Work Officer From Senior Social Worker Alness

Your ref. Our ref. RFR/JH Date 21.3.80

Please ask for Mr. Taylor

Pamela Clifford, 24 Milnafua, Alness

Further to my memo of 13th March. When Pamela was initially received into care I had already approached Coul Park Children's Home, who supp-:lied some clothing. However, it is felt that Pamela requires two vests, two pairs of pants, three pairs of socks, two pairs of tights, two jer-:seys, one pair of trousers, (Mrs. MacDonald has already bought one pair of trousers at a cost of £4.29) one pair of shoes, one pair of slippers, one pair of Wellingtons, two pairs of pyjamas or nightdresses and one coat or anorak.

The clothing could be supplied from Jan's, High Street, Alness, and footwear from MacRae's shoe shop, High Street, Alness.

I would be grateful if you could consider this request.

R F Taylor

25.3.80. Approved - to Admin for Order completion BB

MEMORANDUM

To Divisional Social Work Officer

From Senior Social Worker Alness

Your ref.

Our ref. RFT/JM

Date 13.3.80

Please ask for Mr. Taylor

Pamela Clifford, 24 Milnafua, Alness

As you will be aware, I removed this child into care on 25th February 1980 under Section 15 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act. This child is the subject of a supervision requirement with a condition of resid-:ence with her father at 24 Milnafua, Alness. On admission to care I requested a Review, which took place on 10th March, when the Panel varied the supervision order so that the child could remain in care for a short period, that is, I must call a Hearing within three months.

Pamela was placed with Mrs. MacDonald, [redacted] Evanton. She was admitted with very little clothing and what her father has for her is not suitable or adequate. I would therefore be grateful if you could approve my request for the supply of the following items:-

Vests
Pants
Socks
Tights
Jerseys
Trousers
Shoes
Slippers
Wellingtons
Pyjamas
Coat
Anorak

Mrs. MacDonald was able to borrow clothing to tide her over. I would begrateful if you could attend to this matter as soon as possible.

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Reply

17.3.80
RH/EH

Having regard to the short-term nature of this placement could you possibly enquire if Mrs. MacKay has any good quality clothing at Coulpark which she may be willing to release for Pamela (not shoes, slippers or wellingtons). Thereafter let me have a list of items including footwear which cannot be supplied and state the minimum quantity of each item required please, and the shops to be used for purchase so that I can return, with the approval, the Order Forms.

Mr. Taylor RFT/JM

28th February
1980

Dr. A. Jackson,
Senior Medical Officer,
Highland Health Board,
Moorfield,
Ferry Road,
DINGWALL.

Dear Dr. Jackson,

Pamela Clifford, 24 Milnafua, Alness

I am writing to inform you that the above named child was admitted to care on 25th February and is presently with Mrs. MacDonald, foster parent, [redacted], Evanton.

I will advise you accordingly when the child is returned home.

Yours sincerely,

Senior Social Worker

FORM NO. SW2/7b

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF CHILD - FREEDOM FROM INFECTION

Name of Child ....Pamela Clifford 24 Mulnafua Crescent....

Age or Date of Birth ....23.8.76.... Sex ....Female....

Address C/O McDonald, [redacted] Crianlarich

1. Is the child free from signs of infectious or contagious disease?
Yes (mild resp infect)

2. Has he/she to your knowledge been in contact with any infectious or contagious disease during the past 3 weeks?
No

3. Please report briefly on general physical condition, including nutrition, cleanliness and any injuries evident.
No obvious injuries. Slightly small stature

4. Did your examination reveal any physical or mental abnormality or handicap? (Please specify)
Some scars (slight cleft palate)

5. Other observations, health matters or special needs which should be noted by those taking over the daily care of the child.

6. I examined the above named child on ....26/2/80....(date)

Signed ....[signature]....

Designation ....MBChB....

Date ....26/2/80....

Address ....R Belford Health Centre....

FORM NO. SW2/7

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Details of child/ren admitted to care - can be used for up to three children from one family who are being admitted at the same time.

INFORMATION COMPILED BY: R Taylor DESIGNATION SSW

DATE: 25.2.80

REASON FOR ADMISSION: DETAILS Sect 15 Parent unable to cope.

STATUTE " SW Scot Act 1968

LIKELY DURATION OF CARE: Until 16th birthday

ANY SPECIAL MEDICAL TREATMENT OR CARE REQUIREMENTS WHICH REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION: None

FACTS ABOUT CHILD/REN			
SURNAME	CLIFFORD		
FIRST NAMES	PAMELA		
SEX	FEMALE		
DATE OF BIRTH	23.8.76		
PLACE OF BIRTH	DINGWALL		
RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION	COFS		
DATE & PLACE OF BAPTISM	/		
PREVIOUS PERIODS IN CARE	NONE		
PREVIOUS ADDRESSES			
GENERAL PRACTITIONER	AZNESS		
DATES & PLACE OF ADMISSION	25-2-80 [redacted]		
CASE NUMBER	100021		

FORM NO. SW2/7

PERSONAL INFORMATION ON CHILD/REN

WHAT IS THE CHILD USUALLY CALLED	PAMELA		
WITH WHOM HAS THE CHILD BEEN LIVING	FATHER		
WHICH ADDRESS DOES THE CHILD REGARD AS 'HOME'	24 NUNAFUA		
ANY SPECIAL FRIENDS	—		
SCHOOL/NURSERY/PLAY-GROUP ATTENDED	—		
CLUB OR YOUTH ORGANISATION	—		

SHORT REPORT ON PERSONAL FUNCTIONING - SLEEPING, EATING AND BATHROOM HABITS, FEARS, TEMPER TANTRUMS, RELATIONSHIPS, SPECIAL TOYS, BOWEL AND BLADDER CONTROL, ETC.

Small, thin 3 year old Father, single parent with drinking problem.

FAMILY INFORMATION

	MOTHER	FATHER
FULL NAME (INCLUDE MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER)	Eileen Blackstock or Clifford or Hughes	GEORGE HAMILTON CLIFFORD.
ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NO.	c/o 89 Shillinghill Annan	24 NUNAFUA ANNESS.
DATE OF BIRTH		1.3.50
OCCUPATION	Housewife	UNEMPLOYED
EMPLOYER (FOR EMERGENCY CONTACT)	—	
RELIGION	—	C of S.
DATE OF MARRIAGE	not married	
DATE OF SEPARATION OR DIVORCE		SEPARATED

FORM NO. SW2/7

BROTHERS OR SISTERS NOT SHOWN ELSEWHERE ON THIS FORM

NAME	AGE	ADDRESS
Vincent	10	
Deborah	8	
Mark	6	

CLOSE RELATIVES OR PERSONS INTERESTED IN CHILD

NAME & RELATIONSHIP	AGE	ADDRESS

PARENTAL UNDERTAKING

I GEORGE CLIFFORD being the parent/legal guardian of PAMELA hereby request the Highland Regional Council to receive the above child/ren into care, under Section 15, Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968, and hereby agree that the child/ren may receive such medical, surgical or dental treatment as may be deemed necessary by a registered medical or dental practitioner. I further agree the the child/ren may be given a general anaesthetic if in the opinion of a medical practitioner this is felt to be necessary.

(a) I understand that I am liable to contribute towards the cost and maintenance of the children.

(b) I understand the law requires me to keep the Social Work Department informed of any changes in my circumstances, including change of address, and undertake to co-operate with the Highland Regional Council in formulating future plans for the care of the child/ren;

(c) The contents of the Leaflet - "A Child in Care" - have been fully explained to me by the Highland Regional Council Social Work Department.

SIGNED X [signature]
Father/~~Mother~~/~~Legal Guardian~~

ADDRESS 24 Muirafauld

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD/REN father

DATE 25/2/80

WITNESS [signature]

DESIGNATION SSW

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Dingwall Division.

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39 (4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME:	Vincent George Clifford	DATE OF BIRTH:	23.6.70	AGE: 9
	Deborah Eileen Clifford		13.12.71	7
	Mark Hamilton Clifford		17.12.74	4
	Pamela Alison Clifford		23.8.76	2

ADDRESS: 24 Milnafua, Alness RELIGION: Protestant

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 2nd July 1979 TIME: 8.30 p.m. PLACE: Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Review

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: 2.11.78

The children of this family were placed on supervision on 2nd November 1978 as a result of Mr. Clifford being in charge of the children while unfit through drink. Mr. Clifford was placed on probation at Tain Sheriff Court for this offence on 18th October 1978. The idea of placing the children on supervision was to try and stabilise a very unstable and unsatisfactory home situation. Unfortunately, this would not appear to have been successful as there have been a number of separations since the children were placed on supervison, albeit short separations, apart from the present one. Mrs. Clifford deserted the family home two and a half weeks ago. Her whereabouts are unknown. She has left the children in the care of Mr. Clifford. There have also been incidents where both have been drinking excessively. On one occasion Mr. Clifford was sent to prison for sixty days, on 12th April, for assaulting Mrs. Clifford. During the period Mr. Clifford was in prison Mrs. Clifford was charged with being drunk in charge of the children. She is due to appear at court on 4th July.

I have found Mr. Clifford to be cooperative and it would appear that he is genuinely fond of the children. However, I feel that he finds the caring of four children to be quite a handful, particularly the youngest two children, Pamela and Mark. It has been reported to me from two different sources that Mr. Clifford is still drinking to excess, although Mr. Clifford denies this. He states that if he does go out for a drink he leaves the children with his mother. I do not think Mr. Clifford will change his drinking pattern and will continue on occasions to drink to excess.

The children's attendance at school has been very spasmodic due to the separations and Mrs. Clifford's unwillingness to send the children to school. Mark [redacted]. I have discussed with Mr. Clifford the inevitability of the children being removed from his care should he not be caring for them adequately. He has agreed to accept the help of a Home Help if this would prevent the children being removed from his care. I have also discussed with him the possibility of the two younger children being admitted to care as he finds them most difficult to cope with. He indicates that he would be very upset if any of the children were removed from his care.

This/

This family has caused me most difficulty in coming to a decision about the children. It is very plain that the children have a fondness for their father, particularly Vincent, the eldest child. On the other hand, I feel that these children have suffered irreparable damage to their personalities because of the unstable and often violent home background. There is doubt in my mind as to whether removal from the home situation and from father would improve their emotional development. Their physical standard of care within the home is at the best poor but Mr. Clifford does the best he can.

In looking at the alternatives the Department can offer it would be extremely difficult to find a foster home which would take four children. Both Children's Homes are full and there are no vacancies in other Divisions. It would certainly be easier to find a place for the two younger children. There is also the possibility of providing a Home Help but this has still to be confirmed by the Home Help Organiser. It is difficult to come to a decision as to what would be in the children's best interests in this case.

Ron Taylor

Senior Social Worker

Area Office
55a High Street
Alness

29th June 1979

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Dingwall Division.

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39 (4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME:	Vincent George Clifford Deborah Eileen Clifford Mark Hamilton Clifford Pamela Alison Clifford	DATE OF BIRTH:	23.6.70 13.12.71 17.12.74 23.8.76
ADDRESS:	24 Milnafua, Alness	AGE:	
RELIGION:	Church of Scotland		

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 2nd November 1978 TIME: 8.15 p.m. PLACE: Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Referred by Sheriff

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: None

The court report prepared for Tain Sheriff Court on Mr. Clifford for 18th October is attached. Also attached is a supplementary report prepared for the Children's Hearing dated 27th October.

Family

Cohabitee — George Hamilton Clifford, 28 years, subject of report
Eileen Henderson or Blackstock or Clifford, 30 years, meantime residing with her father

Children — Vincent George, 8 years, Obsdale School, residing with Mr. Clifford
Deborah Eileen, 7 years, Obsdale School, residing with Mr. Clifford
Mark Hamilton, 4 years, residing with Mr. Clifford
Pamela, 2 years, residing with Mr. Clifford

The above mentioned children are the result of a cohabitation which has lasted since 1969. Mr. Clifford [redacted]. The relationship between Mr. Clifford and his cohabitee has been particularly unstable and violent with innumerable separations and reconciliations. At present the couple are separated. Mrs. Clifford is living with her father in Alness and Mr. Clifford is caring for the four children.

Home

Mr. Clifford is the tenant of a four apartment centrally heated council house. The house is reasonably furnished and maintained. Mr. Clifford receives supplementary benefit amounting to £34.40 plus child benefit of £9.20 per week. Amounts for rent and fuel are deducted at source by the Department of Health and Social Security. Mr. Clifford has held tenancy of this house since November 1977.

Mrs. Clifford is also a tenant of a council house which I understand to be unfurnished. This Department has been involved with this family intermittently since 1972. The main problems have been financial, although latterly concern has been expressed regarding the care of the children.

Personal History

The accused was born on the Black Isle and is the youngest in a family of four surviving children. He is in fact one of a twin, the other having died at a week old.

Mr. Clifford states he has enjoyed a normal healthy childhood. He describes his childhood as being reasonably happy but admits that he thought his father was particularly hard on the family.

The accused attended primary and secondary schools in Alness and Invergordon, leaving at fifteen years of age. He has held a number of jobs since then and had periods of unemployment. He has been unemployed for the past year approximately.

Mr. Clifford met his cohabitee who is a local girl when he was nineteen years old. The couple have lived together off and on since that time.

Mr. Clifford impresses on the surface as a caring father. He does however have a drink problem and it would appear that this exacerbates his quick and often violent temper which has led him into trouble with the police on many occasions. He is however obsessed with continuing his relationship with Mrs. Clifford, who is the target of his aggression. In simple terms, the relationship could be described as a 'love/hate' one. Mr. Clifford has stated that he has always resented his parents-in-law interfering in his family. Mrs. Clifford is also known to be a heavy drinker and to associate with other men. Both parents are immature and display psychopathic behaviour. Both have severely injured each other during their fighting which has probably been seen by the children. Nevertheless I feel that this relationship will continue as the pattern over the past nine years has indicated a continuing, albeit an unstable, relationship.

As/

As to the care of the children, both parents have used the children in their marital fighting. Nevertheless there is a bond of affection between children and both parents. Both parents have accused each other of neglecting the children. Usually on investigation by this Department the accusations could not be substantiated.

Over the past year there have been a number of separations. Since March 1977, following a separation, Vincent, the second eldest child, decided he wished to be cared for by Mr. Clifford. As a result Mr. Clifford was allocated his present council house in November 1977. Since May of this year following a further separation all the children, [redacted], have been cared for by Mr. Clifford. There have been a number of reconciliations since then but the couple are separated at the moment, Mr. Clifford refusing to give the care of the children to Mrs. Clifford.

I have been monitoring the standard of care the children have received by Mr. Clifford. It would appear that he has provided an adequate standard of physical care and maintains a warm, comfortable home for the children.

[redacted] Vincent and Deborah [redacted]

Attitude to the Offence

Mr. Clifford now accepts that his actions were quite irresponsible and blames most of his past offences on drink. He also realises that his relationship with his cohabitee is a source of provocation and aggravation and yet is unwilling to end the relationship. I have not known Mr. Clifford to consciously endanger or neglect the children.

Assessment

This family has been known to my Department intermittently since 1972. The problems were mainly financial and relating to accommodation. It has only been recently that anxiety has been expressed about the effects the numerous separations and fights will have on the children, who on the whole appear reasonably unaffected by their parents' unstable relationship.

Mr. Clifford has made considerable efforts to keep the children together under his care and I believe he is genuinely fond of them.

As this will be a family my Department will have continuing contact with, I respectfully suggest that the offence be disposed by placing the accused on a probation supervision order. I further recommend that the children be referred to the Children's Reporter as being in need of compulsory measures of care.

R.F. Taylor
Senior Social Worker

Area Office
55a High Street
Alness

17th October 1978

Supplementary Report

Vincent, Deborah, Mark and Pamela Clifford
24 Milnafua, Alness

The situation at present is that Mr. Clifford appeared at Tain Sheriff Court on 18th October charged with Contravention of the Children and Young Persons Act 1937 Section 12 (1). He had in effect been drunk in charge of the children and having an unguarded electric fire. He pled guilty and was placed on probation for one year.

The marital situation has again changed since that time in that Mrs. Clifford has returned to the family home. My main concern is regarding the emotional and physical care of the children. I am concerned over the number of separations, the exposure of the children to the marital fights and the use of the children as "pawns" in this situation. As to the physical care of the children, standards here are mostly adequate, although there has been room for improvement.

I would recommend that these children be placed on supervision because of the unstable nature of both partners. Should the couple separate again it could well be that the children could be cared for by Mrs. Clifford, who also has a drink problem, and whose care of the children leaves room for improvement.

R.F. Taylor
Senior Social Worker

Area Office
55a High Street
Alness

27th October 1978

come to any agreement over this. In the hope of obtaining a voluntary agreement, I said that I would bring Eileen Clifford to the house so that they could discuss the care of the children in my company. The children did not seem outwardly distressed at this time. They were rather dirty and the house was untidy and dirty.

At approximately 3 p.m. I left the house and returned some ten minutes later in company with Eileen Clifford. By this time Vincent, eight years, had returned to the house. I again attempted to make an agreement whereby the two younger children plus the six year old, Debbie, who was still at school, should go with their mother. In the past Vincent has indicated a preference to live with his father and I suggested this would still be possible, provided he went to one of Mr. Clifford's relatives until Mr. Clifford had sobered up. Mr. Clifford however would not accept any such arrangement. He continued to drink during this discussion. He had a further supply of cans of Carlsberg Special Brew Lager and MacEwan's Export and also a small bottle of whisky in the room. When I entered the house on this second occasion I had found Mr. Clifford asleep on the settee. Pamela and Mark were both crying in the same room but this had failed to wake him. There was an electric fire with one bar burning in the room with the built-in guard in place but no addition safety device. The children had access to the bottle of whisky and Pamela was playing with this at one stage. No agreement was arrived at. Mr. Clifford was very agressive during most of this conversation both towards myself and Mrs. Clifford. I informed him that he would have to allow me to take the children voluntarily to a safe place until he had sobered up. Failing this, I would be obliged to contact the police and take further measures. After initial refusing to allow me to leave the house, Mr. Clifford eventually allowed Eileen Clifford and myself to leave. This was at approximately 4 p.m.

I then went to Alness Police Station and contacted the duty sergeant. I stated that I had been at Mr. Clifford's house and that I felt him to be unfit to be in charge of young children because of his state of intoxication. I asked if a policeman could accompany me to the house. I went to the house, accompanied by Sergeant [redacted] and P.C. [redacted] On entering the house at approximately 4.30 p.m. I found that Mr. Clifford was again asleep on the settee. He did not in fact wake when we entered the house. The children had now been joined by Debbie, aged six, who had returned from school. They had made their way upstairs. At this point I found the eighteen month old girl, Pamela, attempting to crawl down the staircase from the top. The staircase was uncarpeted and the child was at some risk of a serious fall. I informed Mr. Clifford that I would have to remove the children from the house. Pamela, Mark and Debbie were taken and placed with their grandfather at 89 Shillinghill, Alness. Vincent was placed in the care of his aunt, Mrs. Ann Docharty, of 144 Milnafua, Alness, where he was to remain until his father had recovered.

David J. Stallard
Social Worker

22nd February 1978

Pamela 23/8/76.
Mark 1/12/74
Debbie 13-12-71
Vincent 28-6-70

Mr. George Clifford, 24 Milnafua, Alness

Statement regarding my contact with the above named on Friday, 17th February 1978

I, David John Stallard, aged twenty eight years, of "Tamlyn", Scotsburn Road, Kildary, am employed as a social worker with the Highland Regional Council at 55a High Street, Alness. I have been a qualified social worker since July 1975 and have held my present position since that date.

On the morning of 17th February I was contacted by Mrs. Eileen Clifford of 20 Munro Terrace, Alness. She stated that for the past two weeks she had been living with George Clifford, the father of four of her children, at 24 Milnafua. She stated that during the previous night they had had a dispute which had resulted in her being put out of the house. Mrs. Clifford asked me to contact her husband, stating that he refused to let her take any of the children with her and also had kept possession of various items of property belonging to her. She requested that I see Mr. Clifford concerning these matters.

At approximately 2.15 p.m. I made a home visit to Mr. Clifford's house at 24 Milnafua. On entering the house I found that Mr. Clifford and his mother, Mrs. Christina Clifford of 13 Market Square, Alness, were in the house. Also present were Mr. Clifford's three year old son, Mark, and his eighteen month old daughter, Pamela. Mrs. Clifford was in some distress. Mr. Clifford was lying on the settee in the livingroom. He was obviously very intoxicated. When I began to speak to him he became very aggressive, part of this aggression being directed at his mother whom he pushed about the room and spoke harshly to. After this had occurred Mrs. Clifford left the house. I stated to Mr. Clifford that the children could more easily be looked after by their mother. Mr. Clifford stated that he was not allowing any of the children to leave the house and that he was not willing for any of them to return to their mother. After a lengthy conversation it still remained impossible to come/

24, 25, 26, 27/83

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

memorandum

from Divisional Reporter, Dingwall

to Divisional Officer, Social Work, Dingwall.

date 11.1.83

ref.

CLIFFORD FAMILY, 24 Milnafua, Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on

Wednesday, 16th February, 1983, at 2.30 p.m.

within the Education Centre, Castle Street, Dingwall.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by **11.2.83.**

J. & R. Bu

REPORTER.

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel
Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968

EDUCATIONAL REPORT (Supplementary)

To be returned to the Reporter by 11.2.83

1. Name of Child PAMELA CLIFFORD 2. Date of Birth 23.8.76
3. Address 24 Milnafua, Alness
4. Present School OBSDALE
5. Details of School Attendance since Supervision Requirement was made on .....

			Possible Attendance	Absences
(i) During last session	(Aug 81	to July 82)	358	[illegible] 8
(ii) During current session	(18 Aug 1982	to 14 Jan 1983.)	118.8	6
(iii) During last four weeks	(13 Dec.	to 14 Jan.)	32	0

6. General Comments on attendance and progress (including any significant change noted since Supervision Requirement was made).

Pamela attends school regularly, although she is late in arriving at school at least twice a week. She is making very slow progress, as she has a limited span of concentration in the afternoons. I have noticed that Pamela is tired and listless on occasions when she arrives at school. She has lost weight in the last month.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Class or Guidance Teacher A. M. Battistini
Head Teacher [illegible]
School Obsdale
Date 21.1.83

Name ..... Address .....
Date of Birth .....

The above named child appeared at a Children's Hearing on .....
..... the case was disposed of as follows:

Highland

25, 26, 27, 28 / 83

Memorandum

To Divisional Officer,
Social Work Department,
Dingwall.

From Divisional Reporter,
Dingwall

Your ref

Our ref

Date 16.2.83

When writing or calling please ask for

CLIFFORD FAMILY, 24 Milnafua, Alness

This is to inform you that at a Children's Hearing on 16.2.83 the supervision requirement/ order/ referral(s) in respect of the above-named CLIFFORD/~~[illegible]~~.

I am B. Dun

District Reporter.

CLIFFORD FAMILY

REASONS FOR CONTINUATION OF SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT DATED 16.2.83

The child has done well with the father but supervision is still necessary until he has legal custody

43,44,45,46

82

Highland

Memorandum

To Divisional Officer,
Social Work Department,
Dingwall.

From Divisional Reporter,
Dingwall

Your ref

Our ref

Date 30.3.82

When writing or calling please ask for

CLIFFORD FAMILY, 24 Milnafua, Alness

This is to inform you that at a Children's Hearing on 23.3.82 the supervision requirment/ referral(s) against the above was CONTINUED/~~CONTINUED~~/ VARIED/ DISCHARGED.

District Reporter.

CLIFFORD FAMILY

REASONS FOR CONTINUATION OF SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT DATED 23.3.82

The children are to reside with their father and to ensure that this takes place supervision is continued until Mr. Clifford can obtain legal custody.

43, 44, 45, 46
82

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

memorandum

from Divisional Reporter, Dingwall

to Divisional Officer, Social Work, Dingwall.

date 3.2.82

ref.

CLIFFORD FAMILY, 24 Milnafua, Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on
Tuesday, 23rd March, at 7 p.m.
within the Education Centre, Castle Street, Dingwall.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 18.3.82.

J Grant S.R.

REPORTER.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel
Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968

EDUCATIONAL REPORT (Supplementary)

To be returned to the Reporter by 26.2.82

1. Name of Child PAMELA CLIFFORD 2. Date of Birth 23.8.76
3. Address 24 Hilmafua, Alness
4. Present School OBSDALE
5. Details of School Attendance since Supervision Requirement was made on .....

			Possible Attendance		Absences
(i) During last session	(.	to .)			
(ii) During current session	(17 Aug 81	to 19 Feb 82)	194		4
(iii) During last four weeks	(22 Jan 82	to 19 Feb 82)	38		0

6. General Comments on attendance and progress (including any significant change noted since Supervision Requirement was made).

Pamela enjoys school. She is well-behaved – friendly, smiling and chatty. She enjoys play activities, but has no special chum in her class. She is frequently tired in school and often sleeps in the afternoons. Perhaps because of tiredness, she finds it hard to concentrate, and her progress in reading and number work is slow.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Class or Guidance Teacher .....
Head Teacher A Simpson
School Obsdale
Date 17.2.82

School .....

Name ..... Address .....

Date of Birth ....

Please note that when the above named child appeared at a Children's Hearing on .....

..... the case was disposed of as follows: .....

.....

43 44, 45, 46, 82

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

memorandum

from Divisional Reporter, Dingwall | to Divisional Officer, Social Work, Dingwall. | date 16.2.82 | ref.

Received 24/2/82

CLIFFORD FAMILY, 24 Milnafua, Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on

Tuesday, 2nd March, 1982 at 8 p.m.

within the Education Centre, Castle Street, Dingwall.

23 March 7 p.m.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 26.2.82.

James B.

REPORTER.

45, 46, 77, 78/81

Highland

Memorandum

To Divisional Officer,
Social Work Department,
Dingwall.

From District Reporter,
Dingwall

Your ref

Our ref

Date 7.5.81

When writing or calling please ask for

CLIFFORD FAMILY, 24 Milnafua, Alness

This is to inform you that at a Children's Hearing on 30.4.81 the supervision requirment/ referral(s) against the above was CONTINUED/~~TERMINATED/ VARIED/ DISCHARGED~~.

J Cameron Bell

District Reporter.

CLIFFORD FAMILY

REASONS FOR CONTINUATION OF SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT DATED 30.4.81

Supervision is continued to monitor the home situation as Mr. Clifford needs the help of the Social Work Department to reinforce his sterling efforts made to look after his children and to control his drinking problem.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

75, 76, 77, 78/81

memorandum

from Divisional Reporter, Dingwall

to Divisional Officer, Social Work, Dingwall.

date 24.3.81

ref.

CLIFFORD FAMILY 24 Milnafua, Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on Wednesday, 22nd April, 1981 at 11.30 a.m. within the Education Centre, Castle Street, Dingwall.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 16.4.81.

REPORTER.

81, 181, 122, 123

80

Highland

Memorandum

To Divisional Officer, Social Work, Dingwall

From Divisional Reporter, Dingwall

Your ref

Our ref

Date 27.5.80

When writing or calling please ask for

VINCENT, DEBORAH & MARK CLIFFORD, 24 Milnafua, Alness

This is to inform you that at a children's hearing on 21.5.80 the supervision requirement/referral(s) against the above named was CONTINUED/~~VARIED/TERMINATED/DISCHARGED~~.

Divisional Reporter.

REASONS The children are doing well with father but still need the support of the Social Work Department to help maintain the good progress made.

PAMELA CLIFFORD - the supervision requirement was varied. A copy is enclosed herewith.

FORM 11 Rule 22

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date) AT DINGWALL on the 21.5.80

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 10.3.80 to which Pamela Clifford is subject, hereby require him/her* [to reside in]*†

[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council]*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 10.3.80 is hereby revoked.

MARGARET RADIN

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

†1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

†2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

3.
etc.

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

**Delete as appropriate*

REASONS As the home situation has improved over the last few months with the support of the Social Work Department the father can now cope with her. As the longer she remains with foster parents it will be more difficult to return her to the family home.

MARGARET RADIN

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

memorandum

from Divisional Reporter, Dingwall

to Divisional Officer, Social Work, Dingwall.

date 29.4.80

ref.

CLIFFORD FAMILY 24 Milnafua, Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on
Wednesday, 21st May at 11 a.m.
within the Education Centre, Castle Street, Dingwall.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 16.5.80.

J Lamb Bain

REPORTER.

81/80

Highland

Memorandum

To Divisional Officer,
Social Work, Dingwall

From Divisional Reporter,
Dingwall

Your ref

Our ref

Date 11.3.80

When writing or calling please ask for

PAMELA ALISON CLIFFORD

This is to inform you that at a children's hearing on 10.3.80 the supervision requirement/referral(s) against the above named was CONTINUED/VARIED/TERMINATED/DISCHARGED.

REPORTER.

FORM 11 Rule 22

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date) AT DINGWALL on the 10.3.80

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 2.7.79 to which

Pamela Alison Clifford is subject, hereby require him/her* [to reside with

]*†

[to be under the supervision of

]*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 2.7.79 is hereby revoked.

SANDRA G. WHYTE

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

†1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

†2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

3. etc. 1. Pamela Alison Clifford is to reside with Mr. & Mrs. Macdonald, [redacted] Evanton, who are to act as foster parents.

SANDRA G. WHYTE

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

**Delete as appropriate*

REASONS Pamela will have more opportunity in a foster home to develop social behaviour particularly toilet training as this has presented problems to her father. It is thought that this will be for a short period. Mr. & Mrs. Clifford will be able to visit as often as possible.

SANDRA G. WHYTE.

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

memorandum

from Divisional Reporter, Dingwall

to Divisional Officer, Social Work, Dingwall.

date 28.2.80

ref.

Pamela Alice Clifford
24 Millcraft Place

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on Monday 10.3.80 at 7pm, within the Education Centre, Castle Street, Dingwall.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 7.3.80

Janet S. Brown

REPORTER.

131, 132,
133, 134
79

Highland

Memorandum

To Divisional Officer,
Social Work, Dingwall

From Divisional Reporter,
Dingwall

Your ref

Our ref

Date 2.7.79

When writing or calling please ask for

CLIFFORD FAMILY, 24 Milnafua, Alness

This is to inform you that at a children's hearing on 2.2.79 the supervision requirement/referral(s) against the above named was C~~ONTINUED~~D/VARIED/~~TERMINATED~~/DI~~SCHARGED~~.

REPORTER.

Reasons, Mr. Clifford seems to be coping reasonably well with the children, in the absence of the mother + providing a more stable background. It is in the children's best interests to remain at home meantime.

(Signed) M. HAILEY.

FORM 11

Rule 22

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(*Place and date*)

At Dingwall on 2nd July 1979

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty District)

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 2.11.78 to which

Pamela Elise Clifton. is subject, hereby require him/her* [~~to reside in~~

[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council]*†

]*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 2.11.78 , is hereby revoked.

Mary E. S. Harley
Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

†1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

†2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

3. The child to reside at Mr. George Hamilton
etc. Clifton. 24 Mitchell Place,

Mary E. S. Harley
Chairman of the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

**Delete as appropriate*

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

memorandum

from Divisional Reporter, Dingwall

to Divisional Officer, Social Work, Dingwall.

date 21.6.79

ref.

CLIFFORD FAMILY, 24 Milnafua, Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on Monday, 2nd July, at 8.30 p.m. within the Education Centre, Castle Street, Dingwall.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 28.6.79.

J and S. Bu

REPORTER.

214, 215, 216, 217/78.

Highland

60, 61, 62, 63/78.

Memorandum

To Divisional Officer,
Social Work, Dingwall

From Divisional Reporter,
Dingwall

Your ref

Our ref

Date 24.10.78

When writing or calling please ask for

VINCENT, DEBBIE, MARK, PAMELA CLIFFORD, 24 Milnafua, Alness

The cases of the above named children have been referred by the Sheriff Court at Tain with the facts found established.

I have fixed a hearing for Thursday, 2nd November, at 8.15 p.m. and I shall require background reports by 27.10.78.

REPORTER.

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214 48

Highland

Memorandum

To Divisional Officer,
Social Work, Dingwall

From Divisional Reporter,
Dingwall

Your ref

Our ref

Date 7.11.78

When writing or calling please ask for

VINCENT, DEBORAH, MARK & PAMELA CLIFFORD, 24 Milnafua, Alness

I enclose herewith copy/copies of supervision requirement(s) which a children's hearing made for the above named on 2.11.78

The reasons for the decision are contained on the supervision requirement(s).

REPORTER.

FORM 10 **Rule 22**

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision Requirement

(Place and date) AT DINGWALL on the 2nd November, 1978

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)

in exercise of the powers conferred by section 44(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, being satisfied

that Pamela Allison Clifford 24 Milnafua, Alness

is in need of compulsory measures of care require him/her [xxxxxxxxx]*†

[to be under the supervision of Highland Region]* subject to the conditions noted below.

[The operation of this supervision requirement is postponed until].*

MARY HARLEY

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

†1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

†2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

3.

etc.

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

REASON: Social work help is necessary to build up the stability of the home.

MARY HARLEY

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**Delete as appropriate*

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DINGWALL DIVISION

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME:	VINCENT CLIFFORD	DATE OF BIRTH:	23.6.70	AGE: 13
	DEBORAH CLIFFORD		13.12.71	12
	MARC CLIFFORD		17.12.74	9
ADDRESS:	PAMELA CLIFFORD	RELIGION:	23.8.76	7

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 29.2.1984 TIME: 12 noon PLACE: Dingwall.

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Review of the Supervision Requirement.

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See Previous Reports.

The four children were received into the care of the Department on a Place of Safety Warrant on 6th December, 1983 and subsequently attended Children's Hearings on 8th December and 22nd December, 1983. At the last Hearing the Panel made a Supervision Order requiring the children to stay with their respective foster parents. One of the main difficulties at the last Hearing was concerning the Christmas/New Year period. The Panel recommended that the children spend part of Christmas Day with their father but that the home situation would be required to have been checked to ensure that Mr. Clifford was sober before the children could visit. This was carried out by myself and arrangements were made for all the children to be transported to 24 Milnafua, Alness on Christmas Day. The visit went well and the children returned to their respective homes that same day.

Since that time both Deborah and Vincent have visited on one occasion on their own for part of the day, all four children visited together on Sunday, 19th February, 1984 and it is planned they will visit again together on the 26th of February, 1984. The very bad snow conditions prevented the North children from visiting more frequently and I was also off on holiday for 3 weeks during the period Christmas to February.

The children have settled well in their respective homes and are enjoying school. [redacted] Deborah [redacted]. All foster parents have been pleased with the way the children have settled and there is little doubt that I see a continued improvement in both their appearance and emotional state [redacted] Deborah). I have been extremely pleased with the way the placements have worked out. If the respective couples had not been prepared to take these children, the children would have possibly been retained in care in Coulpark Children's Home or possibly some strange foster parent. The position/

position with regard to the children and their relationship with their father is that they all have stated they wish to return to the care of their father. Deborah is perhaps strongest in expressing this desire, with Vincent and Marc perhaps less so. Pamela has also expressed a desire to return to her father, but is perhaps swayed by the feelings of her brothers and sisters. There is little doubt in my mind however that there is a very strong bond between father and children and he is obviously very fond of his children. I believe that this is very evident by the way the four children have developed and all who know the children express what nice children they are.

The home is clean, comfortably furnished and well looked after by Mr. Clifford. The reason for the removal of the children from Mr. Clifford's care was mainly concerned with his very heavy drinking. Over the past two months he has, I believe, made a big effort to curb his drinking. He freely admits that he will not stop drinking but will cut down on his alcohol intake for the sake of the children. I have received no reports that Mr. Clifford has been drinking heavily. He has not had particularly good health over the past two months and latterly was suffering from severe infection of the gums. This has, to some extent, cleared up now. He has not experienced the same trouble with his shoulder either.

Mr. Clifford has found the past few months to be particularly difficult and has suffered bouts of depression because of the removal of the children. He has made it perfectly clear to me that he is desperate to have his children returned to him.

Conclusion.

From all the circumstances in this case, and having taken into consideration the individual views of the children and Mr. Clifford, I am of the opinion that (1) Mr. Clifford wishes his children returned to him and (2) the four children wish to return to his care. Mr. Clifford has been seen by Mr. Dingwall on two occasions with regard to his drinking habits. Provided the information he gave to Mr. Dingwall is correct, Mr. Dingwall is of the opinion that Mr. Clifford does not have a drink problem at the moment and could be considered to be well in control of his drink intake.

The distances involved has created some problems in ensuring the children have regular contact with each other and with Mr. Clifford. The children will remain registered on the N.A.I. Register and the foster parents have indicated a willingness and desire to continue caring for these children at any time.

A guarantee however cannot be given that Mr. Clifford will stop drinking altogether nor that he will refrain from over-indulgence. Should the Panel be prepared to return the children to Mr. Clifford the home situation would require close monitoring which would probably require weekly visits.

Ron Taylor,
Senior Social Worker
55a High Street,
Alness

23.2.84.

DINGWALL DIVISION

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

to Report of 23.2.84.

NAME:	VINCENT CLIFFORD	DATE OF BIRTH: 23.6.70	AGE: 13
	DEBORAH CLIFFORD	13.12.71	12
	MARC CLIFFORD	17.12.74	9
ADDRESS:	PAMELA CLIFFORD	23.8.76	7
		RELIGION:	

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 29.2.1984 TIME: 12 noon PLACE: Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Review of the Supervision Requirement.

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See Previous Reports.

Since dictating my Report of 23.2.84 I wish to advise the Panel that I received information that Mr. Clifford had taken the children to the Commercial Hotel and the Golf Club on their visit of 19th February, 1984. There was no question in my mind when I collected the children that Mr. Clifford had in fact been drinking. I did not suspect this and he appeared entirely sober. However it is perhaps not an encouraging sign, given his problem with controlling his drinking. However he would appear to have managed to control his drinking in a much better way during the last two months. I would have been happy to recommend the return of the children to Mr. Clifford at that stage. However on my visit to him on the 24th of February I found him to be intoxicated and he admitted that he had been drinking heavily during that week. This drinking episode was sparked off by the very distressing situation which arose when I called to remove the children back to their foster placements after their visit on Sunday, 19th February, 1984. Deborah, in particular, was very upset, which in turn upset Mr. Clifford. However I did not feel I could cancel the proposed visit of the 25th of February by the children, provided Mr. Clifford was sober when I called with the children. This visit went much better and Mr. Clifford was warned that he should not take his children into licensed premises. It was not appropriate to warn him the previous day in view of his intoxicated condition. At that time he was extremely distressed, very depressed, and exclaimed that he missed the children very much. I do not believe that this was purely the emotions of a drunken man as, when he is sober, he does show he is also fond of the children.

Should the Panel recommend the return of the children (they have been in care now for almost 3 months) their return home will not be without some risk and the Social Work Department will be required to pay very close attention to the home situation. All four children have indicated quite a strong desire to return home to their Dad. There is little doubt however that they have very much improved and benefitted from their period with their foster parents.

28.2.84

Senior Social Worker
55a High Street,
Alness.

To Director of Social Work

From Senior Social Worker
Alness

Your ref.

Our ref. RFT/JM

Date 23.2.84

Please ask for Mr. Taylor

Children's Hearings - Review

I would be grateful if you could arrange for a Review Hearing to be held for the undernoted child/children:-

Vincent Clifford H/A 24 Milnafua, Alness.
Deborah Clifford same address
Marc Clifford -do-
Pamela Clifford -do-

Reason for Review - Review the Supervision Order in light of the change in father's home circumstances.

Senior Social Worker.

Highland

Department Of Social Work
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J. G. Bailey, B.Soc.Sc. (Hons.) Cert. Soc. Cas.,
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Please ask for Mr. Bailey | Our ref JGB/WW/2/11/1A

Extension No | Your ref | Date 28.12.83

Reporter to Children's Panel,
County Buildings,
Dingwall

Dear Mrs. Burns,

REVIEW OF SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

I would be obliged if you would arrange for a Review Hearing to be held in connection with the child whose particulars are appended.

This is the child referred to in the attached memo from Mr. R. Taylor.

Yours sincerely,

DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Vincent, Deborah, Mark and Pamela Clifford,
24 Milnafua,
Alness

c.c. D.S.W.O., Dingwall

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Dingwall Division.

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39 (4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME:	Vincent Clifford	DATE OF BIRTH:	23.6.70	13
	Deborah Clifford		13.12.71	12
	Mark Clifford		17.12.74	9
	Pamela Clifford		23.8.76	7

ADDRESS: 24 Milnafua, Alness

RELIGION:

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 22.12.83 TIME: 2 p.m. PLACE: Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Review of Place of Safety Warrant and Supervision Order

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See previous reports

The four children were received into care on a Place of Safety Warrant on 6th December and subsequently attended a Children's Hearing on 8th December, where the warrant was continued as Mr. Clifford did not accept the grounds for referral at that time. His main contention was although admitting to having taken drink, he was not incapable of caring for his children. As a result, this matter was to go before Tain Sheriff Court for a finding. Subsequently the children were placed as follows:-

Vincent [redacted]

Deborah [redacted]

Mark [redacted]

Pamela Mr. and Mrs. Simpson
[redacted] Brora

The children have settled quite well in their respective homes. I have seen the children and the foster parents. Deborah, in particular, is showing upset about not being able to stay with her father. Her main concern is that she will not be allowed to go back to live with him. Vincent, on the last occasion I saw him, indicated that he did not wish to see his father at that particular time. Both Mark and Pamela ask about their Dad, but have settled reasonably well in their new homes. All children have now enrolled at their respective schools.

Since/

Since the children were removed Mr. Clifford has been particularly depressed and for the first few days managed to refrain from drinking. It was his intention at that time to do something about this problem and he had arranged to see Dr. Dolan at the Alness Surgery on Thursday, 15th December.

I had arranged with Mr. Clifford to visit the children on Wednesday, 14th December. However, when I arrived to collect him at his mother's house he was very much under the influence of alcohol and was not fit to travel. It was rather disappointing as the children were looking forward to his visit.

I have not seen him since Wednesday, but was advised that he was admitted to Ward 14, Raigmore Hospital, on . Sunday with a dislocated shoulder. I spoke to the surgery, who advised me that he did not have an appointment on Thursday with Dr. Dolan (Dr. Dolan on holiday) and was seen by Dr. McRorie on Saturday, 17th December.

[redacted] Mr. Clifford's sisters [redacted]

Whilst Mr. Clifford recognises he has a problem with drink and has stated his intention to do something about it, I believe this recent episode shows clearly that he is not yet at a stage when he can adhere to his plan of action. It may also be that he will require supervised medical assistance in helping him "dry out". However, I do not believe Mr. Clifford would be willing to go into hospital to achieve this.

The new grounds for referral would, I believe, be accepted by Mr. Clifford. He does not wish the matter to go to the Sheriff Court and I have advised him that should he accept the grounds of referral the Children's Hearing could then decide on a course of action for the children.

Mr. Clifford has indicated a strong desire to have the children with him at Christmastime. All the children have indicated a desire to at least spend Christmas Day with their father. From the point of view of travelling, this would be extremely difficult to arrange for Christmas Day. There is the possibility, however, of the children spending Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with father if the Panel considers this desirable.

I have seen a noticable change in the children since they were first placed with their respective foster parents in that their attitude has slightly hardened against Mr. Clifford, particularly on the question of staying overnight with him on Christmas Eve. I feel the children will require to be asked individually about this matter.

From the point of view of the safety of the children should they stay overnight on this occasion, I believe Mr. Clifford would try to refrain from drinking. This cannot however be guaranteed.

I believe it is in the children's best interests at this stage to reside with their respective foster parents for at least two to three months until we see what attempt Mr. Clifford has made to overcome his drink problem. I believe, however, that contact should continue between the children and their father should the supervision order be changed to allow this at the discretion of the Social Work Department. I would endeavour to ensure that Mr. Clifford was at least sober on the day the children were due home. This may not be possible, however, at weekends.

All/

All the children have been placed on the Central Register of children being at risk.

Ron Taylor

R.F. Taylor
Senior Social Worker

Area Office
55a High Street
Alness

19th December 1983

To

The Divisional Social Work Officer
Dingwall

From

Senior Social Worker
Alness

Your ref.

Our ref.
RFT/SJG

Date 23.12.83

Please ask for

Fostering Payments - Clifford Family,
24 Milnafua, Alness

The four Clifford children were received in to care on a Place of Safety Warrant on the 6th December, 1983. The Children's Hearing on the 8th of December extended the Warrant for Detention and a further Hearing held on 22nd of December made a Supervision Order in terms of 44 1 (a) with a requirement that the children reside with their respective foster parents. These couples have not yet been approved as foster parents but preliminary Police checks and Health checks are being made. I have agreed in discussion with you it is proposed that the couples be paid fostering rates on the basis of a holiday placement until the matter of a fostering assessment can be concluded. I would be therefore grateful if you could instruct these payments to commence as follows:-

1. In respect of Vincent Clifford born 23.6.70 [redacted]

2. In respect of Deborah Clifford born 13.12.71 [redacted]

3. In respect of Mark Clifford born 17.12.74 [redacted]

4. In respect of Pamela Clifford, born 23.8.76 from 8.12.83 payment to Mrs. E. Simpson, [redacted], Brora.

I would be grateful if these payments could be arranged as soon as possible. I will be arranging a meeting with Mary Mackay,. Senior Social Worker, Dornoch shortly after the New Year when the placements can be discussed and arrangements for the supervision of the placements followed up.

At the Children's Hearing on 22nd December the Panel indicated that these children ought to spend some time with their father during Christmas Day. This would mean that transport arrangements would require to be made and the cost incurred. I would hope that these costs would be met by the Department e.g. it might be necessary to hire a taxi to transport the children to and from Alness as the children have indicated they do not wish an overnight stay with their father.

I/

To Director of Social Work

From Senior Social Worker
Alness

Your ref.

Our ref. RFT/JM

Date 19.12.83

Please ask for Mr. Taylor

Children's Hearings - Review

I would be grateful if you could arrange for a Review Hearing to be held for the undernoted ~~child~~/children:-

Vincent, Deborah, Mark and Pamela Clifford, 24 Milnafua, Alness

Review fixed for 22nd December 1983.
Reason for Review - Change of residence of children

Highland

Memorandum

To Divisional Officer,
Social Work, Dingwall

From Divisional Reporter,
Dingwall

Your ref

Our ref

Date 22.12.83

When writing or calling please ask for

~~Clifford Family~~
24 Milnafua Place

I enclose herewith ~~copy~~/copies of supervision requirement(s) which a children's hearing made for the above named on 22.12.83

The reasons for the decision are contained on the supervision requirement(s).

2 medical reports enclosed

REPORTER.

Ian F. Bu

To Divisional Officer,
Social Work, Dingwall

From Divisional Reporter,
Dingwall

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 13.12.83

Please ask for

CLIFFORD FAMILY, 24 Milnafua, Alness

A place of safety warrant was made for the children on 8.12.83.

I have fixed a new hearing for a review of the supervision requirement and for a new referral for lack of parental care for Thursday, 22.12.83 at 2 p.m. This hearing will also consider the continuation of the warrant.

I shall require further background reports by 19.12.83.

REPORTER.

1. Vincent, Deborah, Pamela and Mark lived with their father, George Clifford at 24 Milnafua, Alness until the 6.12.83 when they were taken into care under a place of safety.

2. The said George Clifford is solely responsible for the care and protection of the said children.

3. He has on occasion consumed considerable quantities of alcohol while in charge of the children. In particular on Tuesday, 6.12.83 within 45 Kirkhill, Alness, he was, in the opinion of social workers and police, so much under the influence of alcohol as to be incapable of providing proper care and protection for his said children.

4. On Tuesday, 6.12.83 he failed to provide proper care and protection for Mark, Deborah and Pamela by leaving them unattended at 24 Milnafua, Alness.

Which leads to the conclusion that the lack of parental care is likely to cause the said Pamela Clifford unnecessary suffering and seriously to impair his/her health and development.

FORM 4A

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

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Form of statement by reporter of grounds for the referral of a case to a children's hearing

(Conditions in section 32(2) (a) to (g) of the Act)

(Name and address of child) PAMELA CLIFFORD, born 23.8.76
residing at 24 Kilnafua, Alness

is being referred to a children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division) on the grounds of the following conditions:—

~~that he/she has committed the offence(s) specified in the Statement of Facts below~~ that the lack of parental care is likely to cause the said unnecessary suffering or seriously to impair his/her health and development.

STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT of the above condition it is stated that

SEE SEPARATE SHEET

(Address of Reporter)
C/o County Buildings,
Dingwall.

date 12.12.83.

**Reporter/On behalf of the Reporter*

NOTES

At the children's hearing the child or his parents may or may not accept the grounds for bringing the child before the hearing. If the grounds are accepted by the child, and his parents, if present, the children's hearing will discuss and consider with the child and his parents what is best for the child. If any of the grounds are not accepted, the hearing may either discharge the referral or direct the reporter to refer to the sheriff for a decision as to whether or not any of the grounds exist. If this happens the child will have to appear before the sheriff at a later date. If the sheriff decides that any of the grounds do exist the children's hearing will then discuss and consider what is best for the child, as if these grounds had been accepted. If the sheriff decides that no grounds exist, the referral will be discharged.

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FORM 2A

Rule 8(1)

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Notification of children's hearing to parent having a duty to attend hearing (except where a supervision requirement is being reviewed)

To Mr. George Clifford,

24 Milnafua,
ALNESS.

Your children, Mark, Vincent, Pamela and Deborah

have been referred to a children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division) on the basis of the attached grounds of referral

and it is important that [you]*/[both you and your wife/husband*]* should be there to take part in the discussion about the child.

[You]*/[Both you and your wife/husband*]* are required in terms of section 41(2) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 to attend the hearing on Thursday, 8th December, 1983, at 10.30 a.m. within the Education Centre, Castle Street, Dingwall

Please read the Notes set out below.

(Address of Reporter)

C/o County Buildings,
Dingwall

date 7.12.83.

*Reporter/On behalf of the Reporter

NOTES

A children's hearing is a group of three people specially selected for their interest and concern in understanding and helping children who are in trouble. They meet to discuss with a child and his parents any difficulties that may have arisen, to discover the reasons for these difficulties and to find an answer which is in the best interests of the child. In some cases this may involve placing the child under compulsory supervision or even removal from home. Further information on the hearing is set out in the leaflet which has been written for your child entitled *To tell you about the Children's Hearing* a copy of which accompanies this notification.

When they are considering the case of your child the children's hearing will want to find out your views and you may, if you wish, bring with you to the hearing someone to help you in discussing your child's difficulties and what might be done. The personal expenses of this representative (but not any fees) may be refunded if they are not less than fifteen pence (15p).

Your own personal expenses (but not any loss of earnings in coming to the hearing may be refunded if those expenses (together with any expenses of your child and [wife] [husband]* in coming to the hearing) are not less than fifteen pence (15p).

If you do not attend the hearing, you may be liable to a fine of not more than £50. If there is a very good reason, such as illness, why you will be unable to attend the hearing, you should contact the Reporter immediately at Dingwall 62255

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SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Warrant for detention under section 37(4) of the Act

(*Place and date*)

At Dingwall on 8.12.93

A children's hearing for Highland Region

in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 37(4) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, [being satisfied that the further detention of Pamela Clifford 24 Millbank Place.

is necessary in his/her* own interest] * [having reason to believe that

will run away during the investigation of his/her* case] * grant warrant for the detention of the said Pamela Clifford in a place of safety [chosen by N Local Authority

for the period from 8.12.93 to 28.12.93 both days inclusive.

Alexander Glass

Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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APPENDIX 1 Form SW4/35

AUTHORISATION UNDER SECTION 37(2) OF THE SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1968, (AS AMENDED BY SECTION 83(2) OF THE CHILDREN ACT 1975 and SCHEDULE 9 PARAGRAPH 42 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1975)[1]

Whereas information has this day been laid before me, one of her Majesty's Justices for the District of Ross & Cromarty

that a child,[2] namely Pamela Clifford

of 24 Mulnafua Alness

- (a) in respect of whom an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975,[3] that is to say .....

  has been or is believed to have been committed,
- (b) who is a member of the same household as a child in respect of whom an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975, that is to say .....

  has been or is believed to have been committed,
- (c) who is, or is likely to become, a member of the same household as a person who has committed or is believed to have committed an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975, that is to say .....
- (d) in respect of whom an offence under section 21(1) of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937 has been or is believed to have been committed,
- (e) who is likely to be caused unnecessary suffering or serious impairment of health because there is, or is believed to be, in respect of the child a lack of parental care.

I hereby authorise Ronald F Taylor of Social Work Dept Highland Reg. Council Alness to take the above mentioned child to a place of safety.

Given under my hand this 6th day of October 1983

Signature David D Ross

Justice for the District of Ross & Cromarty

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*Delete whichever inapplicable.

See notes overleaf.

When Mr. Swan and Miss Atkinson arrived at 43 Firhill at approximately 5 p.m. they were met by an aggressive Mrs. Stirling and Mr. Clifford, who were obviously under the influence of drink. There were two other adults in the house and three children (these three children were not related to Mrs. Stirling or Mr. Clifford). Mr. Clifford and Mrs. Stirling more or less threw the two social workers out and refused to answer questions relating to [redacted]

The Police were then asked to call at the house. Following on their visit to the house, the Police then called at 24 Milnafua and found Deborah, Mark and Pamela Clifford [redacted] on their own with no adult supervision. The television was on, as was the electric fire.

We were also called to visit 24 Milnafua by the Police and removed the children to Alness Children's Centre. Vincent Clifford [redacted]

[redacted]

Given the family history of both parents and the previous offence committed by Mr. Clifford, a Place of Safety Order was felt necessary in respect of all children.

The following arrangements were made for their overnight care, i.e. Vincent [redacted] Pamela Clifford [redacted] to Alness Children's Centre, [redacted]

As to the immediate future care of these children, I have discussed this with them. The children would prefer to go to their respective "aunts and uncles" whom they have spent numerous holidays with, i.e. Vincent - [redacted] Deborah - [redacted] Mark - [redacted] Pamela - Edith and David Simpson, [redacted], Brora.

We have been in telephone contact with these people, who have all agreed to take the children, whom they know very well. These couples are couples who the W.R.V.S. have used for hostess holidays. The holiday arrangements for the Cliffords are of longstanding duration over the past four years.

As to the long-term future, I feel that whilst there is a strong bond existing between the children and their father, unless he changes his lifestyle with regards his drinking habits, I would recommend that the children remain in long term care, preferrably with the families aforementioned. [redacted]

These couples have not been assessed as foster parents and obviously if the Panel were to recommend these placements, the Department would carry out the minimum checks to assess them as suitable foster parents. If there was to be a long-term recommendation a fuller assessment would require to be carried out.

Personally, I do not have any anxieties about the children going to live with these couples, whom I know are extremely interested in their welfare and have been extremely helpful in the past.

R Taylor

R.P. Taylor
Senior Social Worker

7th December 1983

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Dingwall Division.

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39 (4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

	Vincent Clifford	23.6.70		13
	Deborah Clifford	13.12.71		11
NAME:	Mark Clifford	DATE OF BIRTH: 17.12.74	AGE:	9
	Pamela Clifford	23.8.76		7

ADDRESS: 24 Milnafua, Alness RELIGION:

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 8th December 1983 TIME: 10.30 a.m. PLACE: Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Place of Safety Warrant taken on 6.12.83

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See previous reports

The above children are subjects of a supervision order with a requirement of residence with their father. They have been continuously on supervision since November 1978 as a result of the children being found unattended. Mr. Clifford was that time charged with an offence and placed on probation as a result.

Since that time the care of the children has been the responsibility of Mr. Clifford. There have been continuing difficulties over Mr. Clifford's drink problem, although on the whole Mr. Clifford cares very much for his children and there is a strong bond between them.

I believe there have been many occasions when Mr. Clifford has been drinking to excess. I form this opinion from discussions with Mr. Clifford, from the children and from the few occasions I have seen him under the influence. He has made attempts to curtail his drinking, but this has not been successful.

There has been continuing concern about the children's attendance at school. Vincent, in particular, came to our attention last week in our discussions with the guidance staff.

The Place of Safety Warrants were taken in respect of all the children in view of the circumstances which came to our notice on 6th December. Miss Atkinson and Mr. Swan, social workers, [redacted]

When/

Dr. [redacted], Senior Medical Officer
Dr. [redacted] Alness Medical Group
Miss [redacted], Senior Nursing Officer
Constable [redacted]
Mr. C. G. Spence, Assistant Divisional Education Officer
Mr. I. MacGregor, R.S.S.P.C.C.
Mr. S. Carnegie, Procurator Fiscal
Mrs. J. Burns, Reporter to Chidlren's Hearing
N.A.I. File
Casefile

Mr. Swan said that Mr. Clifford was very aggressive to himself and Miss Atkinson as soon as he realised they were Social Workers. [redacted] Vincent [redacted]. Miss Atkinson [redacted] Vincent' [redacted]

[redacted] said she had contacted the school and had been informed that Pamela and Mark were always well dressed, they were nice children, but Pamela was frequently tired through the day. [redacted]

Mr. Taylor said that a Children's Hearing had taken place on 8.12.83 at which it was decided that the children would be placed with families where they had spent holidays in the past -

Vincent - [redacted]
Deborah - [redacted]
Mark - [redacted]
Pamela - Mrs. Simpson, [redacted] Brora

In discussion the Case Conference agreed that until Mr. Clifford is able to demonstrate that he can remain sober over a period of time the children would be at Risk in his care. It was decided that Vincent, Deborah, Mark and Pamela should be placed on the Central Register of Children at Risk and that a Review be held in 3 months' time unless any Agnecy requests an earlier date. The Social Worker will be Ron Taylor, Senior Social Worker and he will liaise with all Agencies as necessary.

Provisional date for Review 15th March, 1984.

B Barrack

Divisional Social Work Officer

NON-ACCIDENTAL INJURY AND CHILD ABUSE - CASE CONFERENCE - 13.12.83

Present:

[redacted], Senior Nursing Officer
[redacted] Health Visitor
Mr. Dunwoody
Mr. C.G. Spence, Assistant Divisional Education Officer
Mrs. C. MacKay, Senior Care Officer
Mr. I. Swan, Social Worker
Miss A. Atkinson, Social Worker
Mr. R. F. Taylor, Senior Social Worker
Miss B. Barraclough, Divisional Social Work Officer

Apologies:

[redacted], Senior Medical Officer
WPC [redacted]

Parent:	George Clifford	)	
		)	
Children:	Vincent "	(b. 23.6.70))	24 Milnafua, Alness
	Deborah "	(b. 13.12.71))	
	Mark "	(b. 17.12.74))	
	Pamela "	(b. 23. 8.76))	

This report should be read in conjunction with the report on [redacted] since they were involved in the same incident on 6.12.83.

Mr. Taylor explained that Deborah, Mark and Pamela, together with [redacted] were left unattended at 24 Milnafua from 3.45 to 6 p.m. when Miss Atkinson and Mr. Swan took them into Care on a Place of Safety Order. George Clifford was at the house of his sister, Christine Stirling, both were very drunk and unfit to take charge of the children, both were abusive to the Social Workers, Mr. Clifford threatening. Vincent had later been found in the house with Mrs. Stirling and Mr. Clifford, and he, too, was removed on a Place of Safety Order, a Police presence being necessary to effect his removal.

Mr. Dunwoodie [redacted]

Mr. Taylor said that the Clifford family had been known to the Department since 1978, there was a history of drinking, violence and leaving the children unattended and the four children have been on Supervision to the Children's Panel since 1979. Mr. Clifford is separated from his wife, although she lives locally she has no contact with the family. The children have a good relationship with their father when he is sober. He is now seeking help to stop drinking and had, in fact, managed to stop in the past for several months. He has been warned in the past that his drinking could lead to removal of the children and it is thought that the children have been left to care for themselves on many occasions. [redacted] Vincent [redacted]

Mr. Swan /

Supervision Requirement

(*Place and date*)

At Dingwall on 22.12.83

A children's hearing for Highland Region

in exercise of the powers conferred by section 44(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, being satisfied that Pamela Clifford, 24 Millbuie Place

is in need of compulsory measures of care require him/her [~~to reside in~~]*†

[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council]* subject to the conditions noted below.

[~~The operation of this supervision requirement is postponed until~~].*

Alexander Glass
Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

†1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

†2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

x 1. Pamela Clifford to reside with Mr & Mrs etc. Simpson, [redacted] Brora who are to act as foster parents.

Alexander Glass
Chairman of the Children's Hearing

2. Pamela Clifford may have supervision and access to be held at the discretion of the social work department.

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF CHILD - FREEDOM FROM INFECTION

Name of Child ....PAMELA CLIFFORD.....

Age or Date of Birth .....6..... Sex .....F.....

Address .....

1. Is the child free from signs of infectious or contagious disease?

YES

2. Has he/she to your knowledge been in contact with any infectious or contagious disease during the past 3 weeks?

NO

3. Please report briefly on general physical condition, including nutrition, cleanliness and any injuries evident.

Good condition Healthy Child

4. Did your examination reveal any physical or mental abnormality or handicap? (Please specify)

NO

5. Other observations, health matters or special needs which should be noted by those taking over the daily care of the child.

6. I examined the above named child on 6/4/13 .....(date)

Signed .....

Designation .....

Date .....

Address .....

.....

NON-ACCIDENTAL INJURY TO CHILDREN

To be completed and sent simultaneously to:

(i) Divisional Co-ordinator, Social Work Department
(ii) Reporter to the Children's Panel
(iii) Police
(iv) To be Retained by the Agency making the Referral.

Name of Parent/Guardian George Clifford

Name(s) of Child(ren)	Date(s) of Birth
Vincent	23.6.70
Deborah	5.2.71
[redacted]	17.12.71
[redacted]	23.[illegible].71

Address

c/o Mohindra Ahuja

[redacted]

Date of Incident 6/12/83

Brief details of the case which gives cause for concern: Father has a long history of alcohol abuse. [redacted] Children's name & police involved. 3 children Deborah and [redacted] in other hands. Children taken into care. Vincent [redacted]

Children already on Supervision. [redacted] Vincent [redacted]

Has Place of Safety Order been obtained YES/NO*

Have Police been involved YES/NO*

*Delete as appropriate

N.B. Completion of this form must be preceeded by a telephone call to the Social Work Department Divisional Co-ordinator immediately there is cause for concern regarding the above named child(ren).

Submitted by: Name K Taylor Date 7/12/83

Designation Senior Social Worker

Agency [illegible] Social Work Dept

Form No. SW2/5A

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

TRANSFER OF CARE

Name(s) of Child(ren): Pamela Clifford — Date(s) of Birth 23.8.76

Deborah Clifford — 13.12.71

Address From: 24 Millcraft Avenue — To: Baxter 46 Millcraft Avenue

Date of Transfer: 27/9/83 — G.P. Aviemore Group

School From: — To:

Discretional Payment (Amounts): — Authorised by: R Mayle
Social Worker

Legislation:

Director of Education: — Date Notified: 28/9/83

Community Health: — Date Notified: 29/9/83

To Director of Education — Social Work Department,

..... Division,

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I have to advise you that ..... Date of Birth .....

was, on 27/9/83 transferred / received into care ✓

28/9/83 discharged from care ✓

From ..... To .....

....

Date School Signed .....

To The Senior Nursing Officer — Social Work Department,

Community Health ..... Division,

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I have to advise you that ..... Date of Birth .....

was, on 27/9/83 transferred / received into care ✓

28/9/83 discharged from care ✓

From: ..... To .....

....

Date G.P. Signed

Mr. Taylor RFT/JM

26th June 1979

Sheriff Clerk,
Sheriff Court House,
TAIN.

Dear Sir,

George Clifford, 24 Milnafua, Alness

The above named was placed on probation on 18th October 1978 after being convicted of Contravention of Children and Young Person Act 1937 Section 12(1). This charge was in relation to having four children in his care whilst he was incapable through drink of looking after them.

Mr. Clifford was convicted on 12th April at Dingwall Sheriff Court of a charge of assaulting his cohabitee. He was given a sixty days prison sentence. This would be seen as a breach of probation. The family situation is however quite complic-:ated. As a result of the child neglect offence the children were placed on supervision through the children's panel.

The home situation with his cohabitee and mother of the four children has been very unstable. She has now left the family home, leaving him in full charge of the children. He is their natural father, but is not married to the mother. A Children's Hearing Review has been requested to deal with the change in circumstances as concern is being expressed as to his ability to cope with four young children.

I would be grateful if you could consider this matter. I would be willing to discuss this case with you should you wish fur-:ther information.

Yours faithfully,

Senior Social Worker

Mr. Taylor RFT/JH

14th March
1979

Mr. George Clifford,
24 Hilmafua,
ALNESS.

Dear Mr. Clifford,

It is some time since I have seen you and must remind you that you are required to call at my office each week. I would therefore be pleased to see you on Wednesday next after you have signed on at the Employment Exchange.

Yours sincerely,

Senior Social Worker

PROOF CHILDREN KEW

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:-

Surname Clifford Date of birth 1.3.50

Christian names or forenames George Hamilton Religion

Address 24 Milnafua, Alness

Marital state Single Occupation Unemployed

is to appear on 18th October 1978 at Tain Sheriff Court

in connection with the crime or offence of Con. Children & Young Persons Act 1937 Section 12 (1)

Any previous Court appearance as known to the officer making the report (this information is included as relevant background information)

Date	Court	Crime or offence	Decision of Court
		Not available to writer	

Cohabitee Eileen Henderson or Blackstock or Clifford, 30 years, meantime residing with her father

Children Vincent George, 8 years, Obsdale School, residing with Mr. Clifford
Deborah Eileen, 7 years, Obsdale School, residing with Mr. Clifford
Mark Hamilton, 4 years, residing with Mr. Clifford
Pamela, 2 years, residing with Mr. Clifford

The above mentioned children are the result of a cohabitation which has lasted since 1969. [redacted] The relationship between Mr. Clifford and his cohabitee has been particularly unstable and violent with innumerable separations and reconciliations. At present the couple are separated. Mrs. Clifford is living with her father in Alness and Mr. Clifford is caring for the four children.

Home

Mr. Clifford is the tenant of a four apartment centrally heated council house. The house is reasonably furnished and maintained. Mr. Clifford receives supplementary benefit amounting to £34.40 plus child benefit of £9.20 per week. Amounts for rent and fuel are deducted at source by the Department of Health and Social Security. Mr. Clifford has held tenancy of this house since November 1977.

Mrs. Clifford is also a tenant of a council house which I understand to be unfurnished. This Department has been involved with this family intermittently since 1972. The main problems have been financial, although latterly concern has been expressed regarding the care of the children.

Personal History

The accused was born on the Black Isle and is the youngest in a family of four surviving children. He is in fact one of a twin, the other having died at a week old.

Mr. Clifford states he has enjoyed a normal healthy childhood. He describes his childhood as being reasonably happy but admits that he thought his father was particularly hard on the family.

The accused attended primary and secondary schools in Alness and Invergordon, leaving at fifteen years of age. He has held a number of jobs since then and had periods of unemployment. He has been unemployed for the past year approximately.

Mr. Clifford met his cohabitee who is a local girl when he was nineteen years old. The couple have lived together off and on since that time.

Mr. Clifford impresses on the surface as a caring father. He does however have a drink problem and it would appear that this exacerbates his quick and often violent temper which has led him into trouble with the police on many occasions. He is however obsessed with continuing his relationship with Mrs. Clifford, who is the target of his aggression. In simple terms, the relationship could be described as a 'love/hate' one. Mr. Clifford has stated that he has always resented his parents-in-law interfering in his family. Mrs. Clifford is also known to be a heavy drinker and to associate with other men. Both parents are immature and display psychopathic behaviour. Both have severely injured each other during their fighting which has probably been seen by the children. Nevertheless I feel that this relationship will continue as the pattern over the past nine years has indicated a continuing, albeit an unstable, relationship.

As/

not be substantiated.

Over the past year there have been a number of separations. Since March 1977, following a separation, Vincent, the second eldest child, decided he wished to be cared for by Mr. Clifford. As a result Mr. Clifford was allocated his pres-:ent council house in November 1977. Since May of this year following a fur-:ther separation all the children, [redacted] have been cared for by Mr. Clifford. There have been a number of reconciliations since then but the couple are separated at the moment, Mr. Clifford refusing to give the care of the chil-:dren to Mrs. Clifford.

I have been monitoring the standard of care the children have received by Mr. Clifford. It would appear that he has provided an adequate standard of physical care and maintains a warm, comfortable home for the children.

I have discussed both Vincent and Deborah with the Primary School teacher. [redacted]

Attitude to the Offence

Mr. Clifford now accepts that his actions were quite irresponsible and blames most of his past offences on drink. He also realises that his relationship with his cohabitee is a source of provocation and aggravation and yet is un-:willing to end the relationship. I have not known Mr. Clifford to consciously endanger or neglect the children.

Assessment

This family has been known to my Department intermittently since 1972. The problems were mainly financial and relating to accommodation. It has only been recently that anxiety has been expressed about the effects the numerous separations and fights will have on the children, who on the whole appear reasonably unaffected by their parents' unstable relationship.

Mr. Clifford has made considerable efforts to keep the children together under his care and I believe he is genuinely fond of them.

As this will be a family my Department will have continuing contact with, I respectfully suggest that the offence be disposed by placing the accused on a probation supervision order. I further recommend that the children be ref-:erred to the Children's Reporter as being in need of compulsory measures of care.

R.F. Taylor
Senior Social Worker

Area Office
55a High Street
Alness

17th October 1978

The Divisional Social Work Officer
Dingwall

Senior Social Worker
Alness

RFT/SJG

23.12.83

Fostering Payments - Clifford Family,
24 Milnafua, Alness

The four Clifford children were received in to care on a Place of Safety Warrant on the 6th December, 1983. The Children's Hearing on the 8th of December extended the Warrant for Detention and a further Hearing held on 22nd of December made a Supervision Order in terms of 44 1 (a) with a requirement that the children reside with their respective foster parents. These couples have not yet been approved as foster parents but preliminary Police checks and Health checks are being made. I have agreed in discussion with you it is proposed that the couples be paid fostering rates on the basis of a holiday placement until the matter of a fostering assessment can be concluded. I would be therefore grateful if you could instruct these payments to commence as follows:-

1. [redacted] Vincent Clifford born 23.6.70 [redacted]

2. [redacted] Deborah Clifford born 13.12.71 [redacted]

3. [redacted] born 17.12.74 [redacted]

4. In respect of Pamela Clifford, born 23.8.76 from 8.12.83 payment to Mrs. B. Simpson, [redacted], Brora.

I would be grateful if these payments could be arranged as soon as possible. I will be arranging a meeting with Mary Mackay, Senior Social Worker, Dornoch shortly after the New Year when the placements can be discussed and arrangements for the supervision of the placements followed up.

At the Children's Hearing on 22nd December the Panel indicated that these children ought to spend some time with their father during Christmas Day. This would mean that transport arrangements would require to be made and the cost incurred. I would hope that these costs would be met by the Department e.g. it might be necessary to hire a taxi to transport the children to and from Alness as the children have indicated they do not wish an overnight stay with their father.

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT Form S 1 (1)

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION ... DINGWALL ...

To be completed for:-

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or handicapped.

Name CLIFFORD { VINCENT (1), DEBORAH (2), MARK (3), PAMELA (4) }

Present Address 24 Midmain ... Alness ...

... (1) 23.6.70 (3) 17.12.74

Date of Birth (2) 100021 ... (4) 23.8.76

Case Reference ...

Effective Date of Change 6/12/83

Statutory Condition Imposed Place of Safety Warrant

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PLEASE INDICATE SERVIC.	
Fostering	✓
Residential Care	✓
Day Care	
Supervision	
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

Change of Address where applicable :-

From From home to Coul Park Childrens Centre for 2, 3 + 4

To From home to Mrs Mackenzie ... Balintore

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner ... Alness Surgery ...

School last attended ... Ian ... Alness ... Nursery ... Dingwall Primary

School to be attended (1) ... Fairfield Nursery ...

Signed ... Date 12/12/83

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			
Amendment to Register			
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

Sent 12/12/83

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FILE 1

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CAITHNESS AND SUTHERLAND DIVISION

Date 15.2.84

To: Education Offices, Brora
G.P. Surgery, Alness

From: Divisional Social Work Officer

NOTIFICATION OF SOCIAL WORK PLACEMENTS

Please note that Pamela Clifford, Coulpark Childrens Centre Inverness was admitted into foster care/~~placed for adoption~~ on 8.12.83.

~~His~~/Her foster parents/~~adoptive parents~~ are Mr & Mrs Simpson, [redacted] Brora.

YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY HAD NOTIFICATION THIS CHANGE FROM DINGWALL DIVISION.

Form SW1

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION ..... C.T.S. .....

To be completed for:-

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

Name ..... PAMELA CLIFFORD .....

Present Address ..C/O.. [redacted] .....

..... BRORA .....

Date of Birth ..... 23-8-76 .....

Case Reference .....

Effective Date of Change ..... 30/12/84 .....

Statutory Condition Imposed ..... 44 1 B .....

..... S.W.S. Act 1968 .....

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	✓
Residential Care	
Day Care	
Supervision	
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ..... [redacted] Brora .....

To ..... MR & MRS ROBT. WILSON [redacted] LEVEN TOWN

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner ..... N/K .....

School last attended ..... NIL Brora Primary .....

School to be attended ..... N/K .....

Signed ..... Mary B. Nacky ..... Date ..... 3/1/85 .....

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office	3/1/85	JB	
Amendment to Register	3/1/85		
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education	—	—	
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

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MEMORANDUM

To Divisional Social Work Officer, Dingwall.

From Ron Taylor, Senior Social Worker.

Your ref.

Our ref. RT/SJG

Please ask for Mr. Taylor.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
DINGWALL DIVISION
Date 15.5.84
17 MAY 1984

Re:The Clifford Children.

Please find attached Change of Circumstance Forms in respect of Deborah, Marc and Pamela Clifford.

These children were taken into care under Section 15 on Friday, 11th May, 1984.

Deborah [redacted] Marc [redacted] Pamela with Mr. & Mrs. D. Simpson, [redacted], Brora.

Marc and Pamela were returned home on Sunday evening 13.5.84 and then removed by Place of Safety on 14.5.84. Pamela was returned to Mr. & Mrs. Simpson and Marc [redacted]

I would be grateful if you could arrange for fostering payments to be made to:-

1. [redacted] Marc [redacted]

2. [redacted] Marc [redacted]

3. Mr. & Mrs. D. Simpson in respect of Pamela for periods 11.5.84 - 13.5.84 and from 14.5.84.

4. [redacted] Deborah [redacted]

Ron Taylor.

Senior Social Worker.

Helen Pay 1, 2 + 3 but hold payment for 4 meantime
BB.

Reply

22.5.84
BB/EH

I refer to the above. With regard to your question 4, we cannot pay Fostering Allowances to a person who is not an approved Foster Parent and we agreed that you would arrange Foster Parent Application and recommendation for "this child". With regard to the other placements, I refer to my memorandum of 18.4.84 and will expect the outstanding Foster Parent assessments and recommendations without delay.

Child in Trouble Reg. NH'

Form SW1/3/A

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION ..... DINGWALL .....

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
DINGWALL DIVISION
17 MAY 1984

To be completed for:-

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

Name ..... PAMELA CLIFFORD ..

Present Address ... [redacted] .....

..... Brora .....

Date of Birth ..... 23.8.76 .....

Case Reference ..... 100021 .....

Effective Date of Change ..... 11/5/84 .....

Statutory Condition Imposed ..... Sect 15 Then .....

..... Place of Safety on 14/5/84 .... This order is also under Sup. Ord. 44 1(a).

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	
Residential Care	
Day Care	
Supervision	
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ..... 24 Mulnafua ..... Brora .....

To C/o Simpson ... [redacted] ... Brora .....

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner ..... Brora Practice .....

School last attended ..... Oldedale Prim .....

School to be attended ..... Brora Prim .....

Signed ..... K Mary ..... Date ..... 15/5/84 .....

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office	7-8-84		
Amendment to Register	13.6.84		
Change in Foster Parent Allowance	✓		
Notice of Health Authority/Education	✓		
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment	✓		
File	✓		

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1. Send copy to C+S NAL.

Form SW1/3/A

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION ..... DINGWALL .....

J.A.

To be completed for:-

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

Name ..... Pamela Clifford .....

Present Address ..... [redacted] .....

..... Brora .....

Date of Birth .....

Case Reference .....

Effective Date of Change 21/12/84 — 24/12/84

Statutory Condition Imposed 44.1(a)

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PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	
Residential Care	
Day Care	
Supervision	
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

Change of Address where applicable :-

From [redacted] Brora .....

To C/A Wilson [redacted] Evanton .....

To be completed in respect of Children only:- This child went to Wilsons on Trial basis for weekend. Returned to F.P in Brora on 24/12/84. Parent pay Wilsons for w/e fostering.

General Practitioner .....

School last attended .....

School to be attended .....

Signed ..... R Mayh ..... Date ..... 24/12/84 .....

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			
Amendment to Register			
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

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Please send copy to Wick Division + copy of attached memo

Form SW1/3/A

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

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CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION ..... DINGWALL .....

To be completed for:-

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

Name ..... Pamela Clifford .....

Present Address .. [redacted] .....

..... Brora .....

Date of Birth ..... 23.8.76 .....

Case Reference .....

Effective Date of Change ..... 15.12.84 .....

Statutory Condition Imposed ..... 44.1(a) .....

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PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	✓
Residential Care	
Day Care	
Supervision	
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ..... Mr Simpson [redacted] Brora .....

To ..... Mr Millar [redacted] Conon Bridge .....

To be completed in respect of Children only:- This was for an overnight stay only. Pamela was returned home to Brora on Sunday 16/12/84.

General Practitioner .....

School last attended .....

School to be attended .....

Signed ..... R Mayle ..... Date ..... 18/12/84 .....

Administrative Action:- Millars to receive 1 day's payment.

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			
Amendment to Register			
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

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MEMORANDUM

To Miss B. Barraclough
Divisional Social Work Officer.

From Ron. Taylor
Senior Social Worker

Your ref.

Our ref. RFT/SJG

Please ask for Mr. Taylor.

Date 19.12.84

20DEC1984

Re: Pamela Clifford - Fostering Payments.

This child is in a fostering situation under Section 44.1 (a) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act. At a recent Review we agreed that Pamela should be moved from her foster home at Brora to a foster home in the Alness area. Mr. & Mrs. Miller of [redacted] Conon Bridge, were identified as being suitable, and Pamela spent an overnight stay on the 15th of December with Mr. & Mrs. Miller. I planned that Pamela would stay for further overnight stays before being moved permanently to the Millers about the New Year. I enclose the Change of Circumstance Form for 15th December, and would be grateful if arrangements could be made for fostering payments to be made to Mr. Miller for that date. I discussed the question of payments with Mrs. Nicolson, Home Finder, and we feel that it would not be appropriate to deduct the overnight fostering payment from Mr. & Mrs. Simpson in this case.

R Mayh

Senior Social Worker.

Payment for 15th Dec. only as placement is not being made now with Millers: continue payments to Mr & Mrs Simpson.

24/12/84.

Childcare will be paid for 1 day

We do not pay Brora foster parents but will notify them of this decision

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Form SW1/3/A

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION ..... Dingwall .....

To be completed for:-

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

Name ..... Pamela Clifford .....

Present Address ..... 24 Mulnafua Alness .....

Date of Birth ..... 23.8.76 .....

Case Reference ..... 100021 .....

Effective Date of Change ..... 4/3/84 .....

Statutory Condition Imposed ..... 44 1(a) .....

SOCIAL WORK DEPT. DIV. ALNESS - 6 MAR 1984

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	✓
Residential Care	
Day Care	
Supervision	
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ..... 20 Simpson, [redacted] Brora .....

To ..... Home - 24 Mulnafua Alness .....

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner ..... Alness Practice .....

School last attended ..... Brora Prim .....

School to be attended ..... Obsdale Prim .....

Signed ..... Date ..... 5/3/84 .....

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office	14.3.84		
Amendment to Register	19.3.84		
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education		✓	
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

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Form SW1/3/A

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION Dingwall

To be completed for:-

~~Admissions~~ to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

Name CLIFFORD DEBORAH ① MARK ② PAMELA ③

Present Address Coul Park Childrens Centre Alness

(H.A. 24 Milnafua Alness)

Date of Birth ① 13.12.71 ② 17.12.74 ③ 23.8.76

Case Reference 100021

Effective Date of Change 8/12/83

Statutory Condition Imposed Continuation Warrant Sect 37(4)

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	
Residential Care	
Day Care	
Supervision	
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

Change of Address where applicable :-

From Coul Park Childrens Centre to for ① c/o [redacted]

~~To~~ ② [redacted] ③ Mrs M. D. Simpson [redacted] Brora.

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner Alness Surgery

School last attended ① Alness Academy ②+③ Obsdale Primary

School to be attended ① Golspie High 293 Brora Primary

Signed [signature] Date 12/12/83

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office	25-1-84	[signature]	
Amendment to Register	15.2.84	[signature]	
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			✓ [signature]
Notice of Health Authority/Education	15.2.84	[signature]	
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			N/A
File			

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FILE 7

Highland

Department of Social Work
Director
J.G. Bailey, B.Soc.Sc. (Hons.) Cert. Soc. Cas.,
A.A.P.S.W. F.B.I.M.

Highland Regional Council
"Slioch"
Castle Street
Dingwall IV15 9HU

Telephone (0349) 63441

Please ask for Mr. Dunlop | Our ref AJD/EH

Extension No 249 | Your ref | Date 5.3.86

Dr. A. Jackson, Senior Medical Officer
Miss I.C. Urquhart, Assistant Director of Nursing Services (Ross and Skye)
Mr. A. Butter, R.S.S.P.C.C.
[redacted] Police Liaison
Mr. R. Stewart, Assistant Divisional Education Officer
Mr. S. Carnegie, Procurator Fiscal
Mrs. J. Burns, Reporter to Children's Hearings
Alness Medical Group
Mr. R. Taylor. Area Team Leader, Alness
Mr. B. Dingwall, Social Worker
Miss A. Atkinson, Social Worker
Mrs. S. Lowe, Social Worker
Mr. I. Swan, Social Worker

Non-Accidental Injury and Child Abuse

I have arranged the following Case Conference Reviews. I hope you will find it convenient to attend.

Monday, 17th March, 1985 - Social Work Department, Suie House, Alness

[redacted]

Wednesday, 19th March, 1985 - Social Work Department, Suie House, Alness

2.15 p.m. CLIFFORD Family, 24 Milnafua, Alness

[redacted]

A.J. Dunlop
A.J. Dunlop
Principal Fieldwork Officer/
N.A.I. Co-ordinator

RECEIVED 7/3/86

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
ROSS AND CROMARTY AREA

NON-ACCIDENTAL INJURY AND CHILD ABUSE - CASE CONFERENCE

- Social Work Department, Alness

- 19.3.86 at 2.15 p.m.

Present:

Mr. J. Dunlop, Principal Fieldwork Officer/N.A.I. Co-ordinator
Mr. R. Taylor, Area Team Leader, Alness
Miss A. Little, Nursing Officer
Mrs. Innes, Health Visitor
Miss Finlayson, School teacher
Miss A. Stoltman, Administrative Assistant, Dingwall

Apologies:

Mr. A. Butter, R.S.S.P.C.C.
Dr. Jackson, Senior Medical Officer

Subjects:

Vincent Clifford (b. 23.6.70) C/o foster parents, MacKenzie, 4 Balintore Park, Shandwick
Deborah Clifford (b. 13.12.71) C/o grandparents, Henderson, 89 Shillinghill, Alness
Mark Clifford (b. 17.12.74) with father at 24 Milnafua, Alness
Pamela Clifford (b. 23.8.76) with father at 24 Milnafua, Alness

Family:

Father: Mr. George Clifford, 24 Milnafua, Alness

At the last review (13.9.85) the feasability of returning the children to their father's care was discussed.

Through the children's panel system the two youngest children, Mark and Pamela were returned to Mr. Clifford. Deborah is living with her grandparents (on her mother's side) and Vincent has remained and settled with foster parents expressing no wish to return to his father. However both Deborah and Vincent do, on occasions, visit Mr. Clifford.

Mr. Ron Taylor reported that there had been some problems in the past few months, in November Mr. Clifford's father died which upset him greatly. As a result there had been occasional drinking bouts. The children's standard of dress and cleanliness was still low, but generally Mr. Clifford appears to be trying very hard, and on the whole is managing to cope. He is aware of the fact that the children could be taken away again if he fails to provide sufficient care.

Mr. Clifford is due to go into hospital for a short spell on 7th April, 1986.

The children seem to be happy to be home with their father. They are a close family. Mr. Clifford can be a bit "rough and ready", yet they are all affectionate and supportive of each other. Pamela and Mark still spend some time with their past foster parents and with their grandfather. Contact with their/

their mother is limited to the odd occasion when a visit to their grandparents happens to coincide with their mother being there. Mrs. Clifford has been known to be drunk on occasions.

Mrs. Innes, Health Visitor reported that both the children have on occasion been very tired due to staying up late at night. She agreed that they are a very close family, but they still require a lot of support.

Miss Finlayson, Teacher, had noticed a decline in clothing and hygiene standards in Mark since his return to his father. His work too had deteriorated due probably to his tiredness.

Though the degree of physical risk to the children is low, there still remains concern regarding the standard of care, and Mr. Clifford's ability to keep off alcohol.

It was agreed that the names of Deborah and Vincent should be removed from the Central Register, as they are no longer in their father's care and are settled with the grandparents and foster parents respectively.

Mark and Pamela's names however are to remain on the Central Register.

Support, encouragement and advice will continue to be given by all involved.

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Non-Accidental Injury and Child Abuse

I have arranged Case Conference Reviews on the following children, to be held on Wednesday, 24th September, 1986 at the Social Work Department, Suie House, Bridgend, Alness. If convenient, your attendance, or that of a representative, will be appreciated.

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10.15 a.m. The Clifford Family, 24 Milnafua, Alness Removed.

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NON-ACCIDENTAL INJURY AND CHILD ABUSE - CASE CONFERENCE REVIEW

Held at Alness Social Work Department on 24.9.86

Prsent:

Mr. A.J. Dunlop, Principal Fieldwork Officer/N.A.I. Co-ordinator
Mr. R. Taylor, Area Team Leader, Alness
Miss A. Little, Nursing Manager, Easter Ross
Mrs. MacKay, Health Visitor
Mrs. Curzon, Headteacher, Obsdale Primary School
Miss A. Stoltman, Administrative Assistant, Dingwall

Subjects:

Mark Clifford (b. 17.12.74) with father at 24 Milnafua, Alness
Pamela Clifford (b. 23.8.76) do. do. do. do.

Mr. Ron Taylor told those present of the situation within the Clifford family. Mr. Clifford still drinks - usually for 2 to 3 days of the week. But, Mr. Taylor reported that he had not seen Mr. Clifford so drunk that he was unable to look after the two children. He had recently been out to a party but had arranged through Mr. Taylor for the children to be cared for.

It was agreed that the risk to the children was decreasing as they got older, and became more independent.

Mrs. Curzon reported that Mark was now attending the Academy. Pamela - who seemed to be unhappy in foster care - appears much more contented now that she is living with her father. However, the children are not kept very clean, and Pamela is called names at school because of this.

Generally, they are well enough cared for, and the risk of physical abuse to the children is very small. Both Pamela and Mark are very fond of their father, and he of them.

In view of the fact that the children are under supervision, and hence contact with the Social Work Department will continue, it was agreed that both Mark and Pamela's names should be removed from the Central Register of Children at Risk.

Mr. Taylor said that his only fear for the future was for Mr. Clifford's health which was sure to deteriorate due to his alcohol abuse.

Conclusions:

1. The names of both Pamela and Mark Clifford to be removed from the Central Register of Children at Risk.

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To The Custodian, N.A.I. Register
Ferintosh House Children's Centre
(c.c. Alness)

From Principal Fieldwork Officer - Dingwall

Your ref.

Our ref. EH

Date 28.10.86

Please ask for Mr. Dunlop

N.A.I. Central Register

Mark Clifford	(b. 17.12.74)	24 Milnafua, Alness
Pamela Clifford	(b. 23. 8.76)	

Please remove the names of the above children from the Central N.A.I. Register. This decision was taken at a Case Conference Review held on 24.9.86

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Date	REPORTS ETC.	Initd.
January '86	Dod seen on the street on the 6th and at office on 6th, 14th, 17th, 20th, 23rd, 27th and 30th. Home visits made on the 20th and 23rd. Pamela and Mark seen on 23rd. At the beginning of the month, Dod seemed very well - Mark and Pamela returned from holiday and started school. Vincent had weekend at home on the 12th. Dod seen once under the influence on 23rd at office and Mrs. Curzon, Head Teacher, Obsdale, telephoned on the 29th to say that Mark and Pamela seemed very tired and standards appeared to be dropping. Discussed this with Dod the next day, he took it very well, Said that he had been letting things slip a bit but would improve. Dod was to attend Tribunal, which was cancelled, re D.H.S.S. claim. Had been in touch with Mr. McMillan, solicitor, about this. Dod would appear to have got through the New Year very well with only one slip up on the 23rd. Concerned a little about the apparent drop in standard of care indicated by Mrs. Curzon.	R.T.
February '86	Dod at office on 5th, 21st and 25th. Having difficulties with adjustments in his D.H.S.S. - Section 12 given by Sue Lowe on 25th as Giro had not arrived. Appears to be continuing to cope and children's appearance has improved at school.	R.T.
March '86	Off two weeks at training - Dod at office on 19th and 27th. Mark also seen that day. N.A.I. Case review on the 19th - Vincent's name removed from Register.	R.t.
April '86	Home visit to Shillinghill to see Debbie on 7th and office interview with Dod 17th + home visit. All children seen - Debbie fine, Pamela down with flu, Mark appears well. Dod coping well with children and with house. Section 12 for jeans, jacket and shoes given to Mr. Henderson, for Debbie.	R.T.
May '86	Dod at office on 6th, 12th and 30th + home visit on 12th. Vincent's In-Care review held on 12th. Recommended placement continue - all going well. Application to BBC Children in Need appeal - £50 granted for clothing. Children appear to be doing well and Dod coping. Still tends to drink, but not seen him under influence or received any reports that he is drinking very heavily.	R.t.
July 1986	Contact with Mackenzies, Balintore - Vincent has left school, but hopes to get a job through Y.T.S. If he cannot get a job with Y.T.S. he will return to school after summer. Letter sent to Careers Officer, re Vincent.	R.T.
August 1986	Dod at office on 14th and 25th. Home visits made on 14th, 20th. Debbie, Pamela, Mark and Vincent all seen. Children's Panel Review held on 25th. Vincent's supervision order discharged. Panel pleased with progress. Dod turned out very well to Panel and conducted himself very properly. Mr. Henderson also at the Panel with Debbie. Debbie's supervision order plus Pamela and Mark's supervision orders continued.	R.T.
September '86	Dod at office on 19th - seen also on 2nd and 24th. Appears to be remaining sober, although has not stopped drinking - indicates that he drinks only lager - but this may, or may not, be the case. However, I have heard no reports from school or community about him misbehaving. Problem with D.H.S.S. - again D.H.S.S. stopped his money - he had failed to complete an annual review form - got this sorted out.	
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Date	REPORTS ETC.	Initd.
Sept. contd.	N.A.I. Reviews held on 24th - Debbie's, Mark's and Pamela's names removed from the N.A.I. list. Mr. Clifford advised.	R.T.
October '86	Dod seen twice and arrangements made for Pamela to go to Mrs. Wilson's at Foulis for a weekend and Mark to go to Helmsdale.	R.T.
November '86	Dod seen and also Mr. Henderson and Debbie - boots arranged with Mr. Henderson for Debbie through Section 12.	R.T.

SUMMARY

I have discussed my impending departure with Dod. He does not feel he can work with Ian Swan and has indicated a preference for Brian Dingwall. Have discussed with Brian who is agreeable to taking on the case. Brian knows the extended family very well and is accepted.

This case has been known to the Department for the past twelve years. The children are now much older and more able to cope. Dod continues to drink, but is now very aware that he must make arrangements for the care of the children should he go on the drink. Mark goes to his grandfather's in Shillinghill, as does Pamela and very often Pamela goes to Mrs. Morgan's. The care of the children appears to be adequate. Unfortunately, I think Mr. Clifford will drink himself into an early grave. Have discussed this with him. He feels that the children would be well cared for if he were to 'pop off'. Mark would probably either go to the Mackenzies in Balintore or to the Mackays in Helmsdale. Pamela may go to the Simpsons in Brora or be cared for by Mrs. Morgan. I do not think there is fear of any physical abuse. Vincent appears to be keeping in touch with his father - occasionally spending a weekend at Milnafua. He has a job with Y.T.S. in Invergordon and appears to be enjoying this. Arrangements for his future care will be with the Mackenzies in Balintore.

Debbie continues to live with her grandfather, Mr. Henderson. She is coming to a difficult age when she will be seeking independence. I am not sure how strong her grandfather will be able to cope with her truculent teenager, but he is likely to call for help and advice. He tends to cope very much on his own and will only seek advice and help if desperate. Debbie's mother, that is Mr. Henderson's daughter, resides at Shillinghill occasionally. This can create tension and friction within the household.

As to the future, I would hope that the children could be removed from supervision as they are no longer in need of compulsory measures of care. However, the Children's Panel may be reluctant to remove them from supervision in view of Mr. Clifford's ongoing drinking. R.T.

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Jan. 1987	SUMMARY Since inheriting this case in late November, 1986, there has been little contact with the family. The children, Mark and Pamela received toys from the Christmas Appeal. Dod received a food voucher from the Nigg Fund and in January, 1987 received £100 from D.H.S.S. to replace his washing machine. Dod is still drinking, albeit on a reduced scale at the moment. No doubt he will continue to have outbreaks of excessive drinking. He is well aware of the damage he is doing to himself and is resigned to a relatively early death through alcohol abuse.	Brian Dingwal
2/2/87	Brian Dingwall left office 23/1/87 - he appears to have done very little with this case since it was transferred to him. From my quick reading of casenotes summary as follows 3 Children currently subject to Section 44(1)(a) Supervision Orders :- Debbie (13/12/71), Mark (17/12/74) and Pamela (23/8/76). Debbie resides with he grandfather a Mr Henderson, 89 Stalling Hill, Alness. Long child care history in this case. Children previously fostered. Were on NAI. register, but removed from register 24th Sept. 1986. Last C/H. Review was on 25th August 1986 - report prepared by Ron Taylor provides useful summary. Mr Clifford appears to be a heavy drinker, so welfare of children requires monitoring. He is a single parent. Case to be allocated, situation reassessed. Next panel will be August unless review called by S.W.S. Allocated to Bill Forbes 2/2/87.	
Supervision	13/3/87. Discussed case. Case Records to be written up! Bill has written Mr Comfort twice and one visit to G/Father. Suggest checking Debbies schooling. Dod still drinking however no monitoring required. ATL. 2/2/87. ATL	

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2.2.87	Case allocated. Father - George Clifford, alcoholic; three children - 44 (1)(a). Mark and Pamela with father, Debbie with maternal grandfather, Mr. Henderson, 89 Shillinghill, Alness. Children's circumstances require monitoring as consequence of father's drink abuse.	B.F.
11.2.87	Introductory home visit. Welcomed by Mr. Clifford. Mark and Pamela present. Home very functionally furnished and maintained to a very basic level of cleanliness. Mr. Clifford impressed as having a warm, pleasant personality. Discussed something of history of social work involvement. Over many years with father for most part welcoming social work visits to his home. Mr. Clifford stated that he continues to drink, but that it is always within manageable proportions. Mr. Clifford appears to be managing okay. Pamela and Mark pleasant and mannerly, both joking with their father. Mark small for age, no school problems noted. B.F.	
16.2.87	Mr. Clifford (Dod) visited office. He did so without appointment. Dod explained tht he often did this in the past, usually to inform that the weekend had gone well re children. Explained that on occasion Mark would stay overnight with Mr. Henderson and that also sometimes Pamela would stay with her aunt, Mrs. Christine Stirling, 116 Kirkside. Children at home over weekend and no problems. Suggested that any contact with family could be on a fortnightly basis.	B.F.
4.3.87	H.V. postponed as a consequence of other commitment.	B.F.
12.3.87	H.V. Mr. Clifford compis-mentus, although he had been drinking earlier that day. Mark and Pamela at home. General discussion re school, holidays, etc. Pamela is a good friend of Carol Anne Barnetson, also a client of myself. Dod does not approve of this relationship, claiming that Pamela has been accused of stealing cigarettes from house. Dod claimed that Pamela has been smoking for some time. Discussed this. Telephone call from Mrs. MacKenzie, Balintore (Fearn 2484). Asked if it would be okay for older brother, Vincent (former foster child with MacKenzies) to return to father's home for weekend. Vincent has now left care and lodges with Mr. and Mrs. MacKenzie. Informed I would discuss this with Mr. Clifford. H.V. Dod stated that he would be pleased to have Vincent home for weekend. Mrs. MacKenzie informed.	B.F.
13.3.87	Office Visit. Vincent arriving tonight. Mrs. Clifford, children's maternal grandmother, accompanied Dod to office. Dod requested assistance with clothes for Mark and Pamela. Took Dod and Mrs. Clifford through to clothing store in garage. Given a number of items for Pamela. Mrs. Clifford also given a couple of blankets. Mrs. Clifford requested assistance with the payment of her telephone account. Discussed matter. Informed that Social Work Department could not be of assistance, nor any other agency, in that she is not at risk, housebound, etc.	B.F.

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16.3.87	Office Visit. Dod claimed the weekend visit by Vincent had been a great success. Some time spent at home with Vincent also visiting Mr. Henderson and Debbie and his aunt, Christine Stirling at 116 Kirkside. Vincent returned to Balintore on Sunday night.	B.F.
24.3.87	Office Visit. Dod claimed that there had been a fracas at Christine Stirling's home at the weekend, Mark also having been present. Pamela was staying with Mr. Henderson overnight. Dod stated that on 21.3.87 (Saturday) Christine had had her front door and her livingrom window smashed by a George Williamson. This for no apparent reason. When Dod and Christine had left the house to investigate, Dod stated that George Williamson drove a car across the grass, hitting Christine and running her over. Dod tried to remove the keys from the ignition but was unsuccessful, injuring his arm in the process. Police were summoned. Dod and Christine were taken to Raigmore Hospital, Inverness. They both however discharged themselves later that night, this against medical advice. Mr. Williamson in police custody, having been charged with assault to severe injury. Informed that on 23.3.87 he had been released on bail. Dod stated that he had a broken finger and a bruised back.	B.F.
24.3.87	Visited Mrs. Stirling's home. Confirmed above account. Believe there was a party in the house and that both Christine and Dod had been drinking heavily. Christine looked very shaken, being unsteady on her feet, with some bruising on the side of her face. Discussed incident with John Charles, cohabitee. He, however, was very reluctant to speak.	B.F.
25[illegible]87	H.V. to Mrs. Stirling. Collected electric fire for Dod. Took to home. Dod, Mark and Pamela present. Dod had been drinking earlier but well able to care for self and children. No cause for concern. Dod stated that he has been having some problems with Pamela. He believed that Pamela has stolen money from the house in order to buy cigarettes. Pamela denied this, becoming a little tearful. Dod making inappropriate gestures, i.e. 'The Social Work Department "will take you away". Discussed this prior todeparture. Mark supportive of Pamela, giving sound advice.	B.F.
27.3.87	Office Visit. Dod requesting to know the telephone number of the MacKenzies in Helmsdale and the Wilsons in Evanton. Dod stated that during previous school holidays Mark was placed voluntarily, by private arrangement, with the MacKenzies while a similar arrangement occurred with the Wilsons. Discussed this. I was however reluctant to provide Dod with names and telephone numbers. Dod stated that Mark was looking to spend the Easter holidays with the MacKays. Asked Dod to give me a few days to look into the matter. Agreed that Dod visit office on 30th March.	B.F.

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28.3.87	Discussed above with Margaret Nicholson, Home Finder. Margaret no knowledge of first arrangements. However, informed that in the past both children had been placed with these families as W.R.V.S. hostess holiday scheme. Following from this both families had been approved as foster placements specific only to Mark and Pamela. Contacted Mrs. MacKay, who stated that she would be pleased to accommodate Mark over holiday period. Contacted Mrs. Wilson, who unfortunately shall be unable to do so. Stated that she was not in the habit of caring for Pamela on this basis, this contradicting Mr. Clifford's statement of yesterday.	B.F.
30.3.87	Office Visit. Dod informed of above. Dod stated that this being the case he would wish Pamela to go to Mr. and Mrs. Simpson in Brora, Pamela having some years ago been fostered by this couple.	B.F.
30.0.87	H.V. Mrs. Rankine, Social Work Department, informed that she had witnessed Dod staggering past the office in a terrible state earlier in the day. Dod had obviously been drinking fairly heavily, judging by his gait. Visit there accompanied by Mr. A. Trotter, Student Social Worker. Dod sleeping on the couch when we arrived; had obviously been drinking. Expressed my concern, stating that the Department had received information to suggest that he could be incapable of caring for the children as a consequence of his drinking. As such we had to investigate the matter. While Dod smelled strongly of drink, he was fully aware of his surroundings and was able to contribute to discussion in a meaningful manner without at any point slurring speech. At this time he also appeared to be fairly stable on his feet. Having investigated the matter, I was sufficiently satisfied that Dod could at this point continue to care for Mark and Pamela. However, at one point he did become rather loud and objectionable, but the visit was terminated in a satisfactory manner. Informed Dod that the Simpsons could not take Pamela.	B.F.
	1.4.87 - 6.4.87 - Social Worker on holiday.	
8.4.87	H.V. While Dod had been drinking, he had not done so to excess. Discussed my previous visit with him and he appeared to understand the consequences of possible over-indulgence in respect to self and welfare of the children. My concern was welcomed by Dod. While he does recognise that he has a serious problem, he appears to be unable to do anything about it. Discussed past periods children spent in care and personal history, marriage and relationship with father. Dod describes his father as the best man that ever lived. However, he would appear to have had a very stormy, violent relationship with his father prior to his death.	B.F.
14.4.87	H.V. Dod, Pamela and Mark present. Home settled. Dod definitely does try to care for his children to the best of his ability. However, standards of care often appear to be minimal. Mark and Pamela continue to be "farmed out" at weekends, sometimes to Christine Stirling, with on occasion Mark spending weekend at Balintore with the MacKenzies.	B.F.

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16.4.87	Office Visit. Dod in for a chat. Dod concerned about court case in regard to alleged serious assault by George Williamson. Concerned that Mark may have to appear as witness. Suggested that he contact Procurator Fiscal concerning this. Dod has received a letter from Mr. Williamson's lawyer requesting an interview. Discussed this. Dod informed that he did not have to cooperate in this if he did not wish. Dod's recollection of offence very hazy, this as a consequence of drink.	B.F.
2.5.87	Standby call to home. Mrs. J. Tidey visited. Dod requested that Pamela be removed from home, allegedly having been stealing from home. Pamela denies this. Police had earlier visited. Matter settled with there being no cause for concern.	B.F.
4.5.87	Mrs. J. Tidey contacted me regarding the above. Was not concerned regarding situation. Described Dod as being basically a warm, caring parent.	B.F.
7.5.87	H.V. Dod, Mark and Pamela present. Discussed incident. Dod stated that the referral to Police and standby service had not been intended. Dod had intended that Mark leave the house <u>to pretend</u> to 'phone the Police, this being in reality what he did. Discussed some of the difficulties with Pamela, spending some time in one-to-one discussion with Pamela and Mark.	B.F.
16.5.87	Standby referral. Dod contacted Mr. J. MacDonald stating that Mr Henderson had been having some problems with Debbie - management, independence, rebellion, boyfriends, etc. No visit made, with Mr. MacDonald agreeing to refer matter to myself.	B.F.
	25.5.87 - 29.5.87 - Social Worker on holiday.	
25.5.87	Standby referral. Mr. Ian Swan visited. Dod requesting that Social Work Department admit Pamela to care. Dod alleging Pamela continuing to steal and tell lies. Discussed matter for thirty minutes with Mr. Swan deeming that it was not appropriate to admit to care. Mr. Swan satisfied that Dod able to care for children.	B.F.
20.5.87	H.V. to 24 Milnafua. Matter appears to have been resolved between Debbie, Mr. Henderson and Dod.	B.F.
3.6.87	H.V. Dod, Mark and Pamela present. Dod concerned about Pamela's poor school report and requested that matter be looked into. Agreed that I contact Mrs. Curzon, Headteacher, Obsdale, and arrange to visit school with Dod. Dod states that within home Pamela's behaviour has been improving over last month.	B.F.
4.6.87	Contacted Obsdale Primary. Mrs. Curzon absent through sickness. Informed I would contact again at the beginning of next week.	B.F.
9.6.87	Contacted Mrs. Curzon. Visit arranged for 18.6.87 at 3.45 p.m. Mrs. Curzon expressed surprise at father's concern, Dod having at no time in the past ever visited school. Pamela said to be sometimes poorly clothed and unkempt, with occasional episodes of sleeping in class. Sometimes a management problem, with few friends.	

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10.6.87 Office Interview. Dod informed regarding above. Arranged to visit that afternoon, this in regard to Children's Hearing Annual Review in respect to Debbie, Mark and Pamela.

H.V. H.V. Discussed forthcoming Hearing, with it being arranged that Dod being Mark and Pamela to the office on 16th June for fuller discussion. Dod wishes Debbie to continue to reside with her maternal grandfather, Mr. Henderson. B.F.

16.6.87 Office visit. Dod, Mark and Pamela present. Discussed forthcoming Panel and recommendation. Children to remain on supervision with Mark and Pamela staying with father and Debbie with grandfather. B.F.

16.6.87 Telephone call from Dod. Dod stated that he would be unable to keep tonight's appointment at Obsdale Primakry. Said he was going to buy a rabbit for Mark. Mrs. Rankine, who took the message, statedthat speech was very slurred. Probably been drinking. The call to office occurred at 10 a.m. approximately. Mrs. Curzon informed of cancellation. b.f.

18.6.87 H.V. to Mr. Henderson and Debbie. Discussed forthcoming Children's Hearing. Both wished circumstsances to remain unchanged. Mr. Henderson expressed concern in regard to son-in-law's drinking, strongly inferring that Dod was incapable of caring for children. Stated that on Friday evenings and over weekend Dod was often incapable, having cashed the family giro on Fridays. Stated usually sobered up by mid-week because no money in house. S.W.D. therefore not aware of full circumstances.

19.6.87 Telephone call from Stephen Pennington, standby officer. Mark requesting that he be admitted to care. Joint visit arranged. At 9.30 p.m. Mr. Pennington had received a telephone call from Linda at Alateen. Mark attending their weekly meeting. Mark stated that father has been drinking heavily over the last few days; scared to return home.

Visited Citizen's Advice Bureau. Mark stated that life had been very unpleasant over the last few weeks. Dod drinking heavily, Mark and Pamela having been hit by father within last two weeks. Mark alleged that last night he had had a knife thrown at him by father. Mark examined, there being no evidence of bruising. Mark felt both very guilty about request that he be taken into care and scared of possible repercussions from father regarding information provided.

Mark stated that his father had been drinking heavily and that he and Pamela were at the home of Mrs. Morgan, 8 Milnafua. Discussed situation with Mr. J. Dunlop and that if appropriate a Place of Safety Order be taken on both children. Visited Mrs. Morgan. Mr. Clifford very drunk, attempted to assault myself and Mr. Pennington. Visited again with Police, Dod being charged with assault. Pamela was removed to Coulpark under Place of Safety Order. Same taken on Mark, also being placed in Coulpark. Referral finished 2 a.m. approximately.

B.F.

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19.6.87	Contacted Mr. Ferguson, Reporter, Inverness, this in the absence of Mrs. Burns from Dingwall. Mr. Ferguson stated he would inform Mrs. Burns on 22.6.87. Change in circumstances form completed in respect to children.	
	Office Visit. Mr. Clifford visited officer accompanied by John Charles and his own mother. Dod requested that children be returned and that he be informed of their whereabouts. Dod informed that children would not be returned and that the matter would be considered at the Children's Hearing arranged for 24.6.87. Location of children not given, this as a consequence of his drunken condition. At one point during interview Dod attempted to assault me, being prevented from doing this by John Charles. Dod removed from building by John Charles.	
	Children placed in foster care with Mr. and Mrs. Nicoll, Wester Dalreichie Farm, by Invergordon.	B.F.
20.6.87	Dod contacted me at h ome having been given my home telephone by Alness Police. Apologised for behaviour as above, agreeing to visit Social Work Department on 22.6.87 in a sober state.	B.F.
22.6.87	Office Visit. Dod sober. Informed of placement on Friday at Mr. and Mrs. Nicoll's. Dod shaking very badly, withdrawal symptoms. Stated intention to conquer drink. Discussed Children s Hearing - recommendation to be made that children remain in foster care. This acceptable to Dod.	B.F.
23.6.87	Visit to Alness Health Centre. Discussed circumstances with Dr. Dolan. Doctor well aware of Dod's condition. Agreed to visit later today and prescribe medication, if appropriate, this having been previously discussed with Mr. Clifford. Dr. Dolan did not consider that hospitalisation would benefit Dod in long term in that upon discharge he would revert to his "old ways".	B.F.
24.6.87	Children's Hearing. Dod looked very presentable. Stated that he has not been drinking since 19.6.87. Shaking a bit, but looked okay. Took for coffee and a chat. Children's Hearing placed Mark and Pamela with Mr. and Mrs. Nicoll on statutory basis. Debbie to remain with grandfather. All children attended, as did Mr. Henderson. For Debbie's circumstances - refer to Hearing report.	B.F.
25.6.87	Child Care Review, Alness Social Work Department. Present - John Dunlop, Stuart Marquis, self, Val Dunford, Mrs. Nicoll, Mark, Pamela and Mr. Clifford. Agreed that situation be normalised as far as possible with, if possible, children being cared for by previous carers - Mark by Mr. and Mrs. MacKenzie, Balintore, and Pamela by Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Brora. Children's circumstances to be reviewed prior to new school term at which time consideration to be given to returning children to father conditional upon drinking having stopped or brought under control. For fuller details refer to Minutes of Child Care review.	B.F.

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26.6.87	H.V. This visit followed my contact with Alcoholics Anonymous, they agreeing to be introduced by myself to Dod. I suspect that Dod had been drinking, although he claimed that this was the can of shandy which he had in his hand. He smelled of something stronger. Having made introductions, I left soon afterwards. I was very interested by the manner in which the two gentlemen from A.A. conducted themselves. Hopefully, Dod shall be able to respond to their guidance and support.	B.F.
29.6.87	Office visit. Dod claims that he attended evening A.A. meeting. Was collected from his home and taken there by two members, as detailed above. (Saturday meeting). Intends going again. States that his shake is controlled by valium. In the past he has been given course of injections by Dr. Dolan. Dod stated that the A.A. meeting had opened his eyes. Began to tell me how he has recently defrauded people, having spuriously repaired T.V. sets, radios, etc. Stated that prior to Mark and Pamela being admitted to care he was drinking a bottle of spirits a day.	B .F.
30.6.87	Visit to foster home. Both appear to have settled well, although they are continually squabbling with each other. Mark stated that he had been informed by Brenda (cousin) that his father had been drinking at Christine Stirling's yesterday afternoon. Described as being very drunk. Discussed Pamela's placement with Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, as from tomorrow. Pamela looking forward to this.	B.F.
1.7 87	Pamela placed with Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, 11 Carrol Place, Brora. Mrs. Simpson is expecting another child in November. Family going on holiday to Blackpool for a week, beginning 24th July, thereafter spending some time with relatives prior to returning to Brora. Pamela will have to return to Mr. and Mrs. Nicoll during this period. Mrs. Simpson can be contacted via neighbour, Mr. and Mrs. Donald, at 0408 21249.	B.F.
	Mark travelled also to Brora, it being his intention to visit Mr. & Mrs. McKay. Unfortunately upon arrival they were not at the Garage, Mark returning to Wester Catreichie without meeting them. Mark very ambivalent about Mr. & Mrs. McKay, having been keen to visit, but adamant that he would not wish to stay with them. Mark remains very loyal to his father, stating that the McKays would ofter deride his father's care of him in his presence. Discussed immediate and longer term futures. Mark happy to remain at Wester Catreichie.	
8:7:87	Office visit. Dod states that he is still attending A.A. Knows many of the people involved, does not yet contribute, but sits and listens. States that he would find it very difficult to speak openly in front of other people. Expressed a desire to continue to attend. Dod continues to attempt to rationalise his drinking, stating that he can become a social drinker. He was sober to-day and presentable. He stated that it is his intention to stay clear of Mrs. Morgan. Dod expressed concern in regard to the standard of care provided to Mark and Pamela by Mrs. Nicoll, this pertained to the impression of Mrs. Nicoll having an overbearing, sometimes belligerent manner. Concern was expressed in a rational, thoughtful manner. Endeavoured to allay fears this in part being successful.	B.F.

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9:7:87	Office visit. Dod signed Financial Assessment Form. Again sober and very presentable. When sober it is noticeable that Dod often suffers from "the shakes".	
10:7:87	Dod observed in a drunken state from office window, having staggeredd across road in front of an oncoming car. Witnessed by Mr. Swan, Mr. Skinner and myself.	
13:7:87	Visit to Wester Catreichie. Mark and James Sutherland getting on very well together.	
14:7:87	Visit to Wester Catreichie.	
	Office visit - Dod abusive. Court appearance on 22:7:87 with Dod claiming that Mr. Pennington and myself had dropped charges against him. This not the case. Dod readily admitted that he had drunk a bottle and a half of vodka, rationalising this in his shock at discovering he had been charged with assault. Advised Dod to seek legal advice. Access discussed, Dod not prepared to visit Mark at either foster home or farm.	
	Evening visit to Wester Catreichie, accompanied by Mrs. Dunford Mrs. Nicoll requested visit, Mark proving very difficult demanding he be moved, claimed assaulted by Mr. Nicoll. Upon arrival circumstances had settled, however, Mark was in his room, bags packed ready to leave. Discussed matter Mark settled and put to bed. Stated not struck by Mr. Nicoll, agreed to discuss matter on 16:7:87. Mrs. Nicoll reassured by Mrs. Dunford prior to visit terminating.	
15:7:87	Children's Hearing. Attended by Dod and myself. Dod presentable and sober This Hearing was required to change Pamela's place of residence from Invergordon to Brora.	
16:7:87	Mark and James Sutherland taken swimming. An enjoyable afternoon with both. Problem of 14:7:87 discussed and resolved.	
21:7:87	Office visit. Dod smelling strongly of drink. Seen briefly by Mr. Swan prior to leaving office.	
22:7:87	Tain Sheriff Court - Dod fined £50 in respect to assault of self and Mr. Pennington.	
23:7:87	Office visit - Dod arrived without appointment. Supervising social worker on holiday for day.	
24:7:87	Pamela collected from Brora. Mrs. Simpson concerned Pamela's gross exaggerations and fabrications. Very demanding, manipulative and attention-seeking. Concerned that her own young children shall be influenced. Some petty pilfering with Pamela to-day taking £11 from Mrs. Simpson's purse. Mrs. Simpson discussed this with Pamela having discovered the money hidden in a doll. Initially Pamela hotly refuted that she had taken money. Confessed prior to my arrival, claiming that Mark always had "lots and lots more" than she ever had. I would suggest that Mrs. Simpson handled the matter in a very sensitive manner while reinforcing the inappropriationess of Pamela's behaviour also being able to welcome her back following from family holiday. Pamela stated that she looked forward to returning hopefully spending her birthday/	

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24:7:87 cont'd birthday there. Mark and Pamela again united at Mrs. Nicoll's. On southward journey Pamela was thoughtful in her response to my questions stating that should father continue to drink she would probably wish to remain in care.

30:7:87 Office visit. Dod appeared to be articulate and cogent. Sadly, but not surprisingly, he has terminated his involvement with A.A. Continues to endeavour to rationalise drinking as a social exercise rather than a chronic problem. At one point became quite aggressive in regard to the pressure placed upon him by myself. Stated that he would control his own destiny and drink the odd pint when he wished. Dod shall always refute that his first drink is his problem. Discussed access to children,m remains totally unwilling to visit them in foster home. Arrangements made for office meeting to-morrow at 11 a.m. Also discussed access at Coulpark over this weekend.

7:87 Mark and Pamela from Wester Catreichie to office. Arrived 11.15 a.m. by which time father had left. Endeavoured to find him. Both passed comment that he was most likely to be in the Station Bar, particularly as this was a Friday.

31:7:87 Mark and Pamela admitted to Coulpark Children's Centre, this as a consequence of Mr. & Mrs. Nicoll's weekend away, being guests at a wedding reception, returning on Monday, 3:3:87 at 7.30 p.m. Both appeared to be reasonably happy however they would have preferred to have remained on the farm. Access by father explained, emphasising that must take place within Centre.

1:8:87 Dod arrived at Coulpark at 2 p.m. He had several scratches on his face, was staggering considerably and additionally slurring his speech. Mr. Brown (Senior Care Officer) believed that he had been drinking. Dod claimed that he had had a brandy and that slurred speech was as a consequence of being on valium. He informed Mark and Pamela that he had been in a fight with the other man being the loser. As Dod endeavoured to convince mark and things would change, Mark became very tearful with Mr. Brown having to quickly terminate interview. Mr. Brown described Mark as being an angry mixed up boy trying not only to look after his sister but also endeavouring to sort out his own feelings (see separate report of visit submitted by mr. Brown).

4:8:87 Office visit. Dod rather unkept and dirty, but sober. Claimed visit to Centre had gone well, refuted claim that he had been drinking. Stated Pamela desperate to return home apparently accepting that Mark wished to remain in care. Again endeavoured to place all responsibility for break-up of family upon social Work Department viewing himself as the agrieved third party. Statesd that Pamela had visited Auntry Christine's on Sunday and that they had spent some time together. Stated that Pamela very unhappy at Mrs. Nicoll's and that she hated her social worker. Endeavoured to examine some of the feelings that Pamela may be feeling, a mixture of loyalty and guilt being desperately eager to provide "the right answer to the right person at the right time". At this time Pamela is not sufficiently mature to express her own feelings requiring increased confidence and security to do this. Further office appointment made for 6:8:87.

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6:8:87 Office visit - Dod arrived late in a drunken stupor. Dod was in a particular truculent mood. I was concerned about my safety and left the building when Dod practically tried to drag me into an interview room. In the car park I had to separate myself from his presence by the effective use of the railings, these serving as a barrier between us. After approximately 15-20 minutes Dod left, however, prior to this he again tried to manhandle me into an interview room when I reentered the building. This incident was witnessed by Miss Kett and Mr. Swan.

7:8:87 Office visit - Dod in belligerent mood but sober. Requested new social worker. Asked for appointment with Mr. Marquis.

7:8:87 Pamela returned to the care of Mr. & Mrfs. Simpson, Brora. (tel. contact McDonald 0408 21249). B.F.

Records now updated. Bill pending considerable input. Case as it stands looks as though both Mark & Pamela may now require to remain in care longer term basis - Dod still drinking. 27/8/87.

10.8.87 - 24,8,87 Social Worker on holiday

22.8.87 Mrs. Nicol and Mark at Mr. Henderson's home this evening. During the time within the home Dod visited the house. Dod was described as having been in a fairly drunken state, being verbally very abusive towards Mrs. Nicol. Mrs. Nicol however would appear to have brought this on herself in that she requested Dod to sign a form to enable Mark to claim for free school meals. B.F.

24.8.87 Contacted Mrs. Lavin, Guidance Teacher, Alness Academy, informing that Mark had now changed school to register at Invergordon Academy.

Contacted by Mrs. Nicol and informed of fracas at Mr. Henderson's on Saturday (as above).

Contacted Val Dunford. Informed Val re problems with Mrs. Nicol and Mr. Clifford over the weekend. Val could not account for this, Mrs. Nicol obviously having behaved inappropriately. Foster parents are not entitled to claim for free school meals for children within their care. Mrs. Nicol should have known this. However, it is perhaps indicative of lack of sensitivity in dealing with parents. Val agreed to discuss the matter fully with Mrs. Nicol. B.F.

26.8.87 Visit to foster placement. Saw both Mark and Mrs. Nicol. Mark states that he has settled fairly well at Invergordon Academy, having made a few friends there. Discussed fracas of last weekend with both, Mark stating that during incident he hid under a bed in an upstairs room. I understand from this that Dod was unaware that Mark was in the house at the time. Mark confirmed that his father had been drinking. He did so by the manner of his speech and his abrasive attitude towards Mrs. Nicol. B.F.

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27.8.87	H.V. to Mr. Henderson. Discussed with Mr. Henderson above incident, the opportunity also being taken to discuss with Mr. Henderson Debbie's circumstances. Mr. Henderson had earlier requested that Debbie be admitted to care. He stated that Debbie was now becoming increasingly outwith his control, that he could not cope with Debbie, this additional to his responsibilities towards his handicapped daughter, Sandra. Having discussed the matter it was felt that Mr. Henderson would probably benefit from increased support from the Social Work Department, this in regard to more regular home visits and whenever possible, appropriate financial support. Having considered the matter, Mr. Henderson agreed to continue to care for Debbie for a further two months at which point Debbie's circumstances could be reviewed. Agreed that next visit discuss Debbie's circumstances with Debbie present. Visit planned for 8.9.87.	B.F.
1.9.87	Dod to office. Discussed forthcoming court appearance. Dod, Mark, Christine Stirling and her cohabitee, John Paul Leah, all being witnesses. Dod informed that Mark would be taken to Tain Sheriff Court by myself. Dod however also to accompany Mark and myself to and from court.	B.F.
	Tain Sheriff Court - four above witnesses against [redacted] Some months ago it was alleged that [redacted] deliberately ran a car over [redacted] Dod also having been injured at that time. I understand that the original charge was attempted murder. However, this has now been reduced to that of assault. Sat in court throughout most of the proceedings, all adults being very poor witnesses. [redacted] while Dod stated vehemently that he was an alcoholic and also did not remember anything. Indeed, Dod stated that he could not remember visiting the Procurator Fiscal at Alness Police Station to give a statement. Of the witnesses called, Mark appeared to be the most reliable. However, during cross examination, Mr. Clifford was instructed to leave the court, becoming abusive towards [redacted] defence lawyer. This Dod did. He however did not settle until some time after. During the recession for lunch Dod, [redacted] went to a local hotel for lunch. Dod soon began drinking vodka. This intake however was curtailed by his lack of money. [redacted] Later Dod stated that from observation I could see that he could control his drinking or indeed he was not drunk that afternoon. He nevertheless had to be bought two coffees by myself, he being penniless. The reality of this is that were it not for Dod's lack of money, he would in all probability I believe have become very drunk. Having taken Dod and Mark from the court, we then travelled to Mrs. Nicol's. Upon/	

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	Upon arrival however Dod became rather tearful, with Mark being dropped one hundred yards from the home.	B.F.
2:9:87	Visit to foster placement at Brora. Accompanied on to-day's visit by Marc and Debbie. The purpose of to-day's visit was primarily to discuss the forthcoming Child Care Review with both Pamela and Marc together and also to enable Debbie to have contact with her brother and sister. Initially discussion focussed upon Mrs. Simpson, it being explained to her the desirability of her personal attendance at the Review, the purpose of the review and the plans which were hoped would soon occur in regard to both children. Mrs. Simpson has spent some time discussing with Pamela her pregnancy, this pertaining particularly to the need for Pamela to move from Brora. This was also explained by Mrs. Simpson in the context of Pamela and Marc being reunited.. Mrs. Simpson was made aware that at this time a couple Robertson, are being assessed as prospective foster parents for both children. It was reported that Pamela continues to cause no problems within the placement, having settled well within home and school. Opportunity taken to take Marc and Pamela for coffee at nearby cafe. While Marc was prepared to listen to serious conversation, Pamela found this very difficult. She, however, would now appear to recognise that she should at some time within the fairly near future be moving from Brora, hopefully to the couple in Tain. Pamela stated that this would be O.K., however, she would wish to return to Dad as soon as possible. It was stressed to Pamela that a change in placement would not necessarily mean that she would have to break her commitments with the Simpsons and that hopefully, following the birth of the baby, she would be able to visit on a fairly regular basis. Pamela is aware that the paternal/grandmother & aunts, Mrs. Docherty and Mrs. Stirling, have all indicated at various times a willingness to accommodate Pamela within their own homes. This was discussed with Pamela, it being reinforced to Pamela that they were not either suitable persons or in a suitable position to be responsible for her care. Pamela herself recognises this.	
3[illegible]87	Visit to Mrs. Docherty, [redacted] Alness. Mrs. Docherty stated that while she would wish to care for Pamela she would not now be in a position to do so, her own son having recently returned to the home. Mrs. Docherty was equally adamant that neither of her other relatives mentioned should be placed in a responsible position of caring for Pammie. In regard to Granny Clifford he stated that she would be far too soft and that Pamela in reality would never be away from her father's door, while in regard to Christine Stirling, she stated that she was herself almost constantly always drunk.	
7:9:87	[redacted]	
8:9:87	Visit to farm. Discussed with Marc forthcoming Child Care Review together with the plans for this weekend, it being Marc's intention to spend the weekend with the Mackays in Helmsdale. Marc was very enthusiastic about this. Arrangements made with Mrs. Nicoll for the Mackays to collect Marc on the evening of 11·9·87 with Marc	

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8:9:87 contd.	Marc to be returned by the Mackays on the evening of 13:9:87. To-day's visit was very successful, I being accompanied to the farm by Debbie. Debbie spoke very enthusiastically about Marc and the placement, following the visit.	
11:9:87 - 13:9:87	Marc spends weekend in Helmsdale with Mr. & Mrs. Mackay.	
14:9:87	Contacted Mrs. Mackay, Helmsdale. Informed by Mrs. Mackay that Marc had a good weekend with them. Mrs. Mackay, however, appeared concerned in regard to the return of Marc to the Nicoll's. She stated that Mrs. Nicoll's conduct was noted by its brevity, her offhand manner and her continual castigation of Marc for various mild misdemeanours. Discussed with Mrs. Mackay, stating that Marc's placement continues to be monitored closely with it being hoped that both Marc and Pamela would soon be reunited.	
17:9:87	Child Care Review. Meeting split in two - past and future. In regard to past it was stressed that Mr. Clifford continues to drink, while in regard to the future plans prepared were discussed with Mr. Clifford also having it reinforced that the children's continuing welfare is primarily placed within his own hands. For fuller details see Report together with Minutes of Meeting. Following above, discussed with Dod his own personal circumstances. Dod is at this time only receiving £10:40 per week benefit. From this he has to pay a fine at the rate of £2:50 per week. To date only £7:50 has been paid in respect to the Fine, this imposed on 22:7:87. Dod states that he has appealed to DHSS in regard to present payment. Payment would appear to result as a consequence of Dod having in the past made fraudulent claims in respect to benefit. Marc returned later that day to foster home. Marc appears pleased that a new placement is being secured, however, he was rather tearful at the prospect of again commencing a new secondary school. This was discussed with Marc being assured that the possibility of him remaining at Invergordon Academy would be examined in greater detail. The pros of cons of this option were fully discussed.	
22:9:87	Dod briefly to office. In sober condition. Arrangements made with Dod for Dod to be seen by Val and myself on 24:9:87.	
24:9:87	Dod to office, interviewed by Val Dunford and self. Discussed present difficulties in securing placement in Tain for Marc and Pamela. Throughout to-day's interviews I was struck by Dod's positive response to the difficulties. Discussed with Dod the need for him to visit the children regularly, this together with hoped for visits by the children to Alness. Dod was made aware that when placement is secured he shall be encouraged to visit at the earliest opportunity. However, he shall certainly meet with the foster parents on the Children's Hearing of 7:10:87.	
25:9:87	Visit to Mr. Henderson. Mr. Henderson given money totalling £50 this in respect to three separate charities. This resulted as a consequence of Debbie's poor clothing. Mr. Henderson was most grateful. At this time I would suggest Debbie's placement continues in a fairly stable manner, no difficulties being reported. Visit/	

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25:9:87 contd	Visit to foster placement at Brora. Pamela rather reluctant to talk to me. Pamela aware of my reasons for visit, this in regard to imminent move to Mr. & Mrs. Robertson, [redacted] Tain. Pamela expressed some reservations, however, she would appear to be coping with uncertainty very admirably.	
2:10:87	Visit to Mr. & Mrs. Robertson. Discussed Marc and Pamela's circumstances, this in the presence of Mrs. Dunford. Arrangements discussed for this weekend together with forthcoming Children's Hearing.	
	Visit to foster placement at Brora. Visit as a consequence of weekend to be spent by Pamela and Marc with Robertsons. Pamela a bit tearful upon departure, however, she did not appear to be too upset, this perhaps in the knowledge that she shall shortly be returning to Edith and David. Pamela has begun to say her goodbyes in Brora, having by all accounts done this in a very mature manner. Pamela transported to Mrs. Nicoll's where she is to spend the night prior to being taken, together with Marc, to the Robertson's for the weekend.	
3:10:87 - 4:10:87	Marc and Pamela spend weekend with Mr. & Mrs. Robertson. Pamela returned to Brora by Mr. Robertson with Marc being collected from the home by Mrs. Nicoll. This appeared to have been a very successful introduction, albeit hectic.	
5:10:87	Dod to office. In sober condition. Discussed forthcoming Hearing and necessary arrangements.	
7:10:87	Children's Hearing. Hearing attended by Marc, Pamela, Dod and Mr. & Mrs. Robertson. Placement varied to one naming Mr. & Mrs. Robertson.	
10:10:87 - 16:10:87	Marc to Mr. & Mrs. Mackay, Helmsdale, for October school break.	
12:10:87	Visit to Mr. & Mrs. Robertson. Discussed Hearing, Mr. Clifford and children. Ground rules explained in regard to access visits by father to home. Need for communication stressed between foster home, social work and homefinder. Pamela seen briefly during this visit, appeared fairly happy and settled.	Bill Forbes
13-16:10:87	Social Worker on holiday	
21:10:87	Initial supervised access to foster home. Visit progressed well with Dad handling himself in a very competent manner. Pamela was rather tearful upon departure.	
22:10:87	Draft copy of letter by Director to Charles Kennedy received.	
26:10:87	Memo to Mrs. Dunford in respect to clothing for Mark and Pamela forwarded.	
27:10:87	Home visit to Mr. Henderson. No difficulties reported in respect to Debbie. Sandra continues in her absence from the Seaforth Centre, Maryburgh.	
28:10:87	Supervised access to foster home.	

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	OCTOBER SUMMARY Pamela and Mark have settled well within their foster placement. it is the Robertson's first foster placement, they, however, have coped very well with the demands that have been placed upon them. To the best of my knowledge this is the first foster placement that father has visited. Within the placement, Pamela can at times be particularly demanding. Some conflict has been experienced in the desire to have them settled with the placement yet return home as soon as possible.	
6:11:87	Supervised access at Mrs. Clifford's (grandmother). Access supervised by Mr. Robertson. During this visit to Alness, opportunity also taken by children to visit Mr. Henderson.	
13:11:87	Supervised access visit to foster home.	
20:11:87	Supervised access visit to foster home.	
	NOVEMBER SUMMARY Access visits are generally speaking progressing well, however, there has been evidence that Dod has been drinking prior to visits. During visits I had thought that Marc may have been upset by this, however, he appeared to accept his father's drinking, recognising that his father in all probability would never abstain totally. Mr. & mrs. Robertson continue to find Marc and Pamela rather demanding they in many respects behaving as much younger children. Mrs. Robertson appears to be fairly nervous, autocratic and very much a disciplinarian, this, however, is tempered by her husband's generally speaking more considered, calm approach - this "feathers not being easily ruffled". Dod has picked this up, expressing, in private conversation, some dissatisfaction in the manner in which Jean addresses the children during access visits.	
4:12:87	Supervised access visit to foster home.	
7:12:87	Visit to foster home. Discussion with Marc and Pamela in regard to forthcoming Child Care Review. Both keen to return home, however, Marc a bit more reserved. Discussed with Marc his feelings regarding his father's continued drinking, albeit curtailed. Marc stated a reality that father would not stop drinking, however, he believed that thiss would be okay should he refrain from drinking spirits. He expressed no dissatisfaction regarding drink during access visits. Discussed with Pamela her continuing truculent and sometimes demanding behaviour, emphasising to Pamela that in behaving in such a manner she would be placing her father under further stress. Discussed past referrals to Standby Officer (2) by Dod in regard to Pamela.	
14:12:87	Child Care Review. Overnight access to commence. Children's hearing to be arranged mid-late January 1988. Marc's feelings towards father to be explained further (see Report 11:12:87)	

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17:12:87	Birthday party at foster home for Marc. Party attended by Mr. & Mrs. McKay, Brora.	
23:12:87	Section 12 payment (£15) made in respect to return of children to home during holiday period.	
24:12:87 - 26:12:87	Children home, transported each way by Mr. Robertson.	
2:1:88 - 4:1:88	Children home, transported each way by Mr. Robertson.	
24:12:87 - 4:1:88	Social Work Department closed - both dates inclusive	
[illegible]·88	Dod to office. Section 12 payment (£15) in respect to return of children to home for weekend made.	
8:1:88	Visited foster home with Dod. Collected children and taken to Alness.	
8-10:1:88	Children home for weekend. Returned to Tain by foster parents.	
11:1:88	Marc and Pamela fail to attend school. Use week's dinner money for purchase tickets to return to Alness. Return home, being taken to Social Work Department by Dod at 10 a.m. Both stated very unhappy with foster placement, not wishing/refusing to return. both claimed to be picked upon unnecessarily by Jean, after grounded by Jean for very little. Marc claimed that Pamela had ben struck a number of times by Robert Robertson (18) having on one occasion burst into tears. Dod complained about Jean's attitude towards Marc when collected from home last night. ;; Visit to foster home with Mrs. Dunford also present. Jean somewhat distraught. Endeavoured to be constructively critical, normalising behaviour of Marc and Pamela as far as possible. Emphasised plan to return children home and that behaviour of Marc and Pamela was reaction to this. Meeting at Social Work Department with Dod and children. Agreement reached that they return to foster home to-morrow evening. Pamela endeavoured to be manipulative, however, quickly calmed down. All informed that Children's Hearing arranged for 27:1:88, this as previously agreed at Child Care Review.	
12:1:88	Observed Dod in intoxicated condition at 3 p.m. in Alness High Street. Marc present, with Dod being in the company of Mrs. Morgan and son. Collected children 7.30 p.m., Dod still in company of Mrs.Morgan, his condition having deteriorated further from this afternoon. Returned children to foster home with my observation beingg discussed with Marc and foster parents. Marc adopted a surprisingly defensive stance towards his father.	
13:1:88	Dod visits Social Work Department. Interviewed in the presence of Mr. Marquis. Disappointment expressed with Dod expressing some recognition that he had acted inappropriately yesterday. The reality of behaviour "spelled out" with Dod being informed that Children's Hearing Report would contain reference to incident. Observed at Supervision 14/1/88.	Bill Forbe

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19.1.88	Visit to foster home, Tain. This visit was ostensibly to discuss next weeks' Children's Hearing and the recommendation contained within the report. However it quickly became evident that there were some problems within the home Pamela having allegedly stolen one pound over the weekend. This was discussed with Mark, Pamela and foster parents with Pamela being adamant that she had not stolen any money from the house. This matter was deferred for later discussion attempts being made to focus upon the hearing. Mark and Pamela were informed of the contents of the hearing report this being that father continued to drink although for the most part in a controlled manner It would also be stated in the report that I on one ocassion recently witnessed him in a rather intoxicated condition. As such I would not be recommending in the report that the return home mearly pointing out to the panel that progress had been made however lapses as described above probably continue. It was agreed that both children have a weekend at home Hugh being agreeable to arrange transportation each way.	
22/24.1.88	Weekend at home.	
25.1.88	Dod visits office. Dod stated that weekend progressed well he believing that Pam had not taken the money from the Robertson's house He appears to have discussed this in a sensible rational manner with Pam not pursueing the matter overly discussed forthcoming hearing with Dod being allowed to read report. Dod stated that it was a fair report he however believed there would be no problem in the children returning to his care. Emphasized to Dod that it was important he presented well at the hearing and behaved in a reasonable manner particularly in regard to probably questioning about continued drinking.	
27.1.88	Children's Hearing. Following lengthy discussion involving foster parents, Dod, Mark, Pamela and myself it was agreed by a majority decision that the children return home under Supervision. Following Hearing agreement reached that children return to Alness on 29.1.88.	
29.1.88	Children return home being returned by myself and Mr Clifford. Despite some of the problems with the foster parents they were obviously a bit distressed to see the children leave Mrs Robertson in particular being rather tearful upon Pam's departure. Both children left the foster home in a very appropriate manner thanking Hugh and Jean in the support given within the last few months. Dod also expressed his appreciation.	
4.2.88	Home visit. Mark and Pamela have now enrolled at Alness Academy and Obsdale Primary School respectively both are continueing to settle having much clothing lyeing about the house at this time. They obviously appeared to be pleased to be home.	
9.2.88	Home visit. Arrived at house with no one in. Upon return to office I observed Pamela coming out of Mrs Morgan's home upon seeing myself she ran quickly back in. Visit made to Mrs Morgan's home where I observed Dod in a very intoxicated condition. His speech was slurred and he was a bit unsteady on his feet he however was able to have a conversation. Prior to departure I expressed my concern to Mrs Morgan who agreed that she would endeavour to return Dod to his home and if appropriate provide care for the children. Returned to office and informed Mr Swan, Standbye officer of above. At this time I would be very reluctant to admitt the children to care again they having just returned home.	

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10.2.88	Telephone call from Dr Smith, Alness Group Practice. Dr Smith informed that he had visited the Clifford home in the early evening of last night this as a consequence of Dod having dislocated his shoulder. Dr Smith replaced that shoulder however he also wished Dod to visit the hospital for follow up treatment. Dr Smith expressed concern that Dod had been drinking and he was a single parent caring for children. At that time he did not believe that the children necessitated placement in care however he did inform the duty social worker of his concerns.	
11.2.88	Dod to office. Dod seen by Mr Marquis and myself. Again it was strongly reinforced to Dod that the incidents of yesterday were t totally unacceptable and if he continued to place the children at risk this possibly necessitating their placement in care. As in the past Dod accepted this.	
12.2.88	Dod to office. Dod in sober condition stating that he would do his very best for the children and that he would endeavour to pay the £10 to the Social Work Department this carried forward from January as soon as possible.	
16.2.88	Mark to office following telephone discussion with school. Discussed situation with Mark particularly partaining to his father's drinking. Mark very defensive towards father. Does not see any problem at this time. Discussed with Mark possible inclusion in Ala-a-teen Mark agreeable to this wishing me to contact Linda from Ala-a-teen on his behalf. Confirmed with Mark that I was informed that he had settled within the school very well no problems of note.	
18.2.88	Dod to office. Seen by Mr Marquis in my absence. Dod complaining that I had seen Mark on my own.	
18.2.88/23.2.88	Social Worker on holiday.	
26.2.88	Home visit. All settled Mark and Pamela at home. Discussed Deborah's forthcoming Children's Hearing with Mr Clifford stated that he would attend. All appears to be settled with some time spent discussing Dod's previous complaint to Stuart Marquis. No ill feelings held matter being resolved in an amicable manner.	
26.2.88	Home visit to Mr Henderson and Debbie. Discussed the forthcoming Children's Hearing with a recommendation to be made that Supervision be terminated. Debbie is now in full time employment has a settled lifestyle and shall continue to reside with her grandfather for the forseeable future. (see Children's Hearing Report prepared).	
29.2.88	Children's Hearing. Deborah discharged from supervision. Following the Hearing I visited Mr Henderson's home where I observed Mrs Irene Clifford/Henderson with extensive bruising on her face most noticeably accross her eyes and nose. Did not make reference to this however agreed I visit early next week.	
3.3.88	Home visit. Dod, Mark and Pamela present all sitting down having a meal all very contented having been at Mr Clifford's birthday a few days ago. Dod was keen to show me the record player bought for him by the children together with their cards. I continued to be very impressed by the affection the children demonstrate towards their father this being reciprocated by Dod.	

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Discussed Mark's involvement in Ala-a-teen Mark agreeing to attend this evening he is futher expressing a desire to attend their day trip to Inverness this Saturday.

16.3.88 Dod to office. Dod stated that the children had been unwell within the last two days as such both had been kept off school. Dod to inform the schools accordingly. Dod stated that it was hoped that Mark would be going to Majorca with Mr and Mrs Mackay, Brora during the Easter holiday break.

17.3.88 Telephone call to Obsdale Primary School. Discussed with Mrs Curzon Headmistress Pamelas' progress within the school. Mrs Curzon was very reluctant to discuss Pamelas' circumstance over the phone she believing that they had deteriorated to such an extent that my personal presence was required at the school. I agreed to visit.

22.3.88 Visit to Obsdale primary school. Mrs Curzon informed that Pamela had been a very disruptive pupil since returning from her foster placement. She questioned at length what had happened when the child was in foster care to have such a damaging effect on the child now that she has returned to home. Pamela would appear to be almost outwith the teachers control being very insolent to her P7 teacher occasionaly swearing at him. I asked Mrs Curzon if she had discussed this matter directly with Mr Clifford she stated that had not and wished me to do so. I stated my reluctance to do this however if she wished I could invite Mr Clifford to attend the School with myself when Mrs Curzon can put her concerns to him. While Pamela is dispruptive within the class she has a good record of attendance althought it is known she truanted on at least one occasion. She attends punctually is never late and appears to be satisfactorily dressed with a good standard of personal hygiene. I found the manner of Mrs Curzons' discussion rather odd and a bit disconcerting.

24.3.88 Home visit. Mr Clifford, Mark and Pamela present some time spent in discussing Mrs Curzons's concerns with Mark,Pamela and Dod. Within the home Pamela seems to be very settled continueing to demonstrate her obvious affection for her father. Dod however was concerned that Pamela has again started smoking. Efforts made to discourage Pamela from doing this. Mark has now begun to attend ALATEEN benefiting from this Pamela however is reluctant to do this. Pamela would appear to have few friends within Alness other than [redacted] who is her constant companion. I understand that Pamela and [redacted] were absent from school last week [redacted] Mark stated that he enjoyed the day trip to Inverness with Alateen he meeting many children from all over scotland at this time. Discussed holiday arrangements for children it being understood that Mark is to spend 3 weeks with Mrs Mackay in Brora 2 of which are to be spent in Majorca.

28.3.88 - 4.4.88 Social Worker on holiday (both dates inclusive).

31.3.88 - 18.4.88 Alness Schools on holiday.

3.4.88

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3.4.88 - 21.4.88	Mark spends the first week with the Mackays' in Brora taken by them to Majorca for a further 2 weeks prior to the beginning of the school holiday Alness Academy informed by myself and Mr Clifford independently that Mark would be returning to school a week later. Guidance teacher agreeable to this.
6.4.88	Dod to office. Dod stated that he is having problems in regard to the new DHSS regulations requesting support in filling in forms. I agreed to assist Dod in this office interview being arranged for 11.4.88. Dod states that the home is settled Mark having now left for Brora Pamela remaining at home with himself however she has regular contact with her elder sister Debbie spending week-ends at the home.
11.4.88	Dod to office with DHSS forms. Forms filled in and forwarded to DHSS.
12.4.88	Home visit. Dod and Pamela present. Pamela looked very well appeared smart clean and tidy. The holiday appears to have been quite settled for Pamela she spending some time at her Grandfathers home having last Saturday been taken to Inverness by Debbie, Debbie using this visit to buy a pair of shoes for Pamela. As is usual Pamela demonstrated a marked affection for her father during my visit.
23:24 April '88	Bill Forbes telephoned by Mr. Henderson, grandfather, informing him that Marc Clifford, on return from holiday with the MacKays in Majorca, had gone to live with him since Dod Clifford not at home. Pamela had been living with Mr. Henderson for the past few days. Bill was aware that over the past week there had been some problems with Dod engaging in heavier drinking again. Agreed situation to be investigated on Monday, 25th April.
25:4:88	Bill Forbes signed off sick for at least two weeks, and as such myself and Jenny Kett investigated situation. Self and Jenny Kett visited Mr. Henderson, grandfather. Marc and Pamela both at home and also Mr. Henderson's daughter, mother of both children. Mr. Henderson agreed to look after both children for a few days, but not prepared to look after them for any length of time. Marc was stating that he was not keen to return home with his father. Dod had been seen earlier in the day and was obviously under the influence of drink.
26:4:88	Dod Clifford into office, very shaky, maintaining he was planning to stay off the drink to get himself fit to look after the children again. Again visited Mr. Henderson at home, and Marc still stating that he was not keen to return to his father. Mr. Henderson given Section 12 Grant of £15 to go towards care of the two children. Mr. Henderson agreeable to looking after the children to the beginning of next week, but not wishing to look after them any longer than this.

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26:4:88contd	The situation faced at present is one of deciding whether or not the children should be received back into care or whether it is possible to return them to Mr. Clifford again. Pamela keen to return home, but Marc still expressing reluctance and is obviously angry at his father's behaviour. Marc keen to go to live with Mr. & Mrs. Mackay, but Mr. & Mrs. Mackay have stated they could not look after Marc full time.	
	Plan to have discussion with John Dunlop and Val Dunford later in the week to discuss options open.	Stuart Marquis

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28:4:88	John Dunlop, Val Dunford, Mr Clifford and self had discussion in office. Made perfectly clear to Mr Clifford problems which his drinking behaviour were causing. Agreed that Childrens Hearing should proceed, date fixed for 10th May. Visits over past few days have seen great improvement in Dod and Dod also called to office on 3:5:88, again perfectly sober. Following information provided. Pamela actually went to stay with ex-foster parents Mr & Mrs Simpson on Saturday 30th staying until Tuesday 3rd May. Mark returned home to his father on Monday 2nd May. Pamela had actually returned to the father on Friday 29th. Mark has thus made his own decision to return to his father in view of his father coming off the drink again. Remains the same, with Mark and Pamela continuing to live with their father.	S Marquis
10:5:88	Childrens Hearing - No Change - Children to remain at home. Mr Clifford very sober over past two weeks.	S Marquis

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Six-Monthly Review of a Child in Care

Mark: 17:12:74

1. Name of Child MARK AND PAMELA CLIFFORD 2. Date of Birth Pamela: 23:8:76

3. Home Address 24 Milnafua, Alness

4. Present Address C/o Mr. & Mrs. Nicol, [redacted] Invergordon

5. In care under Section 44 1(a) Named Place of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.

6. Date of Review: 25th June, 1987 7. Date of Previous Review: -

8. Number of visits since previous Review: Admitted to Care: Place of Safety: 19:6:87

9. Behaviour of Child since previous Review:

Mr. Clifford is a single parent who has cared for his children since September 1985. He is alcoholic, the children having been subject to Statutory Care since 1979. Present placement results as a direct consequence of Mr. Clifford's condition.

10 Any changes of importance since previous Review:

11. Date of last School Report:

Recommendations/Observations from School Report:

Mark - an able youth who is sensitive to his father's condition. He does not wish contact with his father - does not envisage returning home.

Pamela - has displayed some behavioural difficulties - denies allegations made, wishes to return home.

12. Date of last Medical Report:
Recommendations/Observations from Medical Report:

F.F.I.'s completed 19:6:87

13. Contact with parents/friends:

Access is a condition of Children's Hearing, but as deemed appropriate by Social Work Department. Access should be by negotiation, on a regular basis, but not if Mr. Clifford has been drinking.

14. Any recommendations since previous review:

(1) Mr. Clifford to be given every support to overcome his condition
(2) Children to stay together if possible
(3) Can children be cared for by previous carers
(4) Can present placement be released for Community Carer

15. General Comments:

Mr. Clifford is a father with many positive qualities who, unfortunately, is an alcoholic.

Mr. Clifford is the only person who can solve problem. Until he does, Mark and Pamela require protection.

Signed ..... Supervising Officer Date 25:6:87

16. Recommendations following the Review:

Inited to Attend: Mr. Dunlop (PFO), Mr. Marquis (A.T.L.), Mr. Forbes (S.W.)
Mrs. Dunford (Home Finder), Mrs. Nicol(Foster parent),
Mr. Clifford, Mark Clifford, Pamela Clifford

See Attached Minutes -

17. Date of next review: Before end of August 1987.

Signed ..... ATL ..... Senior Social Worker Date ...26/6/87.

held at the Alness Social Work Department on 25th June, 1987

Present: John Dunlop, Stuart Marquis, Bill Forbes, Val Dunford, Mr. Clifford, Mark Clifford, Pamela Clifford, Mrs. Nicol (Foster Parent)

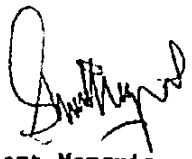
Both children, Pamela and Mark, currently staying with Mrs. Nicol, foster parent, at Invergordon. Supervision requirement 44 1(a) specifies this as Place of Residence. It was agreed by all that Mark and Pamela should remain in care at this time, due to Mr. Clifford openly admitting that he has a problem with alcohol abuse. Noted that he is currently receiving help from his doctor with his drinking problem.

It was clear that Pamela was keen to return home to her father, but at present Mark had reservations about returning home. Mr. Clifford was aware of Mark's feelings regarding this. It was felt that it would be in the best interests of the children that they be placed, on a short term basis, with some of the families they already had stayed with. Due to holidays of some of these families arrangements will have some complications, but the following was agreed::

1. Mark will remain with Mrs. Nicol for the next few weeks, whereupon he will then transfer to stay with Mr. & Mrs. Mackenzie in Balintore where his elder brother is already staying. Mark cannot immediately go to the Mackenzies due to the fact that they are on holiday at present.

2. Pamela will be transferred to stay with Mr. & Mrs. Simpson, foster parents, where she has previously stayed and this should take place early next week. It was noted that Mr. & Mrs. Simpson will be going on holiday for a short period over the summer holidays, and it will be necessary for Pamela to be found a placement during this time, probably back with Mrs. Nicol, but this to be agreed with Val Dunford.

It was agreed that it would be necessary to review the situation before the children return to school and as such a Child Care Review should be scheduled to take place in the first two weeks in August. Prior to the Review taking place, fuller assessment will have taken place regarding Mr. Clifford's situation and his suitability to resume care of his children, and also whether Mark is prepared to return home to live with his father. At this stage there are indications that Mr. Clifford will be able to have the children returned to his care, although much depends on his alcohol problem being solved.



Stuart Marquis
Area Team Leader

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Six-Monthly Review of a Child in Care

1. Name of Child ..... PAMELA CLIFFORD ..... 2. Date of Birth 23:8:76

3. Home Address ..... 24 MILNAFUA, ALNESS .....

4. Present Address ..... C/o Simpson, [redacted] Brora .....

5. In care under Section ..... 44 1(a) ..... of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.

6. Date of Review: ..... 17:9:87 ..... 7. Date of Previous Review: ..... 25:6:87 .....

8. Number of visits since previous Review: (Since change of placement) - 4 - 1:7:87; 24:7:87; 7:8:87; 2:9:87 prior to change - weekly.....

9. Behaviour of Child since previous Review:

Pamela has responded well in both placements, being particularly keen to identify with both families. Pamela finds it difficult to cope with change and can be very attention-seeking when insecure.

10 Any changes of importance since previous Review:

Change of placement from Nicoll, [redacted] to Simpson on 1:7:87, this being verified at the Children's Hearing of 15:7:87. Unfortunately, Pamela has been separated from Mark since that time.

11. Date of last School Report:

Recommendations/Observations from School Report:

Telephone conversation of 15:8:87 with Head Teacher of Brora Primary School indicated that Pamela has continuing learning deficiencies. She relates very well with all the teachers. Some problems of integration experienced although they are not severe.

12. Date of last Medical Report: F.F.I. completed when initially admitted to Care (19:6:87)

Recommendations/Observations from Medical Report:

From personal observation, I would suggest that Pamela is in good health, emotionally and physically.

13. Contact with parents/friends:

Pamela has had no direct contact from father other than at Child Care Reviews. Letters have been exchanged and birthday presents given. Mr. Clifford has not taken any opportunity to visit Pamela during above visits to Brora. Desire to return home reciprocated by both.

14. Any recommendations since previous review:

While every effort should be made to have Pamela return to her father's care as soon as possible, Mr. Clifford must first "grasp the nettle". Until such time as he does this, I strongly recommend that Pamela remain in foster care. In this regard it is imperative that Pamela's placement be changed, this as a consequence of Mrs. Simpson's advancing pregnancy, together with the need to have Mark and Pamela reunited in foster care.

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15. General Comments:

Mr. Clifford continues to drink heavily. He, however, would refute this. I believe that his circumstances have remained unchanged, indeed his drinking may have increased. His attendance at Alcoholics Anonymous was noted by its brevity, with Mr. Clifford having failed to demonstrate that he has taken any practical steps to enable his children to return to his care.

Signed ..... Supervising Officer Date ...16.9.87

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16. Recommendations following the Review:

Inited to Attend: John Dunlop, Stuart Marquis, Bill Forbes, Val Dunford, Mr. G. Clifford, Pamela Clifford, Mrs. Simpson, Mark Clifford, Mrs. Nicoll.

See Attached Minutes.

17. Date of next review: Dec. 1987.

Signed ..... Senior Social Worker Date ....21/9/87.....

(1) MARC CLIFFORD

(2) PAMELA CLIFFORD

Date of Review: 17th September, 1987

Held At: Social Work Department, Alness

Present at Review: Stuart Marquis, Bill Forbes, Val Dunford, Mr. Clifford, Mrs. Clifford (paternal grandmother), Mrs. Simpson (foster parent for Pamela), Marc Clifford, Pamela Clifford, Mrs. Nicoll (foster parent for Marc).

This Review had been called since it had been agreed to review Marc and Pamela's situation, if possible prior to school recommencing. It was noted that Mr. Clifford's drinking problem had continued, and as such it was not felt that he was yet fit to have the children returned to his care. Bill Forbes indicated that Marc himself was not yet keen to return to his father, especially if his drinking continued. It was noted that Pamela still indicated a wish to return to her father.

Both Marc and Pamela were keeping good health, and were doing fairly well at their respective schools.

In view of the fact that Marc's placement with Mrs. Nicoll had been made on an emergency basis, with Mrs. Nicoll primarily being a resource for Community Caring, and similarly since Pamela's placement with Mr. & Mrs. Simpson now had to end in the near future due to Mrs. Simpson's pregnancy, coupled with the fact that it was felt that Marc and Pamela should both be placed in the same foster family, it was agreed that an alternative fostering placement should be found as soon as possible. Val Dunford informed the group that a couple were currently being assessed in Tain, and she had already given consideration as to the suitability of this couple for Marc and Pamela. Val felt this couple were appropriate, and when the couple were past by the Fostering Group next week Val would report back and consider encouraging introductions to be made to Marc and Pamela. It was, of course, noted that any change of placement would require to be ratified by a Children's Hearing. It was agreed that should this placement prove possible, that a Children's Hearing be called as soon as appropriate, perhaps not later than three weeks time. Introductory visits to be arranged between Bill Forbes and Val Dunford.

Mr. Clifford was clearly stating that he wished to have the children returned to his care, but did not appear to appreciate the problems which drink was causing in his life. Mr. Clifford had not availed himself of opportunities to see Marc and Pamela, stating that he did not wish to be upset by seeing them, but it was also felt by Bill Forbes that visits had not been made by Dod Clifford due to problems he was experiencing with drink. However, it was agreed that future access should be made freely available by Mr. Clifford to see Pamela and Marc, this being organised by Bill Forbes, Social Worker. It was agreed that access would be permitted at Mrs. Clifford, the grandmother's house should this so be requested. It was not felt necessary to make any strong restrictions on access, this to be looked at sensibly over the next few months, and if it was felt appropriate overnight access at the granny's could be arranged, although it was necessary to bear in mind the need for the children to settle with any new fostering family, as well as considering every opportunity to be made for the children to return to their father should his drinking improve. In view of the fact that it was felt that Mr. Clifford needed a goal to aim towards, and the danger of the children drifting into long-term care if Mr. Clifford was improving his drinking behaviour, it was agreed that a Child Care Review

Review should again be held in early December to again look at the children's future.

The main Recommendations of the Review summarised as follows:

(1) New fostering placements to be found for both Marc and Pamela together in the same foster home as soon as possible, with a couple currently being assessed in Tain to be given full consideration to.

2. Access by Mr. Clifford to see the children to be arranged by Mr. Forbes, Social Worker, with no strong restrictions on access, and overnight access to be considered should Mr. Clifford's behaviour improve considerably. At present access should be arranged either in the foster parents' home under supervision of Mr. Forbes, or alternatively access visits could be arranged at the Grandmother's house.

3. Children's Hearing to be called as soon as new foster home found.

4. Agreed that case to be reviewed again in December thus providing goal for Mr. Clifford to improve his drinking habits.

Stuart Marquis
Area Team Leader

SW 1/4B
(Amended)

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

INITIAL REVIEW/PERIODIC REVIEW *(PLEASE DELETE AS APPROPRIATE)

(Note - complete questions 1 - 18 prior to Review)

1. Name of Child: MARC CLIFFORD
PAMELA CLIFFORD
Date of Birth: 17:12:74
23:8:76

3. Address of Parents: 24 MILANFUA, ALNESS

4. Present Address of Child:
C/o Mr. & Mrs. Robertson, [redacted], Tain

5. Legal Position/Section under which Child is in Care:
44 1(a) - Named Place

6. Date of Admission into Care: 19:6:87

7. Date of Review: 14:12:87 Date of Previous Review: 17:9:87

9. Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate):

1) New fostering placements to be found for both Marc and Pamela together in the same foster home

2) Access by Mr. Clifford to be aranged with no strong restrictions on access with consideration being given for overnight access. Access initially to be supervised by the Social Work Department.

3) Children's Hearing to be convened as soon as new foster home found

4) Child Care Review to be held in December

10. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since previous Review/ Reception into Care:

7:10:87 - Children's Hearing varying placement

Supervised access visits on - 21:10:87; 28:10:87; 13:11:87, 20:11:87 and 4:12:87

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11. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since Previous Review/ Reception into Care:

As above, with Mr. Clifford also visiting the Social Work Department on a regular weekly basis.

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12. Present situation with family since Reception into Care/Last Review (full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family, substantiate if care of child cannot be assumed by them):

I personally have not seen Mr. Clifford in an intoxicated condition since 6:8:87, he, however, continues to drink, but not witnessed to excess. There has been evidence of drinking prior to access visits. Mr. Clifford has made a marked improvement in his condition, having additionally coped with access visits in a satisfactory manner.

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13. Present situation of Child since Reception into Care/Last Review (include schooling, health, behaviour, religious upbringing etc):

Marc and Pamela have been reunited in the present placement, both attending local schools. They are both in good health having settled well at school.

Within the foster placement they can, at times, be particularly demanding, Pamela in particular behaving as a much younger child.

Some conflict has been experienced in the desire to have them settled within the placement yet return home as soon as possible.

14. Contact between Parents and Child:
(how have access arrangements operated, what requires changing)

As stated in (10), Mr. Clifford has also had an access visit at his mother's home (6:11:87), this supervised by Mr. Robertson. The frequency of visits should remain as above, however, their duration should be lengthened.

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15. Areas of Concern (if any):

(a) Family: Mr. Clifford believes that he can function as a social drinker; The failure of A.A. to achieve sobriety; Mr. Clifford's refusal to consider any form of counselling in regard to his alcoholism.

(b) Child:
The fairly numerous changes of foster placements and schools within a short period of time.

(c) Substitute Family:

Some problems have been experienced in managing Pamela's behaviour. Mr. & Mrs. Robertson have coped with access visits in a very positive manner.

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16. Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies):

I would envisage both children having increased contact with their father with time being spent at home over the Christmas period.

Weekends could then be spent at home with, hopefully, a Children's Hearing being convened towards the end of January/beginning of February to, hopefully, recommend that the children be returned to Mr. Clifford's care on a full time basis. They, however, should remain the subjects of a home supervision order.

17. General comments and recommendations (access, long-term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation):

1) Access be increased, overnight, weekends.

2) Children to remain in care, however, planned return to the parental home as soon as possible.

3) Mr. Clifford's ability to care for his children to be monitored at all times.

4) Child Care ~~Review~~ Hearing to be held early in 1988, this in regard to the return of the children to father.

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18. Invited to Attend Review:

Mr. Dunlop
Mr. Marquis
Mrs. Dunford
Mr. Clifford
Marc & Pamela
Mr. & Mrs. Robertson

Signed: .....

Designation: ...Social worker

Date: .....11:12:87.....

MINUTES OF REVIEW MEETING

19. Date of Review: 14:12:87
Location: Alness
Chairperson: John Dunlop
Names and Designations of those attending:

John Dunlop, Principal Fieldwork officer
Stuart Marquis, Area Team Leader
Bill Forbes, Social Worker,
Val Dunford, Home finder
Mr. & Mrs. Robertson, Foster Parents
Mr. Clifford
Pamela Clifford
Marc Clifford

Invited but unable to attend:

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20. Summary of Discussion:

It was noted that Pamela and Marc had both settled well with their new foster parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robertson. This was the Robertson's first fostering placement, but they had coped well, although they agreed that both Marc and Pamela together did prove quite a handful with their arguing with each other at times. Bill Forbes informed the meeting that Mr. Clifford's drinking behaviour over the past two months was much improved, and Bill had not found Dod Clifford to be drunk on any occasion when he had seen him. Certainly Mr. Clifford still continues to drink but this was now on a much more organised basis. It was clear that Pamela very much wished home to her father, although it was noted that Marc appeared to have more reservations regarding this. It was agreed that the plan for the children to be returned to Mr. Clifford should now be put into action, with a Children's Hearing to be convened in mid to late January. Prior to this, access to be encouraged, and agreed that the children should have overnight access for Christmas Eve to Boxing Day. It was, of course, noted that the return of the children to Mr. Clifford was dependent upon the Children's Hearing decision, and also on how the intervening period between now and the Children's Hearing went, i.e. a relapse into problem drinking behaviour, or perhaps indications from Marc of a wish not to return home would have to be taken fully into account.

custodianship, adoption, discharge from care):

(1) Both children to remain with Mr. & Mrs. Robertson at present, but Children's Hearing to be arranged for mid to late January to consider return of children to Mr. Clifford.

(2) Return of children to Mr. Clifford dependent upon his behaviour and relationship with the children between now and the Children's Hearing.

(3) Marc's feelings and reservations about return to father to be given every consideration.

(4) Access to be arranged, as agreed between all, by Bill Forbes with overnight access being agreeable as arranged.

Minutes

Access Form 'O' Completed ☐ YES ☐ NO

Chairperson of Review Meeting: .....

Designation: ...Principal Fieldwork Officer.....

Date: ...17:12:87.....

Principal Officer: .....

Date: .....

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Stuart Marquis
Area Team Leader

(1) Should read overnight access only - not at Grannys. Stuart Marquis ATL. 23/9/87.

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Pamela Clifford ..... Child's Name

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Social Work Department — 2,3: 1 3

Return date (month, year) — 4-7: 1 0 8 7

punch skip 8-10

Child's reference number 11-19: 1 0 2 1 8 2 2 0 7

Date of birth 20-25: 2 3 0 8 7 6

Date of change 26-31: 0 7 1 0 8 7

INFORMATION ON CHANGE

REASON FOR BEING IN CARE OR UNDER SUPERVISION

	Before		After	
	statute	primary reason	statute	primary reason
	32, 33	34, 35	36, 37	38, 39

ACCOMMODATION (leave blank if child has not moved)

	Before		After	
	type	location	type	location
	40, 41: 0 3	42, 43: 1 2	44, 45: 0 3	46, 47: 1 3

Reason for moving — 48: 1

PARENTAL RIGHTS RESOLUTION - Reason — 49

	Before	After
AREA CODE	50, 51	52, 53

Polton House Press Dd 8806196

Stuart Marquis
Area Team leade

Bill Forbes BF/JMM

6.6.87

Mr G Clifford
24 Milnafua
ALNESS

Dear Dod

If convenient could you please visit me on Wedn
8 July at 2.00 pm.

Looking forward to meeting you then.

Yours sincerely

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Stuart Marquis
Area TeamLead

Bill Forbes BF/JMM

11.3.87

Mr G Clifford
24 Milnafua
ALNESS

Dear Mr Clifford

Please accept my apology for being unable to visit you last Wednesday as arranged.

If convenient I should like to visit yourself; Mark and Pamela on Tuesday 17th March at 4.00 pm Should this be inconvenient please inform me as soon as possible and an alternative time can be arranged.

Looking forward to meeting you then.

Yours sincerley

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Stuart Marquis
Area Team Leader

Mr. Forbes

3:3:87

Mr. G. Clifford,
24 Milnafua,
Alness

Dear Mr. Clifford,

I am sorry that the appointment IUarranged with you for to-morrow will have to be cancelled owing to a personal commitment.

I will be back in the office on Monday, 9th March and will in touch with you regarding another appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Stuart Marquis
Area Team Lead

Bill Forbes BF/JMM

26.2.87

Mr G Clifford
24 Milnafua
AKENRS

Dear Mr Clifford

If convenient I should like to visit yourself, Pamela and Mark on Wednesday 4th March 1986 at 4.00 pm.

Should this be inconvenient please inform me as soon as possible.

Looking forward to meeting you all again.

Yours sincerely

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Mr. Forbes WF/MFR

28:1:88

The Manager,
Dept., of Health & Social Security,
83-97 Church Street,
Inverness

Dear Sir,

MR. GEORGE CLIFFORD, 24 MILNAFUA, ALNESS

Following from my letter dated 19:1:88, I write to confirm that Mr. Clifford's children - Marc (17:12:74) and Pamela (23:8:76) were returned to the full time care of Mr. Clifford on 27:1:88. Their return home being by statute following from the Children's Hearing of that date.

Yours faithfully,

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Mrs. V.J. Dunford
Children's Resources, Ferintosh

Bill Forbes
Social Worker, Alness

BF/MFR 26:10:87

RE: MARC & PAMELA CLIFFORD
C/o Mr. & Mrs. Robertson, [redacted] Tain

I understand that Marc and Pamela are in need of clothing for the winter months and would be grateful if you could arrange payment to Mrs. Robertson for this purpose

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Stuart Marquis
Area Team Lead

Bill Forbes BF/JMM

1.6.87

Mr D Clifford
24 Milnafua
ALNESS

Dear Dod

I understand that you are continuing to experien some problems with Pamela, having felt it necessi to involve the Department's Standby Service last Monday.

It is my intention to visit yourself and Pamela on Wednesday 3rd June 1987, at 4.00 pm. Looking forward to meeting you then.

Yours sincerely

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

REFERRAL FORM CASE NO. 100021

Surname CLIFFORD Forename(s) PAMELA

Address ..... Sex: M/F .....

24 MINAFUA Date of Birth ..... Marital Status .....

ALNESS: G.P. .....

Referred by ..... Date of Referral .....
*(by letter/telephone/in person)

Previously known to department YES/~~NO~~ Bill Forbes - current case

Other agencies involved .....

.....

PROBLEM/REQUEST:

Childrens Hearing — 15.4.87 - 10.30 a.m.
Review of Supervision

RECEIVED BY M. J. Rankine Date 2/4/87 Time .....

Action taken at time of Referral:

Referral passed to: .....

Signed .....
Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision:

.....
Senior Officer

Classification of Case ..... Register on: .....

Re-open existing file ..... Open new file .....

For miscellaneous cases file .....

N.B. ON COMPLETION OF THIS FORM ATTACH REFERRAL FORM (APP.A.) FOR COMPLETION AS APPROPRIATE.

* Tick as applicable.

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY		CHILDREN		HANDICAPPED		OTHER	
Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Probation	☐
Community Care Unit	☐	Foster Care	☑	Day Care	☐	Supervision	☐
Day Care	☐	Community Carer	☐			Home Help	☐
		Day Care	☐			.....	☐
Short Term	☐	Short Term	☑	Short Term	☑	Short Term	☐
Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐

Full Name ..... PAMELA CLIFFORD (A/C)

Present Address* ..... 24 MICNAFUA ..... New Address* ..... c/o SIMPSON

..... ARNESS ..... [redacted]

..... BRORA

Statutory Condition Imposed ..... 24 1(a) 19/7/88

Name of Doctor ..... ARNESS GROUP PRACTICE D.O.B. 23.8.76

..... Case Ref. 22-00002103

School Attended (Children only) ..... OSBORNE P.S. To ..... NOT RELEVANT

Date of Change 10.7.88

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete) EFFECTIVE DATE

Stop	☑	24.7.88
Start	☑	10.7.88
Amend Register	☐	

Reason ..... HOLIDAY PLACEMENT (Respite)

Name of FP/CC ..... SIMPSON

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete) EFFECTIVE DATE

Admission	☐	
Discharge	☐	
Temp. Change	☐	

Reason .....

Establishment .....

Financial Assessment Attached ☐ DHSS Supplementation applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken ..... Effective Date .....

Reason .....

Signed ..... Date 15.7.88

Authorised ..... Date 15/7/88

OFFICE Action taken .....

Documentation completed by ..... Date 15-7-88

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

RJH. JJD.

DIVISION ..... Ross & Cromarty .....

To be completed for:-

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

Name ..... Marc + Pamela Clifford .....

Present Address [redacted] .....

[redacted] Tain .....

Date of Birth ..... 17:12:74 + 23:8:76 .....

Case Reference .....

Effective Date of Change ..... 29:1:88 .....

Statutory Condition Imposed ..... 44(1)(a) Home .....

Supervision order (from 27:1:88) .....

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	
Residential Care	
Day Care	
Supervision	✓
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ..... 29:1:88 Mr + Mrs Roberton [redacted] Tain .....

To ..... 29:1:88 Mr Clifford, 24 Millpark, Inverness .....

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner ..... Inverness Group Practice .....

School last attended ..... Tain Royal Acad + Carmichael Prim, Tain.

School to be attended ..... Inverness Academy + Obsdale Prim, Inverness

Signed ..... [signature] Date ..... 1.2.88 .....

Administrative Action:-

SOCIAL WORK DEPT
INVERNESS
RECEIVED 10/2/88

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			
Amendment to Register			
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

(CASEFILE COPY)

Val Dunford, Ferintosh
Childrens Resources

Bill Forbes
Social Worker, Alness

5:10:87

SUBJECT: PAMELA CLIFFORD: D.o.B. - 23:8:76

C/o Simpson, [redacted] Brora

Pamela was placed with Mr. & Mrs. Simpson on 15th July, 1987, this following the Children's Hearing of that date.

When placed Pamela lacked good quality footwear, this resulting in Mrs. Simpson buying shoes for Pamela. These shoes were bought outwith the Fostering Allowance with Mrs. Simpson having kept the receipt.

I would be obliged if the money spent on these shoes could be reimbursed to Mrs. Simpson by the Fostering Payments Section.

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION .....

To be completed for:-

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

Name .....

Present Address .....

[redacted] .....

Date of Birth .....

Case Reference .....

Effective Date of Change .....

Statutory Condition Imposed .....

.....

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	✓
Residential Care	
Day Care	
Supervision	
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

Change of Address where applicable :-

From .....

To .....

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner .....

School last attended .....

School to be attended .....

Signed ..... Date .....

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			
Amendment to Register			
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

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CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION ... Rural Counties ...

To be completed for:-

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

Name ... Pamela Clifford ...

Present Address ... c/o Nurse, [redacted] ...

... [redacted], Lanarkshire ...

Date of Birth ... 23.6.76 ...

Case Reference ...

Effective Date of Change ... 7.8.87 ...

Statutory Condition Imposed ... As Ind. Named ...

... Place ...

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	
Residential Care	
Day Care	
Supervision	
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ... Above ...

To ... Mr & Mrs Simpson, [redacted] Broad ...

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner ... Inness Health Centre ...

School last attended ... Obsdale Primary ...

School to be attended ... Pebble Primary ...

Signed ... [signature] ... Date ... 7.8.87 ...

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			
Amendment to Register			SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			ALNESS
Notice of Health Authority/Education			RECEIVED 21/8/87
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			—
File			

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CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION ...Ross & Cromarty.....

To be completed for:-

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

Name ...PAMELA GILFOLD.....

Present Address ...Mr & Mrs Nicol, [redacted]

[redacted] ...Invergordon.....

Date of Birth .....23.8.76.....

Case Reference .....

Effective Date of Change ...24th July 87.....

Statutory Condition Imposed ...A.A.I(a)...MARKED...

....PLACE.....

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	✓
Residential Care	
Day Care	
Supervision	
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ....Mr & Mrs Simpson.... [redacted] ...Bonar.....

To ....Mr & Mrs Nicol, [redacted] ...Invergordon.....

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner .....Dingwall Group Practice.....

School last attended .....Obsdale Primary School.....

School to be attended .....

Signed ..... Date ..27.7.87.....

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			SOCIAL WORK DEPT. ALNESS RECEIVED 24/8/87
Amendment to Register			
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Application for Emergency Payment (Section 12 Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968)

Made by Ian Swan (Social Worker) on Behalf of –

Name Mr. GEORGE "CLIFFORD"

Address 24 MUNRO A
ALNESS.

Case No. .....

Account No. _____ Date _____

Order No. 60371 Date 3/12/86

Supplier. Budgend Stores.

Cheque Rec. _____

Amount required £15 - Food Vouchers

Has this sum already been paid? Yes.

Why is an Emergency Payment necessary?
House broken into - food etc. stolen
- police holding "evidence"

Has application been made to any other Statutory Body? (give details) –

No.

Has any agreement been made for repayment? (give details) –

No.

Brief background to case –

Divisional Officer's comments –

Adopted as Holograph.

Name Mr. George Clifford. Date 3.12.86

I acknowledge receipt of the sum of £..... from the Highland Regional Council Social Work Department which is made available under Section 12 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

Signed G. Clifford

I agree to repay the sum of £..... at the rate of £..... per .....

Signed .....

REFERRAL FORM CASE NO. [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

Surname ....Clifford..... Forename(s) ...George.....

Address .....24...Milnafua..... ..... Sex: M/F .....

.....Alness..... Date of Birth .....Marital Status .Sep.....

..... G.P. .....

Referred by via. Alness Police..... Date of Referral .....24/12/86.....

*(by ~~letter~~/telephone/~~in person~~)

Previously known to department YES/NO

Other agencies involved .....

.....

PROBLEM/REQUEST: - Poor budgeting has left Mr Clifford without money to buy food for himself and his 2 children. Mr Clifford seeking help

- Discussion with Brian Dingwall followed by protracted discussions with DHSS and Mr. Clifford. Authorisation given by DHSS for payment to Mr Clifford but he was unable to collect this in Inverness himself.
- Urgent Needs Payment sanctioned and paid via myself to cover Mr Clifford until Monday
- Sum too large for a cash payment ∴ arrangement made to issue an order form to allow Mr Clifford to purchase food.
- £31.50 order form + £5 cash paid to Mr Clifford. Soc12 form completed

RECEIVED BY ...Graeme CMacLennan..... Date ...24/12/86.....Time ...p.m.....

Action taken at time of Referral: 5/1/87 Appendix B Completed

Referral passed to: .....

Signed .....
Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision:

passed to B Dingwall (Alness) .....
Senior Officer

Classification of Case ..... Register on: .....

Re-open existing file ..... Open new file .....

For miscellaneous cases file .....

N.B. ON COMPLETION OF THIS FORM ATTACH REFERRAL FORM (APP.A.) FOR COMPLETION AS APPROPRIATE.

* Tick as applicable.

Stuart Marquis
Area Team Leader

Mr. Forbes WF/MFR

232:87

Mr. G. Clifford,
24 Milnafua,
Alness

Dear Mr. Clifford,

As you are no doubt aware, Mr. Dingwall has left the Alness office. The statutory supervision of Debbie, Mark and Pamela has been transferred to myself.

While I understand that Debbie is staying at her grandfather's, I would like to visit Mark, Pamela and yourself on Wednesday, 11th February, 1987 at 4 p.m.

Should this be inconvenient, could you please inform me as soon as possible.

Looking forward to meetiggyou,

Yours sincerely,

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

REFERRAL FORM CASE NO. [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

Surname ...CHIFFARD..... Forename(s) ....GEORGE.....

Address ....24 Milnafua..... ..... Sex: M/F .....

.....Alness..... Date of Birth .....Marital Status .....

..... G.P. .....

Referred by ....Self..... Date of Referral ....25-5-87.....
*(by letter/telephone/in person)

Previously known to department YES/NO Known to Bill Forbes.

Other agencies involved .....

.....

PROBLEM/REQUEST: Mr CHIFFORD was demanding that I take his daughter Pamela (11) into care as she was stealing & telling lies. Explained that this was not in the girl's best interest and that I was not prepared to take her into care.

I spoke with both Mr Clifford and his daughter for approximately ½ hour. Mr CHIFFORD will call into the office to discuss the matter if things do not improve

RECEIVED BY ....Jean Swan..... Date ...25-5-87....Time ....7:00 p.m

Action taken at time of Referral:

Referral passed to: .....

Signed .....
Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision: Passed to Bill Forbes for attention/follow up.

.....Shuman...A.T.C..27/5/87.
Senior Officer

Classification of Case ..... Register on: .....

Re-open existing file ..... Open new file .....

For miscellaneous cases file .....

N.B. ON COMPLETION OF THIS FORM ATTACH REFERRAL FORM (APP.A.) FOR COMPLETION AS APPROPRIATE.

* Tick as applicable.

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY		CHILDREN		HANDICAPPED		OTHER	
Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Probation	☐
Community Care Unit	☐	Foster Care	☑	Day Care	☐	Supervision	☐
Day Care	☐	Community Carer	☐			Home Help	☐
		Day Care	☐			.....	☐
Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐
Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐

Full Name ..... PAMELA CLIFFORD .....

Present Address* C/O Mrs. Mrs. Nicoll [redacted] INVERGORDON

New Address* C/O Mrs. Mrs. Simpson [redacted] BRORA

Statutory Condition Imposed ..... 44 1(a) NAMED PLACE .....

Name of Doctor GROUP PRACTICE ALNESS D.O.B. 23.6.46

Case Ref. 10.0021

School Attended (Children only) ORSDALE PRIMARY ALNESS To .....

Date of Change ..... 1.7.87 .....

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete) EFFECTIVE DATE

Stop ☑ 1.7.87

Start ☑ 1.7.87

Amend Register ☐

ALNESS

RECEIVED 8/7/87 8/7/87

Reason .....

Name of FP/CC .....

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete) EFFECTIVE DATE

Admission ☐

Discharge ☐

Temp. Change ☐

Reason .....

Establishment .....

Financial Assessment Attached ☐ DHSS Supplementation applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken ..... Effective Date .....

Reason .....

Signed ..... Date 9.7.87

Authorised ..... Date .....

OFFICE Action taken .....

Documentation completed by ..... Date .....

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION ..... Ross & Cromarty ... Annex

To be completed for:-

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	
Residential Care	
Day Care	
Supervision	
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

Name ... PAMELA CLIFFORD .....

Present Address ... c/o MR & MRS NIVEN .....

[redacted], INVERGORDON

Date of Birth ..... 23.8.76 .....

Case Reference ... 10002 .....

Effective Date of Change .... 19.6.87 .....

Statutory Condition Imposed ... Section 32 (2) ..

of ... the Social Work (Scot) Act 1968 - PLACE OF SAFETY

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ..... 24 ... MACNAB .....

To ..... As ... ABOVE ..... (PLACED ... TEMPORARILY ... IN ... COUNTY)

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner ..... Annex ... Group ... Practice .....

School last attended ..... Annex ... Academy .....

School to be attended .....

Signed ..... Date .... 19.6.87 .....

Administrative Action:-

SOCIAL WORK DEPT. ALNESS

RECEIVED 2/4/87

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			
Amendment to Register			
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

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BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION
BROADCASTING HOUSE QUEEN MARGARET DRIVE GLASGOW G12 8DG
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAMS 041-339 8844

VOLUNTARY SERVICE ABERDEEN
38 Castle Street, Aberdeen
Telephone 586395

MM

4th June, 1986

Mr. Ron F. Taylor,
Area Team Leader,
Department of Social Work,
Suie House,
Bridgend,
Alness IV17 0UD

Dear Mr. Taylor,

I enclose a cheque for £50 and shall be pleased if you will arrange for this money to be disbursed on behalf of:

The Clifford Family, 24 Milnafua, Alness

Grants from this fund must be given to the families in kind. Cash grants are not permitted, except in the case of holiday contributions. Perhaps you would be good enough to return the enclosed slip in due course, detailing how the grant was spent, as this information has to be relayed back to the Fund Organiser at the B.B.C.

Yours sincerely,

William Howie

Secretary.

11/6/86.

If telephoning or calling please ask for
Mrs. Cowie

Sales Invoice

15 – 6 – 1986

From NOOR MOHAMMED & SONS
24, HIGH STREET, DINGWALL
V.A.T. Regd. No. 344 6501 38

To SOCIAL WORK DEPT,
SMIE HOUSE, BELLEGEND AVENUE,

	VAT	£
CHILDRENS CLOTHING TO VALUE OF £50	0	50 00

CERTIFIED CORRECT
AND DUE FOR PAYMENT

Children in Need
Appeal

		50 00
0 % V.A.T.		
TOTAL		£50 00

Terms

Tax Point

19

PLEASE PAY

VISIT OF MR CLIFFORD TO COULPARK CHILDREN'S CENTRE ON 1/8/87.

Mark and Pamela's Grandmother phoned the Centre on Saturday 1/8/87 to ask if Mr Clifford could come up to see the children for a while. I said that it was fine as long as the visit was within Coulpark and not outside. This was accepted and Mr Clifford arrived at 2pm, as soon as he came in it was obvious that all was not well, he had several scratches on his face, and was swaying considerably, he was also slurring his words. Though I could not smell alcohol I asked him if he had had any drink. He told me that he had had a brandy in the morning just to pick him up a bit and that he was slurring his words because he was on valium at the moment due to his nerves ect. He also told Mark and Pamela that he had been in a fight and the other guy lost, so not to worry as Daddy was not hurt.

I felt that under the circumstances I should be present at the meeting, so I suggested that they all come into the office. Pamela was quite chatty with her dad and she accepted a cuddle from him readily, also some sweets, she did not seem at all concerned about his condition but Mark at first refused to go near him at all and was in tears almost immediatly, he continued to become more distrustful of Mr Clifford as he tried to persuad Mark that things would change, at that point I felt it was becoming to much for both of them but I was most concerned for Mark, so I suggested that Mark and Pamela leave the office while I had a word with dad.

I gave Mr Clifford a coffee and explained that I thought Mark was under considerable strain in as much as he wants to come home but is extremly anxious about the outcome and that it would in my opinion take a bit of time for Mark to be at ease with him.

Mr Clifford at no time became abusive and it was obvious that he felt remorse, and was in tears himself over the situation, he just kept saying that he had taught Mark never to be afraid of anything or anybody and that he could not understand why Mark was crying. I then suggested that he went home and he had a member of staff take him, Pamela went with them while Mark stayed with me. The meeting lasted half an hour only, after Mark did not say much, but what he did say gave me the impression that he was a very angry, mixed up lad trying not only to look after his sister for the best but to sort out his own feelings.

Alan Brown.

Coulpark Children's Centre.

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION ... Ross + Cromarty ...

To be completed for:-

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

Name ... PAMELA CRAFFORD ...

Present Address ... c/o Nicol, [redacted] ...

... [redacted] INVERGORDON ...

Date of Birth ... 23.6.76 ...

Case Reference ...

Effective Date of Change ... 7.8.87 ...

Statutory Condition Imposed ... 44 (a) NAMED ...

... PLACE ...

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	
Residential Care	
Day Care	
Supervision	
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ... ABOVE ...

To ... MR + MRS SIMPSON, [redacted] BRORA ...

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner ... ANNES HEALTH CENTRE ...

School last attended ... OBSDALE PRIMARY ...

School to be attended ... BRORA PRIMARY ...

Signed ... [signature] ... Date ... 7.8.87 ...

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			
Amendment to Register			
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

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CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION ..... Ross & Cromarty .....

To be completed for:-

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

Name ..... Marc + Pamela Clifford .....

Present Address c/o Robertson, [redacted]

..... [redacted], Tain .....

Date of Birth ..... 17:12:74 + 23:8:76

Case Reference .....

Effective Date of Change ..... 29:1:88 .....

Statutory Condition Imposed ..... 44.1(a) Home .....

..... Supervision order (from 27:1:88)

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	
Residential Care	
Day Care	
Supervision	✓
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ..... 29:1:88 ..... Mr + Mrs Robertson, [redacted], Tain .....

To ..... 29:1:88 ..... Mr Clifford, 24 Millbank, Alness .....

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner ..... Alness ..... Group ..... Practice .....

School last attended ..... Tain ..... Royal Acad ..... + ... Craighill Prim, Tain.

School to be attended ..... Alness ..... Academy ..... + ... Obsdale Prim, Alness

Signed ..... Date ..... 1:2:88 .....

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			
Amendment to Register			
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

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ROSS AND CROMARTY DIVISION

29th April, 1988 ..... Date.
DJC/MAS ..... Our Ref.
..... Your Ref.

OBSDALE SCHOOL,
Obsdale Park,
ALNESS.
Ross-shire IV17 0TP
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MRS D. J. CURZON, M.A. Dip. Ed., HEAD TEACHER

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
ALNESS
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Mr. Marquis,
Senior Social Worker,
Social Work Department,
Suie House,
ALNESS

Confidential

Dear Mr. Marquis,

I am writing to you because the Class Teacher and I are very concerned about Pamela Clifford.

Her whole behaviour and attitude have been so different since she returned to this school on 1st February, 1988.

Previously she had been fairly quiet, relatively polite and did try with her school work. Since her return she has been boorish, resentful, insolent, shouting out in class, provoking other children, and in general causing a lot of trouble both in the classroom and in the playground. I have explained this to Mr. Forbes, but he has only seen Pamela recently, and had not known her as she used to be.

She again seems to be excessively tired all the time, but in a state of terrific tension, ready to let fly at the least thing.

After Mr. Clifford's visit to me on Friday, 22nd April at 4.00 p.m., Pamela was absent on Monday, 25th April (the other children said she had been "taken away"). Pamela appeared at 10.15 a.m. looking much fresher and brighter, and not so tired, and her behaviour was so markedly improved that she seemed almost like a different girl.

On 27th April, Pamela told me she was going home, not to Granda's, and I asked who was there. She said Mark is away in Helmsdale and there is only herself and her Dad at home.

Both the teacher and I are very worried about Pamela going home to her father, possibly in the state he was in when he came here on the22nd, at 4.00 p.m., and about her being alone in the house with him. We do not feel that this is a suitable environment for a child, and are concerned about the effect this is having on her.

Yours sincerely,

D.J. Curzon
Head Teacher

Roinn na Gaidhealtachd Highland

Department of Social Work
Director
J. Dick B.A., D.M.S.

Highland Regional Council
Area Office
Suie House
Bridgend
Alness IV17 0UD

Telephone 0349 882609
Stuart Marquis B.A..
CQSW, Cert. SW Ed.
Area Team Leader

Please ask for Mr Forbes

Our ref. BF/LG

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date 23 June 1989

Mr G Clifford
24 Milnafua
ALNESS

Dear Mr Clifford

As it has now been some considerable time since we last met, I would appreciate if you could visit this office on Thursday 29th June at 10.30 a.m.

As you may know Mr & Mrs Simpson are keen to have Pamela for a couple of weeks holiday during the school break.

Pamela is also very keen to see you and was sorry that she was not able to see you on Father's Day.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

AUTHORISATION UNDER SECTION 37(2) OF THE SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1968, (AS AMENDED BY SECTION 83(2) OF THE CHILDREN ACT, 1975 and SCHEDULE 9 PARAGRAPH 42 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1975)[1]

Whereas information has this day been laid before me, one of her Majesty's Justices for the District of ROSS + CROMARTY

that a child,[2] namely PAMELA CLIFFORD

of 24 MILNAFUA ALNESS

* (a) in respect of whom an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the ~~Criminal~~ Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975,[3] that is to say .....

has been or is believed to have been committed,

* (b) who is a member of the same household as a child in respect of whom an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975, that is to say .....

has been or is believed to have been committed,

* (c) who is, or is likely to become, a member of the same household as a person who has committed or is believed to have committed an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975, that is to say .....

* (d) in respect of whom an offence under section 21(1) of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937 has been or is believed to have been committed,

* (e) who is likely to be caused unnecessary suffering or serious impairment of health because there is, or is believed to be, in respect of the child a lack of parental care.

I hereby authorise STEPHEN PENNINGTON of SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT, CASTLE STREET, DINGWALL to take the above mentioned child to a place of safety.[4]

Given under my hand this 9th day of June 19 87

Signature David A Lees

Justice for the District of Ross & Cromarty

*Delete whichever inapplicable.

See notes overleaf.

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel
Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968

EDUCATIONAL REPORT (Supplementary)

To be returned to the Reporter by .....

1. Name of Child ..Pamela A Clifford.. 2. Date of Birth ..23.8.76
3. Address ..[redacted]..Tain..
4. Present School ..Craighill Primary, Tain..
5. Details of School Attendance since Supervision Requirement was made on .....

			Possible Attendance		Absences	
(i) During last session	(23rd Oct	to 22nd Dec)	94	..	None	..
(ii) During current session	(6th Jan	to 15th Jan)	16	..	3	..
(iii) During last four weeks	(	to)	.....	..	.....	..

6. General Comments on attendance and progress (including any significant change noted since Supervision Requirement was made).

Since Pamela has come to Craighill she has only very occasionally been absent and always arrives at school on time. Although below average in ability for her age group Pamela does try in her lessons and likes to complete any assignment given her. She does however work best in a one-to-one situation otherwise she can switch off and daydream. Often she will seek attention eg. feeling ill when she is perfectly alright. In her relationships with the others in the class however she generally keeps herself to herself. She does not mix with or share things with the others and she can annoy them in

(Continue overleaf if necessary) P.T.O.

Class ~~or Guidance~~ Teacher H. K. de Fonblanque
Head Teacher ..Catherine Co..
School ..Craighill P.S. Tain..
Date 18.1.88

School .....
Name ..... Address .....
Date of Birth ....
Please note that when the above named child appeared at a Children's Hearing on .....
..... the case was disposed of as follows: .....
.....
Date .....
..... (Reporter)

She is very much a "loner" though she does not lack confidence in the classroom or in the playground. But I feel Pamela is still quite immature She seems to get on better with the younger children and has made friends further down the school and on the occasion when she ran back to her father (Jan 11th) she seemed to think that the school would not find out about this!

23/26/88

MEMORANDUM

To Social Work Dept., Dingwall

From Divisional Reporter Dingwall

Your Ref.

Our Ref.

Date 21.1.88

Please Ask For

MARK & PAMELA CLIFFORD 24 Milnafua Alness

As a previous hearing has been cancelled this hearing will now take place at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday 27.1.88 and not 12 noon as previously stated.

REPORTER

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

DINGWALL DIVISION

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME: MARC CLIFFORD
PAMELA CLIFFORD

DATE OF BIRTH: 17:12:74
23:8:76

AGE 13
11

ADDRESS: Home: 24 MILNAFUA, ALNESS
currently: C/o Robertson, [redacted] Tain

RELIGION:

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING 27:1:88 TIME: 10.30 PLACE DINGWALL

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL Review at the Request of the social Work Department
32(2) Social Work (Scotland) Act

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES:- See Previous Reports

INTRODUCTION

To-day's Children's Hearing has been requested under Section 32(2) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, this as a consequence of a contractual agreement reached between the Social Work Department and Mr. Clifford, the agreement recommending that should Mr. Clifford continue to demonstrate an improvement in his circumstances, then a Hearing be requested to consider the return of Marc and Pamela to his care.

ADMISSION TO CARE

Marc and Pamela were admitted to care on 19:6:87, admission initially being via Place of Safety Orders, these being changed to statutory requirements at the Children's Hearing of 24:6:87. Placement in foster care resulted as a direct consequence of Mr. Clifford's inability to provide adequately for his children, he being severely hampered by his alcoholic state. As recorded in the Hearing Report of 24:6:87, Mr. Clifford has a lengthy history of alcoholism.

HISTORY OF FOSTER PLACEMENTS (19:6:87 - Present)

Within this eight month period both Marc and Pamela have undergone a number of changes of placement, being reunited within their present placement in early October 1987, they being placed at that time with Mr. & Mrs. Robertson, [redacted], Tain, this couple being newly approved foster parents.

While initially both were placed with Mr. & Mrs. Nicoll, [redacted] Invergordon, Pamela had this placement varied on 15th July, 1987 to that of Mr. & Mrs. Simpson, [redacted] Brora, this couple having previously cared for Pamela for a fairly lengthy period. However, this placement was terminated, in part as a consequence of Mrs. Simpson's pregnancy and in part as a consequence of the distance of the foster home from Alness. Marc, [redacted]

CHILDREN'S HEARINGS AND CHILD CARE REVIEWS

Marc's circumstances were considered at the Hearing of 7:10:87, with Pamela's circumstances being considered also on that date and additionally on 15:7:87, with the Social Work Department convening Child Care Reviews regarding both children on 25:6:87 17:9:87 and 14:12:87.

At the Child Care Review of 17:9:87, it was noted that Mr. Clifford had failed to demonstrate sufficiently that he had overcome his drink problem, having also at no time prior to this made any attempt to accompany myself on access visits to the foster homes. He, however, continued to state vehemently that he wished the children returned to his care, with this desire being reciprocated by Pamela, Marc's response, however, was more guarded. While prior to this Review, Mr. Clifford had frequently reported to the Social Work Department in an intoxicated condition (or alternatively smelling strongly of alcohol), his response between that time and 14:12:87 was such that I personally did not witness Mr. Clifford/

Clifford in an intoxicated condition since early August 1987.

At the latter Review it was also noted that Mr. Clifford had made good use of access visits offered, supervised visits to Tain occurring on six occasions, commencing 21:10:87, as such Mr. Clifford demonstrated a marked improvement in his ability to cope, he, however, on occasion did smell of alcohol. Following from the above, it was agreed that the children spend weekends at home successfully, this as a pre-condition to the Social Work Department requesting the Review of the children's statutory supervision requirements. This arrangement commenced on 24:12:87, Marc and Pamela having to date spent five weekends in the care of their father.

While father and children have stated satisfaction with these periods spent at home, it is with disappointment that I have to report that on my visit to Mr. Clifford's home on 12:1:88, Mr. Clifford was, in my considered opinion, caring for the children while in an intoxicated condition.

FOSTER PLACEMENT

While the present foster placement has not been without its problems, Mr. & Mrs. Robertson have coped admirably with the demands placed upon them by the somewhat boisterous, manipulative and attention-seeking ploys sometimes adopted by the children, Pamela at times being particulary demanding.

While conflict was experienced in the desire to have the children settle in Tain, while also re-introducing them to their own home, this difficulty has now been resolved. However, a hiccup was experienced when both visited the office (accompanied by Mr. Clifford) to state that they did not wish to return to Tain following a weekend at home.

As stated in previous reports, both Marc and Pamela present as being attractive, emotionally stable children who while sometimes displaying behavioural difficulties, have nevertheless developed many positive traits which shall stand them in good stead in the future.

CONCLUSION

At this time both children are resolute in their desire to return to the care of their father, this despite Mr. Clifford's inability to abstain totally from drinking. While this is of continuing concern, Mr. Clifford has nevertheless demonstrated a commitment to his children and shown an improvement in his circumstances. While he did initially state intent to abstain, he has been unable to do so, as such lapses (as described above) shall in all probability continue to occur. It is against this backcloth that the Children's Hearing must decide whether it is in the interests of Marc and Pamela to have them return to the care of their father.

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Alness Area Office,
Suie House,
Bridgend,
Alness

22nd December, 1988

MEMORANDUM

1/88

To Principal Officer
Social Work Dept.,
DINGWALL

From Divisional Reporter,
DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 28.1.88

Please ask for

PAMELA & MARK CLIFFORD 24 Milnafua Alness

This is to inform you that, at a children's hearing on the 27.1.88 supervision requirement/referral(s) relating to the above was ~~CONTINUED~~/VARIED/~~TERMINATED/DISCHARGED.~~

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SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date) AT DINGWALL on the 27.1.88

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 7.10.87 to which

Pamela Clifford is subject, hereby require him/her* [to reside in

]*†

[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council]*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 7.10.87 is hereby revoked.

E. BLCKBURN

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

†1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

†2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

3.
etc.

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

**Delete as appropriate*

REASONS Mr. Clifford has improved his drinking problem bgt still has difficulties and needs to make strenuous efforts to overcome his problems but the conflict between the foster home and home and changes of school have caused disruption to the child so that it is in herbest interests to be returned home now where it is hoped shewill get some sort of stability with the close supervision of the Social Work Department.

E. BLACKBURN

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Reporter to the Children's Panel
Divisional Reporter,
Mrs. J. S. Burns, M.A., LL.B.,
Ross & Cromarty Division

Highland Regional Council
Education Centre
Dingwall IV15 9HU

Telephone Office 0349/63441
Home 0349/62255

Please ask for Mrs. Burns

Our ref

Extension No

Your ref

Date 27.8.86

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
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Principal Officer,
Social Work Department,
DINGWALL.

Dear Sir,

CLIFFORD FAMILY, 24 Milnafua, Alness

This is to inform you that, at a Children's Hearing on 25.8.86 the supervision requirement/referral(s) relating to the above was CONTINUED/TERMINATED/VARIED/DISCHARGED.

Divisional Reporter

DEBBIE,

~~PAMELA~~, MARK & PAMELA - supervision requirements continued.

VINCENT - " "

REASONS As he is now over 16 and as he wishes still to reside with Mr. & Mrs. McKenzie and posing no problems, supervision is no longer necessary

MARK & PAMELA CLIFFORD

REASONS FOR CONTINUATION OF SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT DATED 25.8.86

As Mr. Clifford has made such a considerable effort with his problem to provide the child with a secure home it is in their best interests for them to remain with their father.

J.S.B. WHYTE

DINGWALL DIVISION

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME: (1) Vincent Clifford
(2) Deborah Clifford
(3) Marc Clifford
(4) Pamela Clifford

DATE OF BIRTH: (1)23:6:70 AGE: 16
(2)13:12:71 14½
(3)17:12:74 11½
(4)23:8:76 10

ADDRESS: (Home) 24 Milnafua, Alness) Marc
) Pamela
Vincent: C/o Mackenzie, [redacted] Balintore

RELIGION:
Deborah: C/o Grandfather: Mr. A. Henderson, 89 Shillinghill, Alness

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 25:8:86 TIME: 7 pm PLACE: ALNESS S.W.D.

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Annual Review

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See Previous Reports

Vince - terminate

D, M & P - continue.

DEBORAH CLIFFORD: D.o.B. - 13:12:71
MARC CLIFFORD: D.o.B. - 17:12:74
PAMELA CLIFFORD: D.o.B. - 23:8:76

The children were last before the Panel on 18th September, 1985 at which time it was agreed that Vincent and Deborah remain where they were and Marc and Pamela should return home to Mr. Clifford. The return home of the two children was a major move and it was hoped that Mr. Clifford would be able to maintain his struggle against his heavy drinking. He has always looked after the children well and as a single parent must have found caring for his children a tremendous fight against the odds, particularly being dependent on Supplementary Benefit.

The children were delighted to return to father and settled into school without any difficulty. Mr. Clifford has coped well with their clothing, feeding and general care of the children and I have always found them to be well turned out and well behaved. This, I think, can only be to Mr. Clifford's credit. The only significant event which perhaps requires to be mentioned is the passing away of Mr. Clifford's father,to whom he was very close, in November 1985. As a result of the death Mr. Clifford went through a period of depression. Unfortunately, he has not been able to stop his drinking and, on occasions, can over-indulge. He recognises this as a problem which only he can resolve and continues to seek medical help. However, I must point out that I have never found him to be incapable through drink for the past year and the care of the children appears to be adequate. I do not think that Mr. Clifford will be able to stop drinking but he seems to have the ability to recognise when he has to modify his drinking and can do so. Although his drinking continues, both Marc and Pamela would not wish to leave him. Mr. Clifford keeps his home neat and tidy.

VINCENT

[redacted]

DEBORAH

[redacted]

MARC/

[redacted]

PAMELA

Pamela, the youngest of the family, is quickly growing up. She has just reached her 10th birthday and is coping reasonably well at school. I would see Pamela remaining with her father, of whom she is very fond.

CONCLUSION

The past year has not been an easy one for Mr. Clifford. Apart from having to adjust to care for two children again, the death of his father was a severe blow. However, he is committed to caring for his two children and continues to struggle against his drink problem.

I am concerned about his continuing drinking. However, my concern is more for Mr. Clifford's health than of his care of the children. As he seems to cope adequately, I would not consider it in Marc or Pamela's best interests to be removed from home. They have had many moves in the past and they are aware of, and understand, the problems which their father has and are able to cope with that.

I therefore recommend; (1) the Panel consider terminating Vincent's Supervision Order as he is now 16 and has left school; (2) continue Deborah's Supervision Order, allowing her to stay with her grandfather and (3) continuing Marc and Pamela's Supervision Order.

Ron F. Taylor
Area Team Leader

Alness Area Office,
Suie House,
Bridgend,
Alness

22nd August, 1986

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Form of statement by reporter of grounds for the referral of a case to a children's hearing

(Conditions in section 32(2) (a) to (g) of the Act)

(Name and address of child) PAMELA CLIFFORD born 23.8.76
24 Milnafua Alness

is being referred to a children's hearing for Highland Region
on the grounds of the following conditions:—

~~that he/she committed the offence specified in the statement of facts below~~
that the lack of parental care is likelytocause him/her unnecessary suffering or seriously to impair his/her health or development

STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPRT OF THE ABOVE CONDITION IT IS STATED THAT

SEE SEPARATE SHEET

(Address of Reporter)
Education Centre,
Castle Street,
DINGWALL.

date 23.6.87

_____
**Reporter/On behalf of the Reporter*

NOTES

At the children's hearing the child or his parents may or may not accept the grounds for bringing the child before the hearing. If the grounds are accepted by the child, and his parents, if present, the children's hearing will discuss and consider with the child and his parents what is best for the child. If any of the grounds are not accepted, the hearing may either discharge the referral or direct the reporter to refer to the sheriff for a decision as to whether or not any of the grounds exist. If this happens the child will have to appear before the sheriff at a later date. If the sheriff decides that any of the grounds do exist the children's hearing will then discuss and consider what is best for the child, as if these grounds had been accepted. If the sheriff decides that no grounds exist, the referral will be discharged.

**Delete as appropriate*

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1,. The said Mark and Pamela Clifford lived with their father George Clifford at 24 Milnafua Alness until 19th June 1987 when they were taken into care under a place of safety. Up until then the said George Clifford was solely resplnsible for the care and protection of the said Mark and Pamela Clifford.

2. The children have been on supervision since 2nd November 1978 when the cas had been remitted from the Court, Mr. Clifford having pled guilty to an offence contrary tothe Children & Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937 sec. 12(1)

3. Since approximately two weeks before the date of this referral the said George Clifford has greatly increased his consumption of alcohol causing emotional distress and possible physical danger to the said Mark and Pamela Clifford to such an extent that Mark Clifford found it necessaryto seek shelp from outside the family.

4. During the evening and night of 18th and 19th June 1987 at 6 Milnafua Alness, the said George Clifford was in such a state of intoxication through alcohol that he was incapable of providing any care and protection for his said children and was completely unaware that Mark Clifford was already residing at Coulpark Children's Home Alness

Which leads to the conclusion that lack of parental care is likely to cause the said PamelaClifford unnecessary suffering or seriously to impair his/her health and development.

MEMORANDUM

To	Principal Officer, Social Work DINGWALL	**From**	Divisional Reporter, DINGWALL		
Your ref.		**Our ref.**		**Date**	4.6.87
Please ask for					

CLIFFORD FAMILY 24 Milnafua Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on
Wednesday 24th June 1987 at 10.30 a.m.
at the undernoted address.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 19.6.87

EDUCATION CENTRE, CASTLE STREET, DINGWALL

~~SOCIAL WORK OFFICE, HIGH STREET, ALNESS~~

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel
Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968

EDUCATIONAL REPORT (Supplementary)

To be returned to the Reporter by .. ..

1. Name of Child Pamela A Clifford. 2. Date of Birth 23.8.76
3. Address 24 Milnafua, Alness, Ross-shire
4. Present School Obsdale School, Alness
5. Details of School Attendance since Supervision Requirement was made on .....

		Possible Attendance	Absences
(i) During last session	(5th Jan. '87 to 3rd Apr. '87)	74	2
(ii) During current session	(20th Apr. '87 to Present)	68	NONE
(iii) During last four weeks	(11/5/87 to 5/6/87)	40	NONE

6. General Comments on attendance and progress (including any significant change noted since Supervision Requirement was made).

Pamela is often late for school and is frequently disruptive in class. All teachers involved with Primary 6 have tried to motivate her, but she has a very negative attitude to all of her schoolwork. She does not relate well to any of her peers and appears to have no actual friends in her class. She sometimes complains about bullying from other children, but on closer investigation of each incident, I usually find that Pamela has annoyed another child (by name-calling or kicking usually) to the point where the other child has retaliated. She reacts immaturely towards discipline, in that she argues with the class teacher (continued overleaf)

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Class ~~or Guidance~~ Teacher K McIver.
Head Teacher J Cowan
School OBSDALE SCHOOL, ALNESS
Date 9th June 1987.

15/6/87.

School .....

Name ..... Address .....

Date of Birth .....

Please note that when the above named child appeared at a Children's Hearing on .....
..... the case was disposed of as follows: .....

.....

Date ..... (Reporter)

a negative attitude to her work, ...
She often looks tired and listless, and once actually fell asleep in class. When asked what time she went to bed at night she said she did not know. (The incident occurred on Thursday 22nd January 1987)

K J Mawer

123, 124, 125 - 87

MEMORANDUM

To Principal Officer
Social Work Dept.,
DINGWALL

From Divisional Reporter,
DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 25.6.87

Please ask for

CLIFFORD FAMIL:Y 24 Milnafua Alness

This is to inform you that, at a children's hearing on the 24.6.87 supervision requirement/referral(s) relating to the above was CONTINUED/VARIED/TERMINATED/DISCHARGED.

REPORTER

RECEIVED 26/6/87.

PAMELA & MARK CLIFFORD S.R. varied.
New referral was discharged.

[redacted]

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date) AT DINGWALL on the 24.6.87

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 25.6.86 to which

Pamela . Clifford is subject, hereby require him/her* [~~to reside in~~]*†

[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council]*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 25.6.86 is hereby revoked.

ALAN I. McARTHUR

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

11. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

12. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

3. etc. 1. Pamela Clifford is to reside with Mr. & Mrs. I. Nicol [redacted] Invergordon who are to act as foster parents but she may have access to her father at the discretion of the local authority.

ALAN I. McARTHUR

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

**Delete as appropriate*

REASONS Because of the home situation and Mr. Clifford's drink problem it is necessary for the child to reside with foster parents until Mr. Clifford can prove he can control his drink problem.

ALAN I. McARTHUR

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MEMORANDUM

To	Principal Officer, Social Work DINGWALL	From	Divisional Reporter, DINGWALL		
Your ref.		Our ref.		Date	30.6.87
Please ask for					

PAMELA CLIFFORD 24 Milnafua Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on

Wednesday 15th July at 10.30 a.m.
at the undernoted address.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 10.7.87

EDUCATION CENTRE, CASTLE STREET, DINGWALL

~~SOCIAL WORK OFFICE, HIGH STREET, ALNESS~~

REPORTER

DINGWALL DIVISION

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME: PAMELA CLIFFORD DATE OF BIRTH: 23:8:76 AGE: 10

ADDRESS: 24 Milnafua, Alness RELIGION:
currently: C/o Simpson, [redacted] Brora

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 15:7:87 TIME: 10.30 a.m. PLACE: DINGWALL

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Review of Supervision under Section 48(2) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See previous reports

Varied to reside c/o Simpson.

INTRODUCTION

Following the Children's Hearing of 24th June, 1987 in respect to Marc and Pamela, both children returned to the foster home of Mr. & Mrs. Nicoll, this as determined by Statute. While Marc remains in the care of this couple, Pamela has moved to another placement, this placement requiring that the Children's Hearing be informed and make recommendation accordingly, if deemed appropriate.

CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES

On 1st July 1987, Pamela was placed with previous carers, Mr. & Mrs. Simpson, [redacted] Brora. This resulted as a consequence of Pamela's past positive relationship with this couple and to, as far as possible, normalise the summer holiday period for Pamela.

Prior to this present formalised placement Pamela had been in the habit of spending holiday periods with Mr. & Mrs. Simpson, Pamela and Mr. Clifford having made private arrangements with the couple. It is envisaged that the placement shall continue until the summer holiday period is completed. However, should Mr. Clifford's circumstances have failed to improve sufficiently within this period, Mr. & Mrs. Simpson could continue to care for Pamela on a short term basis.

MR. & MRS. SIMPSON

While Mr. & Mrs. Simpson were only registered as short term foster parents for one child aged between 0-12 years in June of this year, they had, as stated, prior to this cared for Pamela. Previous involvement with Pamela resulted as a consequence of the couple providing holiday placements for children through the auspices of the W.R.V.S. Holiday Hostess Scheme, Pamela having been placed initially on this basis. Following this the couple expressed a specific interest in Pamela, being later approved as foster parents specifically for Pamela, Pamela's initial foster placement with the couple being between December 1983 and December 1984. Pamela having left their home Mr. & Mrs. Simpson's statute as foster parents lapsed, this necessitating their re-assessment.

Mr. & Mrs. Simpson are a young couple with two young children, a boy and a girl, twins aged 3 years. Mrs. Simpson is expecting another child in November. Mr. Simpson is employed as a mechanical operative with a locally based Plant Hire Firm. Their home is a three bedroomed semi-detached villa recently purchased from the local Housing Authority.

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Alness Area Office,
Suie House,
Bridgend,
Alness

10th July, 1987

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MEMORANDUM

To Principal Officer
Social Work Dept.,
DINGWALL

From Divisional Reporter,
DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 16.7.87

Please ask for

PAMELA CLIFFORD 24 Milnafua Alness

This is to inform you that, at a children's hearing on the 15.7.87 supervision requirement/referral(s) relating to the above was ~~CONTINUED/~~VARIED/~~TERMINATED~~/DISCHARGED.

REPORTER

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SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date) AT DINGWALL ~~ALNESS~~ on the 15.7.87

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)

by way of variation of (and in substitution for) the supervision requirement dated 24.6.87 to which

Pamela Clifford is subject, hereby require him/her* ~~[to reside in~~

]*†

[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council]*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 24.6.87 is hereby revoked.

EDITH BLAKE

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

11. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

12. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

3. etc. 1. Pamela is to reside with Mr. & Mrs. Simpson [redacted] Brora who are to act as foster parents. She may have access to her father at the discretion of the local authority.

EDITH BLAKE

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

**Delete as appropriate*

REASONS Pamela has been in the habit of staying with these foster parents and is happy there and it is necessary to stay with foster parents until Mr. Clifford is able to give her a stable home again

EDITH BLAKE

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MEMORANDUM

To	Principal Officer, Social Work DINGWALL	**From**	Divisional Reporter, DINGWALL
Your ref.		**Our ref.**	**Date** 22.9.87
Please ask for			

PAMELA & MARK CLIFFORD 24 Milnafua Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on
Wednesday 7.10.87 at 10 a.m.
at the undernoted address.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 2.10.87

EDUCATION CENTRE, CASTLE STREET, DINGWALL

~~SOCIAL WORK OFFICE, HIGH STREET, ALNESS~~

POWER AT REQUEST OF
Janet S. Brown S.W.D.

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CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION ..... Ross & Cromarty ...

To be completed for:-

~~Admissions to, discharges from~~, and transfers between, foster care, ~~residential care and day care settings~~.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

Name ..... Pamela Clifford .....

Present Address ..... c/o Robertson .....

[redacted], Tain .....

Date of Birth ..... 23:8:76 .....

Case Reference .....

Effective Date of Change ..... 7:10:86 .....

Statutory Condition Imposed ... 44.1(a) NMMSD

..... Placed .....*

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	✓
Residential Care	
Day Care	
Supervision	
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

NOTE- Pamela resided c/o Nicoll overnight on 2nd and 6th Oct 87. [SO payments also to Mrs Nicol foster parent

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ..... c/o Simpson, [redacted] Tain .....

To ..... As Above .....

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner ..... Ardgay Group Practices .....

School last attended ..... Brora Primary .....

School to be attended ..... Tain Primary .....

Signed ..... [signature] ATL. Date ..... 9:10:87 .....

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			
Amendment to Register			
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

(ADMIN. COPY)

DINGWALL DIVISION

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME: (1) (2) MARK AND PAMELA CLIFFORD

DATE OF BIRTH: (1) 17:12:74 (2) 23:8:76

AGE: 12 11

ADDRESS: (1) [redacted] (2), C/o Simpson, [redacted], Brora

Home: 24 Milnafua, Alness

RELIGION:

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 7:10:87

TIME: 10 a.m.

PLACE: DINGWALL

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Review of Supervision

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See Previous Reports

INTRODUCTION

Following the Children's Hearing of 24:6:87, both children were placed in foster care with Mr. & Mrs. Nicoll, [redacted] Invergordon. However, on 15:7:87 a further Hearing was convened in respect to Pamela, this to vary her placement to one naming Mr. & Mrs. Simpson, [redacted], Brora. Since that time both have remained with their respective carers, with Mark transferring to Invergordon Academy upon commencement of the new school year while Pamela resumed her education at Brora Primary School.

UPDATE

Throughout this period (June/September) Mr. Clifford had failed in any attempt made by himself to curtail his alcholic excesses, having additionally failed to maintain a satisfactory level of contact with his children. Mr. Clifford has to date only seen his children at the two Departmental Child Care Reviews (25:6:87 and 17:9:87) together with a visit made to meet with Mark and and Pamela at Coulpark Children's Centre. However, during this visit Mr. Clifford was described by Centre staff as having been "under the influence" with the visit being terminated as a consequence of this. At this time it is the considered opinion of the Social Work Department that it would not be in either the interests of either Mark or Pamela to have them returned to Mr. Clifford's care.

CONCLUSION

Throughout the present period in care a conscious effort has been made by the Social Work Department to reunite Mark and Pamela within a suitable placement. This placement to also, hopefully, facilitate regular contact between father and children. Following a recent recruitment campaign a couple in Tain were identified as being probable carers, this couple subsequently being approved as Departmental Foster Parents. Mrs. Dunford, Homefinder, has prepared a separate report in regard to these foster parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robertson, [redacted] Tain.

Thus stated in the Hearing Report dated 10:7:87, Mrs. Simpson is expecting her third child in November. As a consequence of this factor, together with the other factors previously mentioned, it is respectfully recommended that the Supervision requirements in respect to Mark and Pamela now be varied to enable their placement with the above couple.

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Alness Area Office,
Suie House,
Bridgend,
Alness

2nd October, 1987

MR. & MRS. H. ROBERTSON, [redacted] TAIN

The above couple have recently been approved as foster parents. [redacted]

I have discussed with them the situation of Mark and Pamela Clifford, they are prepared to take both children and would be happy to have access visits fromm their father, as appropriate.

An introductory visit is planned for the weekend 3rd/4th October when both children will stay overnight in Tain, then return to their present foster homes.

Mr. & Mrs. Robertson occupy a four bedroomed Local Authority house in Tain. [redacted]

I feel confident they will offer a stable, secure home for Mark and Pamela for as long as it is needed.

Val Dunford
Social Worker, Children's Resources

MEMORANDUM

To Principal Officer
Social Work Dept.,
DINGWALL

From Divisional Reporter,
DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 8.10.87

Please ask for

MARK & PAMELA CLIFFORD 24 Milnafua Alness

This is to inform you that, at a children's hearing on the 7.10.87 supervision requirement/referral(s) relating to the above was CONTINUED/VARIED/~~TERMINATED/DISCHARGED~~.

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[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council]*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 24.6.87 is hereby revoked.

M.M. ROSCROW

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

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M.M. ROSCROW

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

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**Delete as appropriate*

REASONS It will be good for the children to be together as brother and sister and it is hoped it will be easier for Mr. Clifford to visit in Tain as there should be good contact between them. Although he is working hard to overcome his alcohol problem he has at the moment still not proved he can provide a suitable home for them.

M. M. ROSCROW

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MINUTES OF REVIEW MEETING

19. Date of Review: 14:12:87
Location: Alness
Chairperson: John Dunlop
Names and Designations of those attending:

John Dunlop, Principal Fieldwork officer
Stuart Marquis, Area Team Leader
Bill Forbes, Social Worker,
Val Dunford, Home finder
Mr. & Mrs. Robertson, Foster Parents
Mr. Clifford
Pamela Clifford
Marc Clifford

Invited but unable to attend:

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20. Summary of Discussion:

It was noted that Pamela and Marc had both settled well with their new foster parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robertson. This was the Robertson's first fostering placement, but they had coped well, although they agreed that both Marc and Pamela together did prove quite a handful with their arguing with each other at times. Bill Forbes informed the meeting that Mr. Clifford's drinking behaviour over the past two months was much improved, and Bill had not found Dod Clifford to be drunk on any occasion when he had seen him. Certainly Mr. Clifford still continues to drink but this was now on a much more organised basis. It was clear that Pamela very much wished home to her father, although it was noted that Marc appeared to have more reservations regarding this. It was agreed that the plan for the children to be returned to Mr. Clifford should now be put into action, with a Children's Hearing to be convened in mid to late January. Prior to this, access to be encouraged, and agreed that the children should have overnight access for Christmas Eve to Boxing Day. It was, of course, noted that the return of the children to Mr. Clifford was dependent upon the Children's Hearing decision, and also on how the intervening period between now and the Children's Hearing went, i.e. a relapse into problem drinking behaviour, or perhaps indications from Marc [redacted]

21. Decisions and Recommendations (include access, parental rights, custodianship, adoption, discharge from care):

(1) Both children to remain with Mr. & Mrs. Robertson at present, but Children's Hearing to be arranged for mid to late January to consider return of children to Mr. Clifford.

(2) Return of children to Mr. Clifford dependent upon his behaviour and relationship with the children between now and the Children's Hearing.

(3) Marc's [redacted]

(4) Access to be arranged, as agreed between all, by Bill Forbes with overnight access being agreeable as arranged.

Minutes ATL

Access Form 'O' Completed [ ] YES [ ] NO

Chairperson of Review Meeting: .....

Designation: ...Principal Fieldwork Officer.....

Date: ...17:12:87.....

Principal Officer: .....

Date: .....

SW 1/4B
(Amended)

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

INITIAL REVIEW/PERIODIC REVIEW *(PLEASE DELETE AS APPROPRIATE)

(Note - complete questions 1 - 18 prior to Review)

1. Name of Child: MARC CLIFFORD
PAMELA CLIFFORD
Date of Birth: 17:12:74
23:8:76

3. Address of Parents: 24 MILANFUA, ALNESS

4. Present Address of Child:
C/o Mr. & Mrs. Robertson, [redacted] Tain

5. Legal Position/Section under which Child is in Care:
44 1(a) - Named Place

6. Date of Admission into Care: 19:6:87

7. Date of Review: 14:12:87 Date of Previous Review: 17:9:87

9. Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate):

1) New fostering placements to be found for both Marc and Pamela together in the same foster home

2) Access by Mr. Clifford to be aranged with no strong restrictions on access with consideration being given for overnight access. Access initially to be supervised by the Social Work Department.

3) Children's Hearing to be convened as soon as new foster home found

4) Child Care Review to be held in December

10. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since previous Review/ Reception into Care:

7:10:87 - Children's Hearing varying placement

Supervised access visits on - 21:10:87; 28:10:87; 13:11:87, 20:11:87 and 4:12:87

11. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since Previous Review/ Reception into Care:

As above, with Mr. Clifford also visiting the Social Work Department on a regular weekly basis.

12. Present situation with family since Reception into Care/Last Review (full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family, substantiate if care of child cannot be assumed by them):

I personally have not seen Mr. Clifford in an intoxicated condition since 6:8:87, he, however, continues to drink, but not witnessed to excess. There has been evidence of drinking prior to access visits. Mr. Clifford has made a marked improvement in his condition, having additionally coped with access visits in a satisfactory manner.

13. Present situation of Child since Reception into Care/Last Review (include schooling, health, behaviour, religious upbringing etc):

Marc and Pamela have been reunited in the present placement, both attending local schools. They are both in good health having settled well at school.

Within the foster placement they can, at times, be particularly demanding, Pamela in particular behaving as a much younger child.

Some conflict has been experienced in the desire to have them settled within the placement yet return home as soon as possible.

(how have access arrangements operated, what requires changing)

As stated in (10), Mr. Clifford has also had an access visit at his mother's home (6:11:87), this supervised by Mr. Robertson. The frequency of visits should remain as above, however, their duration should be lengthened.

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15. Areas of Concern (if any):

(a) Family: Mr. Clifford believes that he can function as a social drinker; The failure of A.A. to achieve sobriety; Mr. Clifford's refusal to consider any form of counselling in regard to his alcoholism.

(b) Child:

The fairly numerous changes of foster placements and schools within a short period of time.

(c) Substitute Family:

Some problems have been experienced in managing Pamela's behaviour. Mr. & Mrs. Robertson have coped with access visits in a very positive manner.

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16. Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies):

I would envisage both children having increased contact with their father with time being spent at home over the Christmas period.

Weekends could then be spent at home with, hopefully, a Children's Hearing being convened towards the end of January/beginning of February to, hopefully, recommend that the children be returned to Mr. Clifford's care on a full time basis. They, however, should remain the subjects of a home supervision order.

17. General Comments and Recommendations (access, long-term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation):

1) Access be increased, overnight, weekends.

2) Children to remain in care, however, planned return to the parental home as soon as possible.

3) Mr. Clifford's ability to care for his children to be monitored at all times.

4) Child ~~Care~~ Review to be held early in 1988, this in regard to the return of the children to father.

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18. Invited to Attend Review:

Mr. Dunlop
Mr. Marquis
Mrs. Dunford
Mr. Clifford
Marc & Pamela
Mr. & Mrs. Robertson

Signed: .....

Designation: ...Social worker.

Date: .....11:12:87.....

REFERRAL FORM CASE NO. ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Surname CLIFFORD Forename(s) MARC & PAMELA

Address ..... Sex: M/F .....

24 MILNAFUA Date of Birth ..... Marital Status .....

ARDESS. G.P. .....

Referred by ..... Date of Referral .....
*(by letter/telephone/in person)

Previously known to department YES/NO

Other agencies involved .....

.....

PROBLEM/REQUEST:

Children's Hearing 24.1.88 - 11.45
(Dingwall)

Report by 22.1.88

RECEIVED BY A.F. Rankine Date 14.1.88 Time .....

Action taken at time of Referral:

Referral passed to: .....

Signed .....
Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision:

.....
Senior Officer

Classification of Case ..... Register on: .....

Re-open existing file ..... Open new file .....

For miscellaneous cases file .....

N.B. ON COMPLETION OF THIS FORM ATTACH REFERRAL FORM (APP.A.) FOR COMPLETION AS APPROPRIATE.

* Tick as applicable.

MEMORANDUM

To	Principal Officer, Social Work DINGWALL	**From**	Divisional Reporter, DINGWALL		
Your ref.		**Our ref.**		**Date**	12.1.88
Please ask for					

MARK & PAMELA CLIFFORD 24 Milnafua Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on

27.1.88 (Wednesday) at 11.45 a.m.

at the undernoted address.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 22.1.88

EDUCATION CENTRE, CASTLE STREET, DINGWALL

~~SOCIAL WORK OFFICE, HIGH STREET, ALNESS~~

REPORTER

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

DINGWALL DIVISION

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME: MARC CLIFFORD
PAMELA CLIFFORD

DATE OF BIRTH: 17;12;74
23;8;76

AGE 13
11

ADDRESS: 24 MILNAFUA,
ALNESS

RELIGION:

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING 10th May,1988 TIME: 10 a.m. PLACE DINGWALL

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL Review at request of Local Authority

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: - See previous reports

MARC AND PAMELA CLIFFORD: 17:12:74 & 23:8:76

This Report has been prepared by Stuart Marquis, Area Team Leader in the absence of the supervising Social Worker, Mr. Bill Forbes, who is currently on sick leave. This Report is thus based on my knowledge of Mr. Clifford via discussion with Bill Forbes at supervision and also case records, and also my own recent contact with Mr. Clifford and the children.

This Review was requested due to recent concerns over Mr. Clifford's drinking behaviour, [redacted] Marc [redacted]

Earlier Reports provide a detailed history of this case, and I will confine myself to events since the last Children's Hearing of the 27th January, 1988, following which the two children, Marc and Pamela were returned home to their father after being in foster care. Bill Forbes, Social Worker, has worked intensively with the family since that time. In early February it was noted that Mr. Clifford had been drinking again, but he was interviewed by Mr. Forbes and myself in the Social Work Office and warned about his behaviour. The affection between Mr. Clifford and his two children was noted by Bill Forbes in his records during the month of March. [redacted]

The Headmistress at Pamela's school has expressed some concerns about Pamela's behaviour, although in fairness Pamela has a good record of attendance, seldom truanting and is punctual in her attendance, and also is found to be satisfactorily dressed with a good standard of personal hygiene.

[redacted] Marc [redacted] The school were informed and were agreeable to this. Bill Forbes noted during visits to the home during this time that Pamela was being cared for satisfactorily, with her elder sister, Debbie, helping out in the family home at weekends.

However, on the week ending 23rd April, it became apparent that Mr. Clifford had been engaging in a heavier pattern of drinking, which was causing concerns. This was noted in connection with an incident with the girl, [redacted], being missing, apparently thought to be staying in Mr. Clifford's house and when the police were investigating situation were concerned that Pamela was being cared for by a 16 year old boy, [redacted] Mr. Clifford was thought to be away drinking during this time.

[redacted] Mark's [redacted] Pamela was also staying with Mr. Henderson at this time. Everything was pointing to Mr. Clifford being involved in/

in heavy drinking at this time. Mr. Henderson was agreeable to looking after the children, and the children were certainly happy to remain in his care. Marc, [redacted] Marc [redacted]

Mr. Clifford was interviewed by myself on the 25th of April, and he was certainly under the influence of drink and not in a fit state to care for the children. He was fully advised of the current situation and the prospect of perhaps the children again having to be received into care unless he made considerable efforts to get off the drink. It should be noted at this point that Pamela made no indication whatsoever of not wishing to return to her father's care, and as in the past, she constantly expressed a wish to be with her father.

Contact with Mr. Clifford on the 27th, 28th, 29th of April, confirmed that Mr. Clifford had made a vast improvement to his situation and was not under the influence of drink on any occasion when seen by myself.

At the time of writing this Report both children are now back home with Mr. Clifford, although Pamela is on a week's holiday with former foster parents, Mr. & Mrs. Simpson, in Brora. It was made perfectly clear to Mr. Clifford that any incident of drinking causing neglect to the children would be viewed seriously by me. Marc [redacted]

It is well known to be a long standing problem in terms of Mr. Clifford's drinking behaviour and in a sense one tolerates a certain amount of drinking as long as the children's welfare does not suffer to a great extent. Furthermore, there are ups and downs, but essentially foster care has not been particularly successful in the past, with both children seeking to return home to their father. It should be noted that Pamela in particular has very strong ties to her father. Marc [redacted]

Certainly given the situation of Mr. Clifford drinking heavily [redacted] led me to request this Children's Panel Review. Furthermore, Mr. Clifford himself is anxious about reappearing before a Panel, and it is important for him, I believe, to be called before a Hearing to account for his actions. [redacted] However, at the time of writing this Report, having seen the improvement in Mr. Clifford's behaviour over the past few days, [redacted] Marc's [redacted] change/

[redacted] I am less inclined to view fostering as the most constructive means of ensuring the children's future, and am led to the conclusion that the best course of action is to continue things as they are at the moment, namely with both children continuing to live with their father with careful monitoring and support from the Social Work Department.

However, if the Panel Members were to consider that the children should be received into care, then the issues to be addressed would be (1) as to whether Marc and Panel should be placed in separate foster homes, and (2) where they would best be placed. At the moment there are limited fostering resources, although Marc could be considered for returning to stay with Mr. & Mrs. Robertson who previously cared for him.

Stuart Marquis
Area Team Leader

Alness Area Office,
Suie House,
Bridgend,
Alness

4th May, 1988

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Pamela Lelliott ..... Child's Name

1	0	2	1	8	2	2	0	7

Child's reference number

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INDIVIDUAL RETURN SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN
MONTHLY RETURN OF NOTIFIABLE CHANGES

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Social Work Department 2,3 1 3

Return date (month, year) 4-7 0 7 8 7

punch skip 8-10

Child's reference number 11-19 1 0 2 1 8 2 2 0 7

Date of birth 20-25 2 3 0 8 7 6

Date of change 26-31 0 1 0 7 8 7

INFORMATION ON CHANGE

REASON FOR BEING IN CARE OR UNDER SUPERVISION

	Before				After			
	statute		primary reason		statute		primary reason	
	32, 33		34, 35		36, 37		38, 39	

ACCOMMODATION (leave blank if child has not moved)

	Before				After			
	type		location		type		location	
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Reason for moving 48 1

PARENTAL RIGHTS RESOLUTION - Reason 49

	Before		After	
AREA CODE	50, 51		52, 53	

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Pamela Clifford ..... Child's Name

1	0	2	1	8	2	2	0	7

Child's reference number

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Child's reference number 11-19 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 7 |

Date of birth 20-25 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 6 |

Date of change 26-31 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 8 |

INFORMATION ON CHANGE

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Reason for moving 48 | 4 |

PARENTAL RIGHTS RESOLUTION - Reason 49

	Before		After	
AREA CODE	50, 51		52, 53	

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Pamela Ledford Child's Name

1 0 2 1 8 2 2 0 7 Child's reference number

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MONTHLY RETURN OF NOTIFIABLE CHANGES

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Social Work Department 2,3 1 3

Return date (month, year) 4-7 0,6 8,7

punch skip 8-10

Child's reference number 11-19 1 0 2 1 8 2 2 0 7

Date of birth 20-25 2,3 0,8 7,6

Date of change 26-31 1,9 0,6 8,7

INFORMATION ON CHANGE

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PARENTAL RIGHTS RESOLUTION - Reason 49

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MEMORANDUM

'88

To Principal Officer
Social Work Dept.,
DINGWALL

From Divisional Reporter,
DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 10.5.88

Please ask for

PAMELA & MARK CLIFFORD 24 Milnafua Alness

This is to inform you that, at a children's hearing on the 10.5.88 supervision requirement/referral(s) relating to the above was CONTINUED/~~VARIED/TERMINATED/DISCHARGED~~.

REASONS REPORTER The children would appear to wish to continue to reside with the father. The situation requires careful monitoring by the Social Work Department to ensure that any potential drinking by the father does not put the children at risk.

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memorandum

om Divisional Reporter, Dingwall

to Divisional Officer, Social Work, Dingwall.

date 22.7.86

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CLIFFORD FAMILY, 24 Milnafua, Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on Monday, 5th August, 1986, at 7 p.m.

within the ~~Education Centre, Castle Street, Dingwall.~~ SOCIAL WORK OFFICE, ALNESS

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 21.8.86

REPORTER.

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SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY		CHILDREN		HANDICAPPED		OTHER	
Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Probation	☐
Community Care Unit	☐	Foster Care	☑	Day Care	☐	Supervision	☐
Day Care	☐	Community Carer	☐			Home Help	☐
		Day Care	☐			.....	☐
Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐
Long Term	☐	Long Term	☑	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐

Full Name ..... PATRICIA CLINTON .....

Present Address* ..... [redacted] .....
..... ILNESS .....
..... MAS TAT .....

New Address* ..... 24 ANNAGH, ...
..... ILNESS. .....
..... KARSTAN .....

Statutory Condition Imposed ..... 44 1(a) Social Work (Scot) Act 68. .....

Name of Doctor ..... ILNESS GROUP PRACTICE ..... D.O.B. ..... 23:8:76 .....

..... Case Ref. .....

School Attended (Children only) ..... ILNESS ACADEMY ..... To ..... ILNESS ACADEMY .....

Date of Change ..... 21:12:90 .....

*Including name of ~~Foster Parent~~/Community Carer where applicable.

~~FOSTERING PAYMENTS~~/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete) **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Stop ☑ ..... 21:12:90 .....
Start ☐ .....
Amend Register ☐ .....

Reason ..... RETURN TO CARE OF NATURAL PARENT .....

Name of ~~FP~~/CC ..... MRS MACKAY TAT .....

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete) **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Admission ☐ .....
Discharge ☐ .....
Temp. Change ☐ .....

Reason .....

Establishment .....

Financial Assessment Attached ☐ DHSS Supplementation applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken ..... Effective Date .....

Reason .....

Signed ..... Bill Mc ..... Date ..... 21:12:90 .....

Authorised ..... ATL ..... Date ..... 21/12/90 .....

OFFICE Action taken .....

Documentation completed by ..... Date .....

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ELDERLY		CHILDREN		HANDICAPPED		OTHER	
Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Probation	☐
Community Care Unit	☐	Foster Care	☑	Day Care	☐	Supervision	☐
Day Care	☐	Community Carer	☐			Home Help	☐
		Day Care	☐			.....	☐
Short Term	☐	Short Term	☑	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐
Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐

Full Name ..... Paula Pettigrew .....

Present Address* ...c/o Unit... [redacted] ..... Abbeyfield .....

New Address* ...c/o Linden... [redacted] .....

Statutory Condition Imposed ..... AA. 1(a) Boarding out .....

Name of Doctor ..... D.O.B. .....23.8.76.....

..... Case Ref. .....

School Attended (Children only) ..... To .....

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Date of Change ....Holiday placement between 15th - 19th Aug 90.

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/~~COMMUNITY CARER FEES~~ (Delete) **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Stop	☑	....19.8.90.
Start	☑	....15.8.90..
Amend Register	☐	.....

Reason ..... Holiday .....

Name of FP/CC ..... Mrs. Pat Linden .....

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete) **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Admission	☐	.....
Discharge	☐	.....
Temp. Change	☐	.....

Reason .....

Establishment .....

Financial Assessment Attached ☐ DHSS Supplementation applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken ..... Effective Date .....

Reason .....

Signed ..... Date.....24.8.90.....

Authorised ..... Date .....24/8/90.....

OFFICE Action taken .....

Documentation completed by ..... Date .....

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY		CHILDREN		HANDICAPPED		OTHER	
Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Probation	☐
Community Care Unit	☐	Foster Care	☑	Day Care	☐	Supervision	☐
Day Care	☐	Community Carer	☐			Home Help	☐
		Day Care	☐			.....	☐
Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐
Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐

Full Name .....

Present Address* .....
[redacted]
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New Address* .....
[redacted]
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Statutory Condition Imposed .....

Name of Doctor ..... D.O.B. .....

..... Case Ref. .....

School Attended (Children only) ..... To .....

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Date of Change .....

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete) **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Stop	☐	.....
Start	☑	.....
Amend Register	☐	.....

Reason .....

Name of FP/CC .....

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete) **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Admission	☐	.....
Discharge	☐	.....
Temp. Change	☐	.....

Reason .....

Establishment .....

Financial Assessment Attached ☐ DHSS Supplementation applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken ..... Effective Date .....

Reason .....

Signed ..... Date .....

Authorised ..... Date .....

OFFICE Action taken .....

Documentation completed by ..... Date .....

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY		CHILDREN		HANDICAPPED		OTHER	
Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Probation	☐
Community Care Unit	☐	Foster Care	☑	Day Care	☐	Supervision	☐
Day Care	☐	Community Carer	☐			Home Help	☐
		Day Care	☐			.....	☐
Short Term	☐	Short Term	☑	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐
Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐

Full Name ..... Simon Sanford .....

Present Address* ...c/o Tim... [redacted] New Address* ..c/o Simpson, [redacted]

.....Lane 3..... .....[redacted] Blair.....

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Statutory Condition Imposed .....44 (1) (c) Social Work (Scotland) Act 68.....

Name of Doctor .....Hanover Street Practice.. D.O.B. .....23.8.76.....

..... Case Ref. .....

School Attended (Children only) .....Bannerfield..... To .....

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Date of Change .....31.3.90.....

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete) **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Stop ☑ .....7.4.90.....

Start ☑ .....31.3.90.....

Amend Register ☐ .....

Reason .Monday placement with Simpsons - one week - then return Mrs Tait.

Name of FP/CC .....Mr & Mrs Simpson. Note Mrs Tait to continue to receive PMD for week child in Blair.

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete) **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Admission ☐ .....

Discharge ☐ .....

Temp. Change ☐ .....

Reason .....

Establishment .....

Financial Assessment Attached ☐ DHSS Supplementation applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken ..... Effective Date .....

Reason .....

Signed ..... Date.....2.4.90.....

Authorised ..... Date .2.4.90.....

OFFICE Action taken .....

Documentation completed by ..... Date .....

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate.

ELDERLY		CHILDREN		HANDICAPPED		OTHER	
Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Probation	☐
Community Care Unit	☐	Foster Care	☐	Day Care	☐	Supervision	☐
Day Care	☐	Community Carer	☐			Home Help	☐
		Day Care	☐			.....	☐
Short Term	☐	Short Term	☑	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐
Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐

Full Name ..... PAMELA CLIFFORD .....

Present Address* [redacted] ..... New Address* [redacted]

..... KINGS .... BROLP .....

.... SUTHERLAND ...

Statutory Condition Imposed ..... 44.1(a) ... NAMED ... PLACE .....

Name of Doctor ..... KINGS GROUP PRACTICE D.O.B. ..... 23-8-76 .....

..... KINGS ..... Case Ref. ..... 22/000024/02 .....

School Attended (Children only) ..... To .....

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Date of Change ..... 12-10-89 .....

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete) **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Stop ☑ ... 12-10-89

Start ☑ ... 19-10-89

Amend Register ☐ .....

Reason ..... HOLIDAY PLACEMENT .....

Name of FP/CC ..... MRS SIMPSON [redacted] BROLP .....

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete) **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Admission ☐ .....

Discharge ☐ ... SOCIAL WORK DEPT.

Temp. Change ☐ ... KINGS

Reason .....

Establishment ..... RECEIVED 30/10/89

Financial Assessment Attached ☐ DHSS Supplementation applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken ..... Effective Date .....

Reason .....

Signed ..... Date ..... 13-10-89 .....

Authorised ..... Date ..... 13/10/89 .....

OFFICE Action taken ... Register updated & calculation made .....

Documentation completed by ..... Date ..... 26/10/89 .....

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY		CHILDREN		HANDICAPPED		OTHER	
Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Probation	☐
Community Care Unit	☐	Foster Care	☑	Day Care	☐	Supervision	☐
Day Care	☐	Community Carer	☐			Home Help	☐
		Day Care	☐			.....	☐
Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐
Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐

Full Name ..... [redacted]

Present Address* [redacted] New Address* [redacted]

Statutory Condition Imposed ..... 44.1.(a).....

Name of Doctor ..... Illness Group ..... D.O.B. ..... 23.08.76 .....

..... Physics ..... Case Ref. .....

School Attended (Children only) ..... Illness Primary ..... To ..... 9 JUL 1989

Date of Change ..... 7th 21st July 89

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete) **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Stop	☑	MRS TAIT FOR 2 WK.	7th 21st July 89
Start	☑	MRS SIMPSON FOR 2 WKS	7th 21st July 89
Amend Register	☐		.....

Reason ..... Holiday Placement .....

Name of FP/CC ..... FROM MRS TAIT ..... TO ..... MRS SIMPSON FOR 2 WEEKS

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete) **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Admission	☐	.....
Discharge	☐	.....
Temp. Change	☐	.....

Reason ..... ILLNESS

Establishment ..... RECEIVED 14/7/89

Financial Assessment Attached ☐ DHSS Supplementation applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken ..... Effective Date .....

Reason .....

Signed ..... Date ..... 7.7.89 .....

Authorised ..... Date ..... 7/7/89 .....

OFFICE Action taken .....

Documentation completed by ..... Date .....

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF CHILD — FREEDOM FROM INFECTION

Name of Child ..... Paige Cuffold .....

Date of Birth ....23:8:76..... Sex.....FEMALE.....

Address .....24 MIGNAFUA, ALNESS.....

1. Is the child free from signs of infectious or contagious disease?

YES

2. Has he/she to your knowledge been in contact with any infectious or contagious disease during the past 3 weeks?

NO

3. Please report briefly on general physical condition, including nutrition, cleanliness and any injuries evident.

CLEAN HEALTHY HAPPY

4. Did your examination reveal any physical or mental abnormality or handicap? (Please specify)

NO

5. Other observations, health matters or special needs which should be noted by those taking over the daily care of the child.

6. I examined the above named child on ....2.1/12/96..... (Date)
and, in my opinion, the child is fit to be placed in a foster home or children's home.

Signed ..... Designation .owners.....

Date .....2/12/96.....

Address .....HEATH CENTRE.....

.....ALNESS.....

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REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

PERIODIC REVIEW

NOTE - Complete questions 1 - 18 prior to Review

1. Name of Child PAMELA CLIFFORD 2. Date of Birth 23:8:76

3. Address of Parents
Father: 24 Milnafua, Alness
Mother: 89 Shillinghill, Alness

4. Present Address of Child c/o Mr & Mrs Tait
[redacted]
Alness

5. Legal Position/Section under which Child is in Care
44 1(a) Named Place - Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

6. Date of Admission into Care 10th March 1989

7. Date of Review 28:8:90 8. Date of Previous Review 14:2:90

9. Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate)

1. Pamela to remain in the care of Mr & Mrs Tait.

2. Access to be increased from daily (Saturday) to overnight (Saturday/Sunday) on alternate weekends.

3. Dependent upon (2), consideration to be given to having access increased to every weekend, this also to include some residential access during holiday periods.

4. Should Mr Clifford continue to maintain his present progress, then it was felt that a recommendation could be put to the Children's Hearing that Pamela return home on a permanent basis in December.

Regular, if infrequent, contact has been maintained with Pamela and the foster home, this has usually been to clarify difficulties with access and in attempts to resolve some of the conflict which has existed between natural parent and foster parent.

11. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Family since previous Review/Reception into care

Similarly Mr Clifford has been seen regularly but infrequently, these visits usually upon the above. Marc [redacted]

12. Present situation with Family since Reception into Care/Last Review (full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family - substantiate if Care of Child cannot be assumed by them)

Pamela has now been placed in a continuous period of care since February, 1989, a period spanning 18 months. [redacted] Marc's [redacted]

13. Present situation of Child since Reception into Care/Last Review (including schooling, health behaviour, religious upbringing, etc)

While Pamela continues to maintain satisfactory progress within Alness Academy it is disappointing to report that within the foster home reports are being received which are increasingly of concern. Pamela continues to "collect" articles etc. which do not belong to her, most recently taking from Mrs Tait's home, a botle of Vodka. Other items accumulated by Pamela have included rings and cassette tapes. Pamela had, following the Easter break, access to her father increased to allow residential access every second weekend with Pamela also residing with Mr Clifford and Marc between 9- 19th July. Pamela has also had two short holiday breaks with Mr & Mrs Simpson, Brora, one at Easter and one during he summer holidays.

what requires changing)

15. Areas of Concern (if any)

(a) **Family:** It is hoped that given the beginning of a new academic year that Marc will endeavour to attend at all times, this until formally completing his education in December. Mr Clifford is finding it increasingly difficult to work in a constructive fashion with the foster family and this office. I am of the opinion that recent allegations made pertaining particularly to Mrs Tait and myself have for the most part, been totally unfounded and without substance.

(b) **Child:** Pamela attempts to manipulate her situation with continued attempts being made by her to play her different carers against the other.

(c) **Substitute Family:** The present situation is becoming increadingly unsatisfactory with Mr & Mrs Tait requiring to know if the placement is to work towards a return home or alternatively to revert to planned long term care.

16. Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies)

Today's child care review is a particularly important one, a decison must be made to either continue with the plan as detailed in (9) or alternatively to clearly state that Pamela is to remain in foster care until her 16th birthday.

Given Mr Clifford's eagerness (together with his positive and constructive response to his alcohol addiction) to have Pamela return to his care and Pamela's continued desire to return to Milnafua, I would recommend that we continue to work towards Pamela returning home this year, either following the October break or alternatively as originally planned in December.

To facilitate this, residential access at weekends should be increased with Marc [redacted]

Mr Clifford must also be very firm and consistent with Pamela and not allow her to manipulate the situation. Should Pamela continue to do so Mr Clifford would find it very difficult to cope should Pamela return home as I have recommended.

17. General Comments and Recommendations (access, long-term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation)

See (16)

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18. Invited to attended Review

Pamela Clifford
Marc Clifford
Mr Clifford
Mrs Tait, foster parent
Mr Hersee, Children's Resources
Mr Marquis, Area Team Leader
Mr Forbes, Social Worker

Signed .....

Designation ..Social Worker.....

Date.....27th August 1990.....

19. Date of Review 28:8:90

Location Alness Social Work Office

Chairperson Stuart Marquis

Names and Designation of those attending

Paul Hersee, Children's Resources
Mr Clifford
Pamela Clifford
Bill Forbes, Social Worker
Marc Clifford
Loraine Geddes, Student Social Worker
Mrs Tait, Foster Parent
Stuart Marquis, Area Team Leader
Invited but unable to attend

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20. Summary of Discussion

Bill Forbes noted that Pamela has been with Mrs Tait now for approximately eighteen months. Noted that Marc Clifford has now been home for approximately one year. Previous child care review had indicated that consideration should be given for Pamela returning home to her father before December. Bill Forbes noted that Mr Clifford appeared to be controlling his drinking behaviour, and no problems had been noted regarding this. [redacted] Marc Pamela has maintained regular fortnightly access to her father, as well as having holiday period at her father's home. No problems noted with this. Mrs Tait noted that Pamela clearly indicated that she wished to be able to go home to live with her father. She noted that Pamela's behaviour in school was good, and health wise kept well, although required further test for her eyesight. Pamela herself was asked what her wishes were, and she clearly stated that she wished to be able to go back and live with her father. Mr Clifford similarly stated that he wished for Pamela to return to his care. After discussion, it was agreed that we should work towards a plan of Pamela returning to Mr Clifford's care. A further Child Care Review would be convened in early November, this permitting a Children's Hearing to be called by early December. If all goes well with Pamela, then the Child Care Review in November should be able to consider Pamela being returned home by a Children's Hearing to her father. In order to gauge the likely success of Pamela returning home, access should now be operated on the basis of Friday to Sundays on a weekly basis, as well as school holiday period in October being extended access time.

custodianship, adoption, discharge from Care)

1. Pamela to remain in the care of Mr & Mrs Tait at present.

2. Future planning is geared towards rehabilitation of Pamela with her father.

3. A further Child Care Review will be convened in early November to consider the return of Pamela to her father, with Children's Hearing to be arranged following such a Review.

4. Access now to be arranged on basis of weekly residential weekend access by Pamela - Friday night to Sunday night, as well as holiday period access.

5. Mr Clifford advised that he can claim child benefit for access periods.

6. Mr Clifford advised of his right to request Children's Hearing, although he stated that Children's Hearing which he had requested, he will now consider cancelling in view of above plans.

Access Form 'O' completed? | | Yes | | No

Chairperson of Review Meeting .....

Designation ...Area Team Leader.....

Date .29 August 1990.....

Principal Officer .....

Date .....3/9/90.....

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

PERIODIC REVIEW

NOTE - Complete questions 1 - 18 prior to Review

1. Name of Child PAMELA CLIFFORD 2. Date of Birth 23.8.76

3. Address of Parents
Father: 24 Milnafua, Alness
Mother: 89 Shillinghill, Alness

4. Present Address of Child c/o Mr & Mrs Tait
[redacted]
Alness

5. Legal Position/Section under which Child is in Care
44 (1) (a) Named Place Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

6. Date of Admission into Care 10:03:89

7. Date of Review 23:11:90 8. Date of Previous Review 28:8:90

9. Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate)

1. Pamela to remain in the care of Mr & Mrs Tait.

2. Future planning to be geared towards rehabilitation of Pamela with her father.

3. A further Child Care Review will be convened in November to consider the return of Pamela to her father, with Children's Hearing to be arranged following such a Review.

4. Access to be arranged on basis of weekly residential weekend access by Pamela with residential access also to occur during holiday periods.

5. Mr Clifford advised of his right to request a Children's Hearing. Mr Clifford has previous done so, however he stated he would cancel this in view of the above plans.

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Contact has been maintained with Pamela through primarily, involvement with the foster home, within latter weeks there having been contact from the school, this in respect to various difficulties. Unfortunately visits to the foster home usually arise following some difficulty and this does not help in forming a good relationship with Pamela.

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11. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Family since previous Review/Reception into care

Mr Clifford has been seen at his home and at this office. Involvement has focused upon contact with Pamela and also upon his care of Marc. While Mr Clifford has stated that residential access has invariably gone well, he has latterly stated that he has been having increasing problems with Pamela. It should be noted that Marc is now, to all intents and purposes, a school non-attender.

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12. Present situation with Family since Reception into Care/Last Review (full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family - substantiate if Care of Child cannot be assumed by them)

Pamela has now been placed in a continuous period of care since February 1989, a period spanning almost two years, while Marc's admission to care was at the same time and on the same basis as Pamela, Marc [redacted] While Mr Clifford has not been observed by me to be in an intoxicated condition for many months, it is of concern that on a visit made to the home during the October break, I observed him within his home, drinking three cans of extra strength lager, however while this is the case, I could not say that Mr Clifford was intoxicated. It was at this time that Mr Clifford expressed concerns about his ability to care for Pamela.

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13. Present situation of Child since Reception into Care/Last Review (including schooling, health behaviour, religious upbringing, etc)

Pamela's placement with Mrs Tait has been very successful, however since the commencement of the present academic year Pamela's behaviour has been of increasing concern. Mrs Tait has recently been sent two letters from the school indicating that Pamela is disruptive in class and that she truants classes on a frequent basis. Concerns have been expressed by a number of teachers with Mr Gibson, Principal Guidance Teacher, contacting me on a number of occasions. At the time of preparing this report, Pamela's behaviour has deteriorated further with Pamela having to be escorted between classes by Mrs Lewis, Behaviour Support Teacher. Mr Clifford was made aware of the above concerns, he indicating that he would discuss these with Pamela and endeavour to sort out the difficulties. It would appear that this has had little effect upon Pamela and that no progress has been made. In endeavouring to discuss Pamela's problematic behaviour with her during my last visit to the foster home, Pamela was rather abusive and evasive.

what requires changing)

15. Areas of Concern (if any)

(a) Family Mr Clifford remains hopeful that Pamela shall be returned to his care at a Children's Hearing to be held on Mr Clifford's behalf with this objective in mind.

Pamela, it would appear, has very definitely regressed into the behaviour which she demonstrated prior to being placed in the care of Mr & Mrs Tait, with at that time, the Education Authority believing Pamela's circumstances to be such that she required a period of residential schooling. Given Pamela's very disjointed history of care with Pamela at no previous time, having ever managed to sustain a placement at home, I have concerns about returning Pamela to a situation in which Mr Clifford shall be placed in an increasingly difficult situation with the resultant stress in all probability, resulting in his return to his previously well documented history of chronic alcohol abuse.

(b) Child: While Pamela states an intent to return to her father's care, her behaviour is such that it is contrary to this. While weekend leaves have generally progressed very well as far as I am aware, Mr Clifford indicated during Pamela's extended placement over the October holiday period that Pamela was causing concern. Mr Clifford was concerned that Pamela was stealing and indicated that he wished specialist support to be given to Pamela, this in terms of her behaviour and her stealing.

(c) Substitute Family: Mr & Mrs Tait have been placed under increasing pressure by Pamela, particularly so on the lead up to this Child Care Review. While Mrs Tait is still committed to caring for Pamela, it is of concern that during a recent head-to-head with Pamela, Pamela became very abusive towards Mrs Tait's young daughter, [redacted] This was totally unacceptable to Mrs Tait, with Mrs Tait indicating that she would not tolerate further outbursts directed towards her daughter. [redacted] is a young pre-school child.

16. Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies)

Given the above concerns, it is my recommendation that Pamela remains in the care of Mrs & Mrs Tait and that while residential weekend access continues, this is not viewed as being rehabilitative. In placing this recommendation before the Meeting I am hopeful that Mr Clifford shall accept this as being in Pamela's best interests however this may not in fact be the case and Mr Clifford may still wish to continue with a Children's Hearing. Should it be the decision of this meeting that Pamela remain in the care of Mr & Mrs Tait, it should be clearly stated that she shall do so until her 16th birthday and that no further plans are made towards rehabilitation.

This recommendation is made on the basis that since formulating the plan of rehabilitation at the last Child Care Review, Pamela's behaviour has deteriorated markedly, she to all intents and purposes having regressed to the/

[redacted]

17. General Comments and Recommendations (access, long-term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation)

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18. Invited to attended Review

Pamela Clifford
Marc Clifford
Mr Clifford
Mrs Tait, Foster Parent
Mr Gibson, Principal Teacher of Guidance
Mr Hersee, Children's Resources
Mr Marquis, Area Team Leader
Mr Forbes, Social Worker

Signed .....

Designation .Social Worker.....

Date .22nd November 1990.....

19. Date of Review 23:11:90

Location Alness Social Work Office

Chairperson Stuart Marquis

Names and Designation of those attending

Mr Clifford
Marc Clifford
Pamela Clifford
Mrs Tait, Foster Parent
Mr Gibson, Guidance Teacher, Alness Academy
Paul Hersee, Children's Resources
Stuart Marquis, Area Team Leader,
Bill Forbes, Social Worker

Invited but unable to attend

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20. Summary of Discussion

Bill Forbes provided background to case. Confirmed the possibility had been considered following previous reviews that consideration could be given to Pamela being returned home to her father due to improvements made with Mr Clifford's life situation. The past three months had been viewed as a testing period to see how Pamela got on with her father at home access periods. Pamela had spent weekend leaves at her father's, as well as holiday period in October. Bill Forbes expressed concerns regarding Mr Clifford's ability to provide long term care for Pamela. Bill felt Pamela was putting a lot of pressure on her father, and on one visit Bill noted that the father had been drinking cans of lager. Bill noted that Mr Clifford himself had at one point expressed concerns about Pamela's lying and difficult behaviour. [redacted] Marc's [redacted].

Mrs Tait noted that Pamela's behaviour has always been difficult, but since the last Review, Pamela's behaviour was worse. Mrs Tait recognised that Pamela needed the security of firm discipline. There had been problems in the past months regarding Pamela's schooling, with Pamela missing periods as well as going in late. Mr Gibson confirmed that there is problems with Pamela's schooling. Mr Forbes confirmed his opinion that he believed that it was in Pamela's best interests for her to remain with Mrs Tait since this provided security and controls for her, and that Mr Clifford would be unable to provide this level of care. This was not denying that Mr Clifford wished Pamela returned to his care, but it was felt there were concerns still regarding his drinking and ability to cope with Pamela. Pamela was stating at the Review that she wished to return home to her father. Concern was expressed that the past three months have been a period of uncertainty with Pamela not having a clear picture of the security as to where her future lay, and there was a need to be decisive regarding this. In considering the circumstances, Stuart Marquis determined that it was not appropriate for Pamela to be rehabilitated back home/

Mrs Tait until she was nearer 16. Mr Clifford was quite threatening and abusive in manner at these stages of the Review. It was confirmed with Mr Clifford that he had the right to appeal against the decisions of the Review, and similarly make appeals through the Children's Hearing system. Mrs Tait confirmed that she was prepared to continue looking after Pamela, but she correctly wished it noted that Mr Clifford should realise that there was the possibility that consideration could be given to Pamela not returning to Mr Clifford if Pamela was not able to stay long term with Mrs Tait, and that a Children's Hearing may consider placing Pamela elsewhere. Mr Clifford made it clear he would appeal against the Child Care Review decision and wished this done, and similarly it was agreed that the matter should be placed before a Children's Hearing for their consideration. It was noted that there was a smell of alcohol from Mr Clifford. In view of the planning being one that Pamela should remain with Mrs Tait, access would require to be arranged on this basis. It was agreed that Mr Clifford could have access from the Friday night to the Sunday, this weekend, 23rd November, but thereafter weekend access would be on the basis of one night overnight only.

21. **Decisions and Recommendations (including access, parental rights, custodianship, adoption, discharge from Care)**

1. Pamela to remain in the care of Mrs Tait, this now being viewed as a long term fostering placement.

2. Pamela to have weekend access to her father on the basis of residential access with one overnight stay.

3. It was recognised that Mrs Tait will have considerable difficulties managing this situation in the near future due to the unsettled period over the past months, and the likelihood of Pamela and Mr Clifford possibly trying to sabotage the situation. In view of this, Mr Clifford was advised that it was possible for Pamela to be placed elsewhere than Mrs Tait's, rather than just simply returned to his care.

4. Mr Clifford requested that he have a further Child Care Review due to his disagreement with the decisions, and this was agreed.

5. Children's Hearing to be arranged to enable Mr Clifford to present his case within that arena.

Access Form 'O' completed? | | Yes | | No

Chairperson of Review Meeting .....

Designation ..Area Team Leader.....

Date .27 November 1990.....

Principal Officer .....

APPEAL AT REQUEST OF FATHER AT DECISIONS TAKEN AT CHILD CARE REVIEW ON 23.11.90

19. Date of Review 3.12.90

Location Alness Social Work Office

Chairperson John Dunlop

Names and Designation of those attending

Mr Clifford
Marc Clifford
Pamela Clifford
Mrs Tait, Foster Parent
Paul Hersee, Children's Resources
Stuart Marquis
Bill Forbes
John Dunlop

Invited but unable to attend

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20. Summary of Discussion

This Review had been convened following Mr Clifford's wish to appeal against decisions taken at Review of 23.11.90. The introduction to the Review did not have Mr Clifford present, in order to provide Pamela the opportunity to state her wishes. Pamela was stating that she wished to return home to live with her father, and was blaming Bill Forbes, Social Worker, for not being allowed to do this. Bill Forbes clarified reasons for decisions taken at last Review, and noted that since then, Pamela has been excluded from school due to her behaviour. Mr Clifford was invited into Review, with Pamela and Marc being asked to leave. Val Tait confirmed how the situation had deteriorated in the past months, especially with Pamela's schooling. She felt this was related to the increase in access to Mr Clifford. She found Pamela very difficult to control at present, and Pamela had difficulty recognising authority, whether this was at home, school or from Social Work. Mr Clifford agreed that it was possible he may have been building Pamela up to return home full time, but he felt this was not unrealistic in view of his interpretation of future planning. Mr Clifford believed that some of Pamela's problems at school were related to being bullied by two other girls. A fairly lengthy discussion ensued regarding the belief that Mr Clifford was still involved in drinking to excess, and the problems this caused. Also the belief that Mr Clifford would find great difficulty in coping with the problematic behaviour displayed by Pamela. It was recognised that there are going to be difficult times ahead in terms of getting Pamela stabilised. Within this discussion Mr Clifford indicated that he would be prepared to accept Pamela continuing to reside with Mrs Tait on the understanding that he could have regular weekend access and also holiday access. It was agreed that this could only work if Pamela was prepared to support this plan, and also for Mr Clifford to back it. Val Tait made it perfectly clear that/

discipline and accept the nature of the fostering arrangement being long term. The viewpoint was expressed that if the placement was not to work with Mrs Tait, then there may be great difficulty in finding alaternative fostering placement, as well as the dangers of making Pamela's behaviour more problematic by placement within a residential setting. As such, consideration could also be given to Pamela returning home to live with her father if the plan of living with Val Tait did not prove feasible. The above was an area of considerable discussion and debate. It was recognised that the Children's Hearing will have to give full consideration to all the facts, but the recommendation being proposed was that Pamela should continue to reside with Val Tait on the basis of having regular weekend access to her father. However the alternative in terms of Pamela returning to live with her father would also be placed before the Panel for consideration.

21. Decisions and Recommendations (including access, parental rights, custodianship, adoption, discharge from Care)

1. Children's Hearing to be held on 17.12.90 which will consider all the circumstances of the case.

2. The proposal that Pamela should continue to reside with foster parents, Mr & Mrs Tait, on the basis of having residential weekend access to her father should be given every opportunity to work, and this was the majority viewpoint of the review.

3. The Children's Hearing will require to give consideration to the possibility of Pamela returning to live with her father if things cannot work out, with Val Tait offering long term fostering, since return to the father may prove a less harmful option than being placed with alternative foster parents or in residential care.

4. The next period of time will be viewed very much as a testing out period, and if Val Tait continues to look after Pamela, then access will be on residiential weekend basis, Fridays to Sundays.

5. The problems of Pamela's schooling will require considerable support.

Access Form '0' completed? | | Yes | | No Minutes

Chairperson of Review Meeting .....

Designation ...Principal Fieldwork Officer...

Date ..4th December 1990.....

Principal Officer .....

Date .....

MEMORANDUM

To Principal Officer
Social Work Dept.,
DINGWALL

From Divisional Reporter,
DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 21.2.90

Please ask for

PAMELA CLIFFORD 24 Milnafua Alness

This is to inform you that, at a children's hearing on the 21.2.90 supervision requirement/referral(s) relating to the above was ~~CONTINUED~~/VARIED/~~TERMINATED/DISCHARGED~~.

REPORTER

RECEIVED 26/2/90

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date) AT DINGWALL on the 21.2.90

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)

by way of variation of (and in substitution for) the supervision requirement dated 8.3.89 to which

Pamela Clifford is subject, hereby require him/her* ~~[no residence]~~

]*†

[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council]*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 8.3.89 is hereby revoked.

NAN COLLING

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

†1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

†2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

3. The child is to reside with Mr. & Mrs. Tait [redacted] Alness who are to act as foster parents. She may have access to her parents and residential access only to her father at the discretion of the Social Work Department

NAN COLLING

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

**Delete as appropriate*

REASONS Pamela is happy with Mr. & Mrs Tait. Mr. Clifford has worked hard to overcome his drink problem. He realises that Pamela's return to him must be a gradual process and it is hopeld that this will be achieved within the year.

NAN COLLING

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

DINGWALL DIVISION

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH:	AGE:
PAMELA CLIFFORD	23:8:76	13

ADDRESS: RELIGION:

Present: c/o Mr & Mrs Tait, [redacted], Alness

Father: 24 Milnafua, Alness

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING	TIME:	PLACE:
21st February 1990	11.15	Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL:

Annual Review of Supervision Requirement

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES:

Continued without variation

Pamela has remained in the care of Mr & Mrs Tait since 8.3.89, she having been subject to a supervision requirement to this effect since that date.

While some problems have been experienced within the last year, the placement has generally progressed in a very satisfactory manner with the Social Work Department, the foster home and the family working together in a constructive manner to ensure the placement is a meaningful as possible. The foundation, upon which success has to date been built, has been good communication between Mr Clifford and Mrs Tait this being done via myself.

As Hearing Members shall be aware from their reading of Marc's report of 29:11:89, Marc has now returned to the care of his father this following from a transitional period with the reintroduction of weekend leave. Hearing Members should also note the positive comments contained in this report about the improvement in Mr. Clifford's health and circumstances.

Given that Marc's circumstances are now settled, Mr. Clifford quite naturally wishes increased access with Pamela, this with a view towards her eventual return to his care. In working towards this, Mr Clifford would be required to consolidate the good progress made while also, by way of increased access, enabling Pamela to demonstrate that she is equally committed to returning to her father's care.

In working towards the above I would envisage access continuing as at present (Saturdays) with the gradual introduction of overnight access occurring on initially a fortnightly/three weekly basis prior to hoped for regular weekly weekend access.

At this point in time Pamela and Mr Clifford recognise that these transitional steps require to be taken in a slow but purposeful manner, it being hoped that following from continued progress a Review of Supervision could be requested in December or January 1991, this to hopefully recommend Pamela's return to Mr Clifford.

Hearing Members shall wish to note that Pamela has recently commenced her second placement in an Intermediate Treatment Group she having also during the summer spent some of her holiday period with previous carers, Mr & Mrs Simpson, Brora.

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Suie House
Bridgend
Alness

14.2.90

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH:	AGE:
PAMELA CLIFFORD	23:8:76	14 yrs

ADDRESS: RELIGION:

Presently: [redacted] Alness

Home: 24 Milnafua, Alness

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING:	TIME:	PLACE:
17 December 1990	7 p.m.	Alness

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL:

Review at Request of Social Work Department

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES:

See Previous Report

Named - reside with father.

This review of Supervision has been requested on Mr Clifford's behalf and also following from a departmental Child Care Review convened on 23.11.90. It is Mr Clifford's wish to have his daughter returned to his care, this however is contrary to the recommendation contained within this report.

Since the Children's Hearing of 21.2.90, Pamela's circumstances have been considered at three departmental Child Care Reviews, 28.8.90, 23.11.90, and at a further meeting convened on 3.12.90. This latter meeting was convened as the result of an appeal made by Mr Clifford, this regarding his disagreement with the long term plan made by the Social Work Department in regard to Pamela's future welfare.

Pamela has now been placed in a continuous period of care with her present carers since February 1989, a period spanning almost two years. Following the success of the placement during its initial period, Mr Clifford requested that consideration be given towards a planned return of Pamela to his care. To this end, a programme of shared care evolved with Pamela having increased access to her father on a daily basis, she also latterly spending weekends at her father's home on a residential basis, this together with extended placements during holiday periods. This plan was in accordance with the decisions reached at the Children's Hearing of 21.2.90, this in the hope that within a period of one year, a recommendation could be placed before the Hearing that Pamela be returned to Mr Clifford's care. While this plan proceeded in a satisfactory manner, difficulties occurred in the summer of this year, this directly preceding and following from a Child Care Review convened on 28.8.90. At this Child Care Review, it was agreed that access be stepped up to a residential basis and that should the situation remain stable in respect to school, foster home and family, then an early review of supervision would be requested in December to recommend Pamela's return home.

During the period from August until the present time, Pamela's behaviour has been of increasing concern. Mrs Tait has been contacted on a number of occasions by the school, the school indicating that Pamela is disruptive within the class and that she truants from various classes on a frequent basis. Concerns have been expressed by a number of teachers, with Mr Gibson, Principal Guidance Teacher, contacting the Social Work Department on a number of occasions. Within the last month, Pamela's behaviour deteriorated to such an extent that she had to be escorted between classes by Mrs Lewis, Behavioural Support Teacher, with a period of exclusion following a further incident.

At the time of these concerns, Mr Clifford was made aware of difficulties, he endeavouring to assist Pamela in overcoming her behavioural problems. However this had little or no effect upon Pamela, who it would appear, has very definitely regressed into the behaviour that she demonstrated prior to being placed in the care/

care of Mr & Mrs Tait, with at that time, the educational authority believing Pamela's circumstances to be such that she required a period of residential schooling.

Given Pamela's very disjointed history of care, with Pamela at no previous time having ever managed to sustain a placement at home, I have concerns about returning Pamela to a situation in which Mr Clifford shall be placed in an increasingly difficult situation, with the resultant stress in all probability resulting in his return to his previously well documented history of chronic alcohol abuse.

While Pamela states an intent to return to her father's care, her behaviour is such that it is contrary to this. While weekend leaves have generally progressed very well as far as I am aware, Mr Clifford indicated during Pamela's extended placement over the October holiday, that Pamela was causing increasing concerns to him. Mr Clifford was concerned that Pamela was lying on an ever increasing basis and indicated that he wished specialised support to be provided, this in terms of her behaviour.

Panel Members [redacted] Marc [redacted] I do not consider this fact together with the above documented behavioural difficulties of Pamela, to any way indicate that he would be effective in assisting Pamela in overcoming present difficulties or indeed prevent her from regressing into further deviant behaviour.

Within recent months, Mr & Mrs Tait have been placed under increasing pressure by Pamela, particularly so on the lead up to departmental Child Care Reviews. While Mrs Tait remains committed to caring for Pamela, it is of concern that during a recent head to head with Pamela, Pamela became very abusive towards Mrs Tait's young daughter, [redacted] This was totally unacceptable to Mrs Tait, with Mrs Tait indicating that she would not tolerate further outbursts directed towards her daughter.

While it was the decision of the Child Care Review of 23.11.90 that/

that Pamela remain in the care of Mrs Tait on a long term basis, at the Appeal Meeting convened it was recommended that the alternative be placed before the Hearing that would enable Pamela to return to the permanent care of Mr Clifford. The latter recommendation was made on the basis that daughter and father verbally demonstrate a commitment to each other and that this commitment would best be tested through enabling Pamela to return home.

It should be noted that this was not a unanimous recommendation and it was certainly not my considered opinion. Given that Pamela's placement progressed in a very satisfactory manner for almost eighteen months, I am of the opinion that present difficulties have resulted as a consequence of divided loyalties and inner turmoil, with Pamela, while remaining emotionally attached to her father, being unable to effectively separate her personal needs in terms of her present quality of life with Mr & Mrs Tait from that of her emotional bond with her father.

The Panel shall be interested to know that since Pamela has been made aware of the recommendation contained within this Hearing Report, her behaviour has stabilised markedly and within the last fortnight, no behaviour outbursts having been reported, either within the foster home or from Alness Academy. However at the time of disclosure, Pamela and Mr Clifford both reacted in a very belligerent and highly agitated manner, with much verbal abuse and threatened violence.

It is my recommendation to the Hearing that Pamela remains in the care of Mr & Mrs Tait and that while residential weekend access continues, this is no longer viewed as being rehabilitative. In placing this recommendation before the Hearing, I am hopeful that Mr Clifford shall have managed to, at least in part, have separated his own emotional feelings from the practical reality of Pamela's situation. Should it be the decision of the Hearing that Pamela remain in the care of Mr & Mrs Tait, I would hope that it would be clearly stated that she should do so until her 16th birthday and that no further plans be made towards rehabilitation. This recommendation is made on the basis that since formulating the plan of rehabilitation as detailed in the written reason of the last Hearing, Pamela's behaviour has gradually deteriorated to such an extent that recent difficulties indicate to all intents and purposes that she had regressed to the behavioural pattern shown prior to admission to care.

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Suie House
Bridgend
Alness
13 December 1990

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

~~INITIAL REVIEW~~ / PERIODIC REVIEW * (Please delete as appropriate)

Note — Complete questions 1 — 18 prior to Review

1. **Name of Child** PAMELA CLIFFORD 2. **Date of Birth** 23:8:76

3. **Address of Parents**
   Father: 24 Milnafua, Alness
   Mother: 89 Shillinghill, Alness

4. **Present Address of Child** c/o Mr & Mrs Tait
   [redacted]
   Alness

5. **Legal Position / Section under which Child is in Care**
   44 1(a) Named Place Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

6. **Date of Admission into Care** 10th March 1989

7. **Date of Review** 14th February 1990 8. **Date of Previous Review** 25th August 1989

9. **Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate)**

1. Pamela's placement with Mr & Mrs Tait to continue as long term fostering placement.
2. Pamela to be allowed access to visit her Aunt Christine, her mother, her brother and sister under the discretion of Mrs Tait.
3. Pamela now to have access to see her father at her father's home, on the basis of a recommended maximum of once per week. It is expected that Debbie or Marc will be present during Pamela's access to her father.
4. Agreed that Pamela could have holidays with Mr & Mrs Simpson should this offer again arise.

Pamela has been seen on a regular basis either within the foster home, at the Social Work Office or occasionally in the presence of Mr Clifford and Marc.

11. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Family since previous Review / Reception into Care

Mr Clifford has been seen regularly, particularly so in regard to the planning undertaken regarding Marc's two recent Children's Hearings and the subsequent change in Marc's circumstances.

12. Present situation with Family since Reception into Care / Last Review (full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family — substantiate if Care of Child cannot be assumed by them)

Mr Clifford quite naturally wishes increased access with Pamela, this with a view towards her eventual return to his care.

Dr confirmed the above progress made stating that "Mr Clifford has made commendable and strong efforts to restructure his life style."

13. Present situation of Child since Reception into Care / Last Review (include schooling, health, behaviour, religious upbringing etc.)

Pamela continues to receive very positive reports from her school, from her father and from her foster parents. Pamela is very well settled with Mr & Mrs Tait, Mrs Tait and Pamela now tackling any problems in an honest, forthright, yet compassionate manner.

Pamela has recently commenced her second placement with an Intermediate Treatment Group, continues to have regular contact with her mother and her older sister, Debbie.

14. Contact between Parents and Child (how have access arrangements operated; what requires changing)

15. Areas of Concern (if any)

(a) Family

(b) Child

(c) Substitute Family

16. Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies)

I would envisage access continuing as at present (Saturdays) with further opportunity being given to Pamela and her family to demonstrate that their wish that Pamela be returned to Mr Clifford's care is a realistic goal.

In working towards this, Mr Clifford would be required to consolidate the good progress made to date while also, by way of increased access, enabling Pamela to demonstrate that she is equally committed to returning to her father's care.

To develop upon this would necessitate the introduction of overnight access initially on a fortnightly/three weekly weekend basis prior to hoped for regular weekly weekend residential access.

Debbie has indicated that she would wish Pamela to spend some overnight periods (Fridays) at her home, I can see no reason why this cannot be incorporated in the above plan.

17. General Comments and Recommendations (access, long-term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation)

1. Pamela to remain in the care of Mr & Mrs Tait.
2. The Social Work Department, foster family and family to work toward the return of Pamela to the care of Mr Clifford, this by way of a series of transitional steps.
3. Progress to be monitored on a regular basis with a review of supervision being requested in December or January, 1991, to recommend hopefully, Pamela's return to her father's care.
4. Pamela to be given opportunity of spending holiday periods with past carers, Mr & Mrs Simpson, Carrol Place, Brora.

18. Invited to attend Review

Pamela
Mr Clifford
Debbie Clifford
Marc Clifford
Mr Skinner, Acting Area Team Leader
Mrs Tait, Foster Mother
Mr Taylor, Homefinder

Signed .....

Designation .....Social Worker.....

Date .....14:2:90.....

19. Date of Review 14th February, 1990

Location Alness Social Work Department

Chairperson Mr. John Skinner

Names and Designation of those attending

Mr. G. Clifford
Pamela and Marc Clifford
Mrs. Tait (foster parent)
Mr. Taylor (Home Finder)
Mr. Skinner (Acting Area Team Leader)
Mr. Forbes (Social Worker)

Invited but unable to attend

Debbie Clifford

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20. Summary of Discussion

Mr. Forbes began the meeting by outlining the circumstances of Pamela's admission to care and her continued placement with Mr. & Mrs. Tait, this now extending to almost one year. The placement continues to be successful with family, foster parents and Social Work Department working well together, any difficulties or misunderstandings having usually been resolved without too much difficulty. [redacted] it was felt by everyone at the Meeting that, given Pamela's very settled situation, it would be at the present time detrimental to consider her immediate return home. While it was recognised that Mr. Clifford continues to make very positive steps to refrain from drinking, this problem is long standing, it being felt that work should be done towards the planned return of Pamela to her father on a gradual basis, hopefully by December of this year. Mr. Clifford spoke enthusiastically about this plan, however, if the increase in access from day to overnight progressed well, he would hope that Pamela would return home before that date. It was agreed that access be increased from daily to overnight access at weekends, initially on a fortnightly basis, however, this would be subject to review and if continued progress were made consideration would be given for weekly residential access and possibly overnight access during school holiday periods.

custodianship, adoption, discharge from Care)

1) Pamela to remain in the care of Mr. & Mrs. Tait

2) Access to be increased from daily (Saturday) to overnight (Saturday/Sunday) on alternate weekends.

3) Dependent upon (2) consideration to be given to having access increased to every weekend, this also to include some residential access during holiday periods.

4) Should Mr. Clifford continue to maintain his present progress, then it was felt that a reconsideration could be put to the Children's Hearing that Pamela return home on a permanent basis in December.

Access Form 'O' completed? | | Yes | | No

Chairperson of Review Meeting .....

Designation .Acting Area Team Leader.....

Date ....30th May, 1990.....

Principal Officer .....

Date .....31/5/90.....

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

INITIAL REVIEW / PERIODIC REVIEW * (Please delete as appropriate)

Note — Complete questions 1 — 18 prior to Review

1. Name of Child PAMELA CLIFFORD 2. Date of Birth 23:8:76

3. Address of Parents Father 24 Milnafua, Alness
Mother 89 Shillinghill, Alness

4. Present Address of Child C/o Mr. & Mrs. Tait, [redacted] Alness

5. Legal Position / Section under which Child is in Care
44 a(1) Named Place

6. Date of Admission into Care 10th March, 1989

7. Date of Review 25:8:89 8. Date of Previous Review 26:4:89

9. Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate)

(1) Pamela's placement with Mr. & Mrs. Tait now viewed as long term fostering placement.

(2) Access to continue as before, Pamela to be allowed to visit Aunt Christine, her mother, her brother and sister under the discretion of Mrs. Tait.

(3) Pamela not to have access to see her father at her father's home. Access to Mr. Clifford to take place at Aunt Christine's or later at Mrs. Tait's.

(4) Full medical to be obtained for Pamela

(5) Consideration to be given to Pamela having holiday with Mr. & Mrs. Simpson, Brora.

Pamela has been seen on a regular basis, usually in the foster home, but somtimes at her mother's. My input has been generally to monitor the placement and to assist when the occasional difficulty has arisen.

11. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Family since previous Review / Reception into Care

There has been virtually no contact with Mr. Clifford until fairly recently. Mr. Clifford has not been in good health and has confined himself to the house for long periods. he has not visited the foster home attending the office rarely.

12. Present situation with Family since Reception into Care / Last Review (full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family — substantiate if Care of Child cannot be assumed by them)

Mr. Clifford would appear to accept that Pamela's placement is long term. Whereas in the past Mr. Clifford would visit this office on a very frequent basis, visits now are very rare. I have seen no evidence of Mr. Clifford abusing alcohol since April nor received any reports to indicate this.

Miss Henderson [redacted] Pamela is a daily visitor to her home, before and after school. While these visits are generally welcomed, Pamela can at times be very manipulative.

Marc [redacted]

13. Present situation of Child since Reception into Care / Last Review (include schooling, health, behaviour, religious upbringing etc.)

Pamela has begun her second year at Alness Academy. First year was completed with good reports, with second year having begun very well. while Mrs. Lewis (Behavioural Support) continues to have contact with Pamela this is on an informal basis. Pamela has had a fortnight's holiday with Mr. & Mrs. Simpson, Brora. Pamela had yearly medical examination on 2:5:89, health fair, with no problems reported. While the placement has been very successful to date, Pamela continues to require close controls and monitoring. Pamela sometimes tries to manipulate myself, Mrs. Tait and her mother.

14. Contact between Parents and Child (how have access arrangements operated; what requires changing)

15. Areas of Concern (if any)

(a) Family there is at this time some friction between the parents, this, however, relates more to the care of Marc than Pamela. Mr. Clifford wishes to have more contact with Pamela and should be encouraged in doing this.

(b) Child

I have ~~no~~ no concerns for Pamela other than the problems which she can cause for her mother (?) Foster Mother?.

(c) Substitute Family

I have no concerns about the level of care provided to Pamela. However, Mrs. Tait needs to keep all her resources about her to reap the rewards of her efforts. I would be concerned if Mrs. Tait becomes emeshed in family problems.

16. Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies)

Pamela should remain with Mr. & Mrs. Tait on a long term basis, subject to a continued 44 1(a) supervision requirement. Pamela has had three periods of supervised access to Mr. Clifford's home. These visits have gone well and should be encouraged. It is worth noting that Marc wishes to spend weekends at his father's home.

Progress at Alness Academy has been very good, with there now being no involvement with the Eductional Psychologist nor the Behavioural Support Teacher.

The placement should continue as at present with Pamela's mother to be given guidance and support to deal with the problems which Pamela from time to time throws up.

Given the stability in Mr. Clifford's life, the possibility of unsupervised access between father and daughter should be looked at. Any such access should be time limited.

17. General Comments and Recommendations (access, long-term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation)

See (16)

18. Invited to attend Review.

Mr. Clifford,
Miss Henderson
Pamela,
Mrs. Tait,
Mrs. Rennie
Mr. Marquis
Mr. Forbes

Signed .....

Designation ....Social Worker.....

Date ...24th August, 1989.....

19. Date of Review 25:8:89

Location Alness Social Work Office

Chairperson Stuart Marquis

Names and Designations of those attending

Mrs. Tait, Foster Parent
Pamela Clifford
Debbie Clifford
Bill Forbes,
Stuart Marquis
Jessie Rennie
Mr. Clifford

Invited but unable to attend

Miss Henderson (Mother)

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20. Summary of Discussion

Decisions taken at last Child Care Review were discussed, and confirmed that these had been followed through.

Consensus from all that Pamela's placement with Mrs. Tait was going well. However, there was agreement that Pamela was going to see her Mum too often, and she would require to cut down her visits. Mrs. Tait felt that she was now taking moves to control Pamela's visits to her mother, and problem was less now than it was several weeks ago. Mrs. Tait acknowledged that Pamela was very good at coming home at requested times.

With regard to access by Pamela to her father, Bill Forbes noted that he had on three occasions organised a supervised access arrangement for Pamela at her father's, since this appeared to be in Pamela's best interests. It was agreed that since Pamela was doing so well, we should allow access by Pamela to see her father at Milnafua. However, such access would require to be carefully controlled to a maximum of once per week. It was noted that Mr. Clifford was apparently keeping better form and fitness. It was agreed that when Pamela does visit her father her elder sister, Debbie, or Marc will also be present. No overnight access is, however, to be permitted. Mr. Forbes made it perfectly clear at the Review that Mr. Clifford was not to view access as designed to work towards plan of rehabilitation for Pamela with her father. It was noted that Debbie was proving a great help in liaising between the family and Mrs. Tait.

(1) Pamela's placement with Mr. & Mrs. Tait to continue as long term fostering placement.

(2) Pamela to be allowed access to visit her Aunt Christine, her mother her brother and sister under the discretion of Mrs. Tait.

(3) Pamela now to have access to see her father at her father's home, on the basis of a recommended maximum of once per week. It is expected that Debbie or Marc will be present during Pamela's access to her father.

(4) Agreed that Pamela could have holidays with Mr. & Mrs. Simpson should this offer again arise.

Access Form 'O' completed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Chairperson of Review Meeting .....

Designation Area Team Leader

Date 29th August, 1989

Principal Officer .....

Date 4/9/89

19. Date of Review 26.4.89

Location ALNESS SOCIAL WORK OFFICE

Chairperson STUART MARQUIS

Names and Designations of those attending

Jessie Rennie, Children's Resources
Bill Forbes, Social Worker
Pamela Clifford
Mrs Tait, Foster Parent
Stuart Marquis, Area Team Leader

Invited but unable to attend

Mr Clifford

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20. Summary of Discussion

Bill Forbes noted that Pamela has now been with Mrs Tait for approximately 6 weeks. Our main concerns about the placement has been one of possible problems due to Pamela's close proximity living in Alness, to her father and other extended family. However the placement has gone much better than could have been expected. It very clearly is an excellent relationship developing between Pamela and her foster parents. Pamela's schooling has also improved greatly, and the school have commented on this. Access to Pamela's family has been controlled, and Pamela has been able to visit her brother Marc and sister Debbie, her mother Mrs Hendersor and her Aunt without any problems occurring. Pamela has seen her father and this has taken place at Auntie Christine's house. The plans for formalised access between Pamela and her father at the Social Work Office have not been taken up. Mrs Tait expressed the opinion that she felt that Pamela's access to her family members was undera control and was working well. Pamela was going for school dinners, and no problems appeare to be arising at school lunch times. It was agreed that Pamela's placement with Mrs Tait should now be viewed as a long term fostering placement. With regard to future access arrangements, these should essentially remain as before, on the understanding that Pamela should not have access to see her father at her father's home. It was agreed that as trust develops, there is no reason why Mr Clifford should not be able to visit Pamela in Mrs Tait's house, this being through arrangements made by Bill Forbes. It was agreed that during the summer holidays, Pamela could have a holiday with her previous foster parents, Mr & Mrs Simpson, this to be arranged if and when appropriate. Agreed that Bill Forbes should obtain a full medical now for Pamela, and it was noted that Mrs Tait was arranging for Pamela to have her eyes tested since she had previously worn spectacles.

1. Pamela's placement with Mr & Mrs Tait now to be viewed as a long term fostering placement.
2. Pamela's access to her extended family to continue as before, namely Pamela being allowed to visit her Auntie Christine, her mother, her brother and sister under the direction of Mrs Tait.
3. Pamela not to have access to see her father at her father's home, but access to her father can take place at Auntie Christine's house, or when the time is right for Mr Clifford to be able to visit Pamela at Mrs Tait's.
4. Full medical to be obtained for Pamela.
5. Consideration to be given to Pamela having holiday with previous foster parents, Mr & Mrs Simpson during school holiday period in the summer.

Access Form 'O' completed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Chairperson of Review Meeting .....

Designation ..... Area Team Leader .....

Date ..... 28.4.89 .....

Principal Officer .....

Date ..... 3/5/89 .....

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

~~INITIAL REVIEW~~/ PERIODIC REVIEW * (Please delete as appropriate)

S.H.
J.R

Note — Complete questions 1 — 18 prior to Review

1. Name of Child PAMELA CLIFFORD 2. Date of Birth 23.8.76

3. Address of Parents Father: 24 Milnafua, alness
Mother: 89 Shillinghill, Alness

4. Present Address of Child
c/o Mr & Mrs Tait, [redacted], Alness

5. Legal Position / Section under which Child is in Care
44 1(a) Named Place

6. Date of Admission into Care 10th March 1989

7. Date of Review 26.4.89 8. Date of Previous Review 15.3.89

9. Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate)

1. Pamela to remain in the care of Mr & Mrs Tait, this initially on a short term basis for a trial period.
2. Access to extended family to be carefully controlled, Marc & Debbie twice per week, mother twice per week, Aunt Christine once per week.
3. Mr Clifford to have access to Pamela once per week at Social Work Department between 4.00 - 5 p.m. Mr Clifford at this time does not wish to have access to Pamela at foster home.
4. At lunchtimes Pamela to be discouraged to make visits to grandmother's, 5 times per week to be restricted to twice per week.
5. Child Care Review to be held, week commencing 24th April 1989

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Pamela has been seen at the foster home on a fairly regular basis with regular telephone contact being maintained with Mrs Tait.

11. **Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Family since previous Review / Reception into Care**

Mr Clifford has been seen very infrequently, he having only attended the office on one occasion for access to Pamela. Mr Clifford has only within the last fortnight moved back to his own home, he having prior to this been living at Mrs C. Stirling's.

12. **Present situation with Family since Reception into Care / Last Review (full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family — substantiate if Care of Child cannot be assumed by them)**

Mrs Henderson's circumstances have remained relatively stable although Debbie has made application for housing on her own. Pamela states that she has being seeing father on a very regular basis, this at Aunty Christine's. Pamela would appear to have had literally no contact with her grandmother. Mr Clifford's health remains fragile, he however consistently refuses/is unable to examine his alcohol abuse and its effect upon his life and family.

13. **Present situation of Child since Reception into Care / Last Review (include schooling, health, behaviour, religious upbringing etc.)**

To date the placement has proved to be very satisfactory, Pamela having a positive and warm relationship with the foster family. Pamela has at no time ever abused the trust placed upon her, until recently, meeting with father at Mrs Stirling's on a frequent basis, this however has caused little or no difficulty.

Mrs Lewis, Alness Academy, reports that Pamela now presents as a very secure child her work improving consistently, with behaviour now almost being totally acceptabl

Pamela is adamant that she wishes to remain in Alness and is striving hard to ensure that she does so.

14. Contact between Parents and Child (how have access arrangements operated; what requires changing)

15. Areas of Concern (if any)

(a) Family Mr Clifford's circumstances are such that there should be no plan for rehabilitation, as such the placement should be viewed as bieng long term.

(b) Child While the placement has progressed exceptionally well, Pamela's character is such that circumstances shall still require to be dealt with on a day-to-day basis in a firm, consistent manner.

(c) Substitute Family

16. Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies)

1. Change of status from short to long term placement.
2. Continue with plan as described above with access between family and foster home to be encouraged. However contact between Pamela and Mr Clifford to be on a formalised basis.
3. At this time under no circumstances should Pamela be allowed to visit 24 Milnafua unaccompanied.
4. Pamela's circumstances to be continually monitored by school and educational psychology.
5. Holiday placement to be sought for Pamela.

17. General Comments and Recommendations (access, long-term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation)

18. Invited to attend Review

Mr Clifford
Pamela
Mrs Tait, Foster Parent
Mrs Rennie, Children's Resources
Mr Marquis, Area Team Leader.

Signed .....

Designation ..... Social Worker .....

Date ..... 26.4.89 .....

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

INITIAL REVIEW / PERIODIC REVIEW * (Please delete as appropriate)

Lab. JR.

Note — Complete questions 1 — 18 prior to Review

1. Name of Child PAMELA CLIFFORD 2. Date of Birth 23:8:76

3. Address of Parents Father - 24 Milnafua, Alness
   Mother - 89 Shillinghill, Alness

4. Present Address of Child
   C/o Mr. & Mrs. Tait, [redacted], Alness

5. Legal Position / Section under which Child is in Care
   44 1(a) Named Place

6. Date of Admission into Care 10th March, 1989

7. Date of Review 15th March, 1989 8. Date of Previous Review -

9. Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate)

This is an initial review with Pamel having made one pre-placement visit she being also taken to the foster home on the 10th March, 1989.

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11. **Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Family since previous Review / Reception into Care**

Immediately prior to Pamela's placement, Mr. Clifford was observed in a very drunk and aggressive mood. Mr. Clifford has had no contact with Pamela since being placed with the Taits.

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12. **Present situation with Family since Reception into Care / Last Review (full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family — substantiate if Care of Child cannot be assumed by them)**

Marc is now living on a formal basis with his mother, Miss Henderson, and his older sister Debbie. The house is also shared with Marc's handicapped aunt, Sandra. Marc envisages remaining with his mother. Marc and Debbie have both visited Pamela at Mr. & Mrs. Tait's.

Mr. Clifford is finding it very hard to accept that Pamela is in care and I am concerned that if he cannot respond to this the placement, being in Alness, may break down.

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13. **Present situation of Child since Reception into Care / Last Review (include schooling, health, behaviour, religious upbringing etc.)**

Pamela's first few days in the foster home have gone very well. Mr. & Mrs. Tait speaking about Pamela in glowing terms. Mr. & Mrs. Tait were also suitably impressed by the support Pamela has been receiving from Debbie and Marc.

This placement does not involve a change of school, with Mrs. Lewis, Alness Academy's behaviour support teacher, commenting very favourably about the manner in which Pamela has coped with the obvious pressures of the last fortnight.

14. Contact between Parents and Child (how have access arrangements operated; what requires changing)

15. Areas of Concern (if any)

(a) Family My greatest concerns are that the foster placement shall break down because of its proximity to Mr. Clifford's home and that Mr. Clifford's behaviour shall be such that the placement may be effectively sabotaged.

(b) Child Pamela may not be able to cope with the pressures resultant from the above. While there has been an improvement in Pamela's conduct at Alness Academy, it may be that at some point the school may wish to make a referral to Raddery.

(c) Substitute Family
Difficulties could follow from the above (a)

16. Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies)

Mr. Clifford's circumstances are such that he cannot at this time care for his children, however, the nature of Mr. Clifford's problems are ongoing, Marc and Pamela already having been in care three times.

This is Pamela's first foster placement in Alness, as such there is continued continuity in regard to Pamela's school, the placement also affording her regular contact with her friends and family. However, this proximity to home is also problematic in that access between father and daughter may prove to be destructive,with the placement suffering accordingly. This is my greatest concern and requires very careful planning at to-day's meeting.

17. General Comments and Recommendations (access, long-term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation)

18. Invited to attend Review

Pamela Clifford
Mr. Clifford
Mrs. Tait
Mrs. Dunford
Mr. Forbes
Mr. Marquis

Signed .....

Designation ...Social Worker.....

Date ...14th March, 1989.....

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY		CHILDREN		HANDICAPPED		OTHER	
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Day Care	☐	Community Carer	☑			Home Help	☐
		Day Care	☐			.....	☐
Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐
Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐

Full Name ..... PAMELA CLIFFORD .....

Present Address* ...24 MANSFIELD..... New Address* ...c/o MRS MACTAT.....
.....RINGS..... .....[redacted].....
....KNESS.....

Statutory Condition Imposed .....44.1(a) Social Work (Scot) Act 68...(Named Person).

Name of Doctor ...ARNOLD GROUP PRACTICE. D.O.B. .....23.08.76.....
.....KNESS..... Case Ref. .....

School Attended (Children only) ...KINGS ROAD.... To .....AS OPPOSITE.....
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Date of Change .....1.03.89.....

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete) **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Stop ☐ .....
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Amend Register ☐ .....

Reason .....ADMISSION TO CARE FOLLOWING FAMILY BREAKDOWN

Name of FP/CC .....

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete) **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Admission ☐ .....
Discharge ☐ .....
Temp. Change ☐ .....

Reason .....

Establishment .....

Financial Assessment Attached ☐ DHSS Supplementation applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken ..... Effective Date .....

Reason .....

Signed ..... Date.....13.3.89.....

Authorised ..... ATC..... Date .....14/3/89.....

OFFICE Action taken .....

Documentation completed by ..... Date .....

Form No. SW2/7b

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF CHILD - FREEDOM FROM INFECTION

Name of Child ..... Pamela Clyford .....

Age or Date of Birth .. 23/08/76 ..... Sex .... Female .....

Address .... 24 Milnafua Ave .....

1. Is the child free from signs of infectious or contagious disease?
   YES

2. Has he/she to your knowledge been in contact with any infectious or contagious disease during the past 3 weeks?
   NO

3. Please report briefly on general physical condition, including nutrition, cleanliness and any injuries evident.
   None

4. Did your examination reveal any physical or mental abnormality or handicap? (Please specify)
   NO

5. Other observations, health matters or special needs which should be noted by those taking over the daily care of the child.

I examined the above named child on ..... 10/9/89 ..... Date

Signed ... Dr S Cameron .....

Designation ..... GP .....

Date .....

Address .....

ALNESS/INVERGORDON MEDICAL GROUP

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MEMORANDUM

89

To Principal Officer
Social Work Dept.,
DINGWALL

From Divisional Reporter,
DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 8.3.89

Please ask for

PAMELA & MARK CLIFFORD 24 Milnafua Alness

This is to inform you that, at a children's hearing on the 8.3.89 supervision requirement/referral(s) relating to the above was ~~CONTINUED~~/VARIED/~~TERMINATED/DISCHARGED~~.

Janet S. Bruce

REPORTER

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SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968 Rule 22

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(*Place and date*) AT DINGWALL on the 8.3.89

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 10.5.88 to which

Pamela Clifford is subject, hereby require him/her* [to reside in

[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council]*†

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subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 10.5.88 is hereby revoked.

ALAN I. MCARTHUR

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

†1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

†2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

3. 1. etc. 1.Pamela Clifford is to reside with Mr. & Mrs. Tait, [redacted] Alness who is to act as foster parent.

ALAN I. MACARTHUR

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

**Delete as appropriate*

REASONS As the home circumstances have deteriorated and until Mr. Clifford has come to terms with his drink problem Pamela should stay with community carers as her mother and family feel they cannot cope with her at present.

ALLAN I. MACARTHUR

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SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968 — Rule 22

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(*Place and date*) AT DINGWALL on the 8.3.89

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 10.5.88 to which Mark Clifford is subject, hereby require him/her* [to reside in

[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council]*†

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subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 10.5.88 is hereby revoked.

ALAN I. MACARTHUR
Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

†1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

†2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

3. l[redacted]
etc.

ALAN I. MACARTHUR
Chairman of the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

**Delete as appropriate*

REASONS As the home circumstances have deteriorated and until Mr. Clifford has come to terms with his drink problem as his own request and in his best interests he should stay with his mother

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To Principal Officer, Social Work DINGWALL

From Divisional Reporter, DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 28.2.89

Please ask for

PAMELA & MARK CLIFFORD 24 Milnafua Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on

Wednesday 8th March at 11.30 a.m.

at the undernoted address.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 3.3.89

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Foster Placement - Pamela Clifford

In recommending that Pamela be placed in foster care there was, at the meeting held within the Social Work Department on 2nd March, 1989, a general recognition that Pamela's needs were different from Marc's and that as such they be considered independently.

Given that Pamela remains emotionally very close to her father and that progress is now being made at Alness Academy, it is believed that Pamela's interests would best be served by allowing her to remain in Alness. With this in mind, a Community Carers placement is available for Pamela with Mr. & Mrs. Tait, [redacted] Alness.

[redacted]

Circumstances of Ms. Henderson

Eileen Henderson [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

7th March, 1989

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

DINGWALL DIVISION

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH:	AGE
MARC CLIFFORD	17.12.74	15
PAMELA CLIFFORD	23.08.76	12

ADDRESS: RELIGION:

MARC c/o Eileen Henderson (Mother) 89 Shillinghill, Alness
PAMELA, c/o Christine Stirling (Aunt), 166 Kirkside, Alness

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING	TIME:	PLACE
8.3.89	11.30	Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL

Review at request of Local Authority

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES:

See File

Supervision Requirements varied

Marc c/o Henderson, 89 Shillinghill, Alness

Pamela c/o Laird, [redacted], Alness.

Marc and Pamela are both subject to statutory supervision requirements, these requirements stipulating that they must reside with their father at 24 Milnafua, Alness. This Review has been requested as a consequence of the breakdown of the home situation, Marc and Pamela having prior to breakdown, been in the care of Mr Clifford since being discharged from foster care on 27.1.88.

Neither Marc nor Pamela has resided with their father since 21.2.89 they being taken by their older sister, Debbie, to her home and that of her mother, on this date, Mr Clifford being in a drunken stupor at this time. Circumstances were such that neither child wished to return to the care of their father, however this said, Pamela did return to Mr Clifford's care on 24.2.89.

I was not aware of the above breakdown, being on holiday during the week commencing 20.2.89 however the matter was discussed fully with Mr Marquis, Senior Social Worker upon my return on 28.2.89 with it being agreed on this date that the Department would endeavour to take Place of Safety Orders on the children should Mr Clifford return with them to 24 Milnafua. At this time Mr Clifford and Pamela were living at the home of Mrs Stirling, this following an alleged burglary of Mr Clifford's home. This decision was reached as a consequence of the believed abuse of alcohol together with other incidents of a similar nature which had been brought to the attention of myself within the proceeding month.

RESPONSE TO SUPERVISION

Since the Childrens' Hearing of 12.5.88 Social Work input has been of a substantial and frequent nature with Mr Clifford and the children having either been seen at the home or at the Social Work Department's office on at least a weekly basis. While Mr Clifford has continued to drink throughout this period, his intake has, for the most part, been controlled, however the dangers of overindulgence have been constantly reinforced to him.

While within the present period of supervision circumstances have until recently remained relatively stable in regard to the above, Pamela's behavioural problems have been such that much work has been undertaken by Mrs Lewis, Alness Academy and myself. Pamela's behavioural and educational difficulties are such that I am informed that serious consideration has been given by the Education Department to referring Pamela to Raddery School.

PRESENT SITUATION/

PRESENT SITUATION

The present deterioration in Mr Clifford's circumstances correspond approximately to the death of Mr Henderson, the childrens' maternal grandfather, Mr Henderson dying in late January. While Mr Henderson's death has been distressing for all family members, Mr Clifford has been particularly effected, his alcoholic intake increasing substantially and being on an almost daily basis at this time. Mr Clifford's alcoholic stupors and behaviour is such that I am of the opinion that the children are increasingly at risk when within his care.

Immediately prior to the present placement of Marc and Pamela with their mother, Marc reported that his father had attempted to assault him and had additionally thrown crockery at him. This followed a similar incident of 31.1.89 when both Marc and Pamela reported to the Social Work Office requesting that they be admitted to care, Mr Clifford having during the previous night, in a drunken condition, thrown some darts at Marc. The latter incident followed from Mr Henderson's funeral with Mr Clifford solemnly undertaking that no further incidents would occur, Marc and Pamela returning home on this basis, Mr Clifford has clearly failed in this undertaking .

It should also be noted that Mr Clifford's health is seriously at risk he having for the past week had blood in his urine. Mr Clifford has been urged to seek medical help on the matter however he continues to refuse to do so.

CONCLUSION

At a meeting attended by Social Work Staff, Mr Clifford, Miss Henderson and the children convened in Alness on 2.3.89 it was concluded that a recommendation be placed before the Childrens' Hearing that the children reside outwith their father's home. In making this recommendation there was a general agreement that it would be in Marc's interests to remain with his mother, while in pamela's case a suitable foster home be found. In completing this report I am unable to provide further details regarding the nature or location of the foster home, however a supplementary report shall be submitted by myself outlining the proposed nature of both Marc's and Pamela's placements.

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Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Suie House
Bridgend
Alness

3 March 1989

Marc and Pamela are both subject to statutory supervision requirements, these requirements stipulating that they must reside with their father at 24 Milnafua. Prior to the present requirements, Marc and Pamela were placed in foster care between 24:6:87 and 27:1:88, however, prior to this, both had spent two periods in foster care, the family having been known to the Social Work Department since 1972.

Since the return of the children to Mr. Clifford in January, 1988, Social Work input has been substantial. Mr. Clifford visits the office on a frequent basis, the home also being visited very regularly. While Mr. Clifford has continued to drink throughout this period, his intake has, for the most part, been controlled, however, circumstances are now such that I would be concerned should Mr. Clifford continue to care for Marc and Pamela.

Since the death of Mr. Henderson, the maternal grandfather, in late January, Mr. Clifford's alcohol intake has increased significantly, he now abusing alcohol on an almost daily basis, concern being such that Mr. Clifford was informed on 28th February, 1989 that should the children return with him to 24 Milnafua then the Social Work Department would consider taking Place of Safety Orders on the children.

Marc and Pamela were on 21st February, 1989, taken by Debbie, their sister, to their mother's home, this after an episode when Mr. Clifford was very intoxicated, a Doctor being summoned to the home by Debbie at this time. Prior to this Marc states that he was assaulted by his father, crockery also being thrown at him. Both children have remained outwith the paternal parent's home since this time, however, on 24th February, 1989 Pamela went to stay with her paternal aunt, Mrs. Christine Stirling, the placement with her mother having apparently broken down.

It is against this background that the children's circumstances must be considered, the conclusion of to-day's meeting to be presented to a Children's Hearing to be convened on 8th March, 1989.

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

MINUTES OF REVIEW MEETING

19. **Date of Review** 15.3.89

Location ALNESS SOCIAL WORK OFFICE

Chairperson STUART MARQUIS

Names and Designations of those attending
Stuart Marquis, Area Team Leader
Val Dunford, Childrens Resources
Bill Forbes, Social Worker
Mrs Tait, Foster Parent
Mr Clifford, Father
Pamela Clifford

Invited but unable to attend

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20. **Summary of Discussion**

Mrs Tait advised that Pamela has settled fairly well with her at the moment with no real problems to note. It was confirmed that the placement with Mrs Tait can only be viewed as a trial placement at this point in time, although Pamela is viewed as entering into long term care rather than short term care. Mr Clifford stated that he had not been keen to attend this Review, and he expressed the wish to have 3 weeks on his own in order to get himself sorted out. The main issue which required full discussion was whole issue of Pamela's access to her father and to other family members. Mrs Tait made it clear that she is prepared to have Pamela having good contact with her own family, although the need to control this was recognised. Already Marc and Debbie have been down to see Pamela, and Pamela has also visited her Granny and her mother. Auntie Christine (Mr Clifford's sister) is also another family member whom Pamela has contact with. The issue of access by Pamela to her own family also led to what Pamela does at lunch-times, since she has been in the habit of visiting her Granny during school lunch hours. It was agreed for Pamela to go home to Mrs Tait at lunchtimes involved too great a distance for Pamela, so any plans had to bear this in mind. After considerable discussion regarding Pamela's access to her own family, it was agreed that there was a need to have control over this, and endeavour to limit the contacts to what would appear reasonable to enable Pamela to fully appreciate that she was in the care of Mr & Mrs Tait. Val Dunford emphasised the need to protect the foster parent also from too many family members visiting the Tait household. Whilst it was noted that Mrs Tait herself would apply common sense, it was agreed that for guidence the following arrangements for access should be borne in mind. Marc and Debbie should be limited to visiting twice per week, and also visits by Pamela to her own mother should also be limited to twice weekly. With regard to lunch hours, Pamela should be restricted to visit her Granny twice per week, the other three days being spent within the school or the local town centre. It was agreed that it was difficult to enforce the above arrangements, but the need to restrict and have guidence was agreed. Mr Clifford, himself, was saying that he was not keen at this point in time to visit Mrs Tait in her home, and it was made clear to Mr Clifford that Mrs Tait was not opposed to this if supervised by the social worker, Mr Forbes. At this point in time it was agreed that Pamela should have access to her father once per week at the social work office, between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. if possible, this to be co-ordinated by Bill Forbes and supervised by him. Efforts should be made to restrict Pamela's visits to her Auntie Christine to a maximum of once per week. At this stage in the placement what was essential was to encourage Pamela to settle with the foster parents, and not simply use the foster home as a place to sleep. Mrs Tait, however, was clearly noting the need for Pamela to have good

21. **Decisions and Recommendations (include access, parental rights, custodianship, adoption, discharge from Care)**

1. Pamela to remain in the care of foster parents, Mr & Mrs Tait, this being viewed as a trial placement at the moment, and if proving satisfactory, to be considered as a long term placement.
2. Access of Pamela to her extended family should be carefully controlled, with the guidence given that Pamela should have maximum access to her brother and sister, Marc & Debbie twice per week, her mother twice per week, her Aunt Christine maximum of once per week. Controls necessary to enable Pamela to settle in the foster home.
3. Mr Clifford at present to have access to see Pamela at the social work office in Alness from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. once per week under supervision of Mr Forbes. Mr Clifford himself was not wishing to have access to see Pamela at the foster parents home.
4. At lunchtimes, Pamela to be discouraged from going to her Granny's 5 days per week, this to be restricted to twice per week.
5. Case to be reviewed after 6 weeks, week commencing 24th April.

Access Form 'O' completed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Chairperson of Review Meeting .....

Designation .....Area Team Leader.....

Date .....17th.march.1989.....

ACTING Principal Officer .....

Date .....21.3.89.....

continued/

Mr Clifford collapsed having a fit requiring the doctor to be called. The doctor noted that Mr Clifford had probably experienced an alcohol withdrawal fit. This led to the Review not being completed in the normal way, but another issue which had been due for discussion was the possibilities of Pamela having a week of the Easter holidays with her former foster parents, Mr & Mrs Simpson, and I made the decision, in view of the need for Pamela to settle with the Taits, that this would not be an acceptable plan at this point in time but perhaps at a future date.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

DINGWALL DIVISION

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME:	Deborah Clifford	DATE OF BIRTH:	13:12:71	15
	Mark Clifford		17:12:74	AGE: 12
	Pamela Clifford		23:8:76	10

ADDRESS: Deborah: C/o Grandfather: Mr. henderson, 89 shillinghill
Home Address: 24 Milnafua, Alness

RELIGION:

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 24:6:87. TIME: 10:30 a.m. PLACE: DINGWALL

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Review

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See Previous Reports

DEBORAH(13:12:71); MARK (17:12:74); PAMELA (23:8:76) CLIFFORD

FAMILY COMPOSITION

Father	George Clifford		Unemployed
Mother	Elaine Clifford		Outwith home
Son	Vincent Clifford	17 yrs	[redacted]
Daughter	Deborah Clifford	15 yrs	C/o Mr. Henderson(G/Father) 89 Shillinghill,Alness
Son	Mark Clifford	12 yrs	Pupil, Alness Academy
Daughter	Pamela Clifford	10 yrs	Pupil, Obsdale Primary

INTRODUCTION

My personal involvement with this family dates from February 1987, with work focusing primarily upon monitoring standards of child care within the parental home. Visits to the home have been approximately fortnightly, while contact with Mr. Henderson and Debbie has occurred on only two occasions. Mr. Clifford's ability to care for Mark and Pamela materially, physically and emotionally has been of paramount concern. As outlined below, Mr. Clifford's abuse of alcohol has necessitated the continued involvement of Alness Social Work Department over a protracted period. While Mr. Clifford has, for the most part, been able to control his intake of alcohol sufficiently to enable him to continue to care for Mark and Pamela, it is disappointing to record that in the early hours of 19th June, 1987, both children were admitted to foster care, with Place of Safety Orders being taken at that time.

FAMILY HISTORY

The Clifford family have been known to the Social Work Department since 1972, involvement within this 15 year period being primarily concerned with the welfare of the children. Within the common law marriage there was a history of financial mismanagement, alcohol abuse and marital violence, the parental relationship finally breaking down in 1979 when Mrs. Clifford abandoned the family. However, prior to this Mr. Clifford was convicted of contravening the Children's and Young Persons' Scotland Act 1937, being subsequently placed on Probation for one year. It was at this time that the children became subject to supervision, as defined under Section 44 1(a) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

Since that time the children have been subject to Statutory Supervision in one form or another, with their parenting by father being punctuated by two periods in care outwith the home. In December 1983 a Place of Safety Order was taken in respect to the children when Mr. Clifford was charged with contravening the above Act, however, the children were returned to his care in March 1984. This return home was marked by its brevity, with the children again being admitted to Departmental care in May of that year. It was not until September 1985 that Mark and Pamela were again returned to their father's care. Debbie at that time choosing to continue to reside with her maternal grandfather, while Vincent also chose to remain in foster care with Mr. & Mrs. Mackenzie, Balintore.

PRESENT/

PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES

Mr. Clifford is a single parent who has cared for Mark and Pamela since September 1985. While he has done so in a warm, loving manner, his parenting has been provided against the backcloth of limited income and continued alcohol consumption. While he is of a caring disposition his obvious commitment is hampered by his continued reliance upon drink. Mr. Clifford continues to indulge on a very regular basis with occasional over-indulgence, this resulting in near minimal standards of care. On occasion I have visited the home fearing that the children may have to be taken into care, however, at all times, prior to 19:6:87, I was satisfied that Mr. Clifford had controlled his drinking sufficiently to enable him to continue to care for the children.

ADMISSION TO CARE

[redacted] Upon investigation, it was established that Mr. Clifford had been drinking heavily with Pamela being removed, against her will, from the home of a neighbour, both Pamela and Mr. Clifford being present within this house. Pamela's admission to care unfortunately necessitated the involvement of Alness Police, Mr. Clifford having earlier attempted to assault both investigating Social Workers, with Mr. Clifford being subsequently charged with assault.

Place of Safety Orders having been taken, both children were placed in the Coulpark Children's Centre, Alness.

FOSTER PLACEMENT

On the afternoon of 19:6:87 Mark and Pamela were placed in foster care with Mr. & Mrs. I. Nicol, [redacted] Invergordon. Mr. & Mrs. Nicol are a [redacted] Mark and Pamela were both unhappy on being placed, having wished to be placed with previous carers. They, however, appeared to settle fairly quickly.

MARK CLIFFORD

[redacted]

PAMELA/

PAMELA CLIFFORD

Pamela, in contrast to Mark, had prior to admission displayed some behavioural difficulties, both within the home and at school. Mr. Clifford has fairly recently on two separate occasions summoned the Department's Standby Service to his home requesting that the officers concerned placed Pamela in care. While these requests were refused, they were indicative of some of the difficulty Mr. Clifford was experiencing in providing adequately for Pamela. While not wishing to condone Pamela's thefts from the home and some of the difficulties she was experiencing in her peer relationships, I would suggest that her behaviour was symptomatic of her difficult family circumstances.

Pamela, in contrast to Mark, wishes to return to her father having categorically denied all of the allegations made. While being fiercely defensive of Mr. Clifford, Pamela does recognise that her father has a drink problem. She, however, attributes this to the many bad models with which her father associates.

DEBORAH CLIFFORD

[redacted]

CONCLUSION

Mr. Clifford is a father with many positive qualities who, unfortunately and sadly, is an alcoholic. While he has endeavoured to care for his children to the best of his ability, he has patently been unable to do so. At this time circumstances are such that I would respectfully suggest that the wellbeing of Deborah, Mark and Pamela continue to require the protection of the Children's Hearing system. As such, I would recommend that Deborah's supervision order continue without variation, with the supervision requirements of Mark and Pamela being at this time varied to enable their continued placement in foster care, this as a direct consequence of their placement in care on 19:6:87.

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Alness Area Office,
Suie House,
Bridgend,
Alness

22nd June, 1987

Bill
Please file.

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STANDBY DUTY REFERRAL FORM

Note: Referrals should be passed by telephone to appropriate team first thing next working day. One written copy of Referral to Area Team concerned, one copy to Principal Fieldwork Officer.

STANDBY WORKER: JOHN S. SKINNER **Date of Referral:** 2:12:90
Time on: 11.20 a.m. **Time off:** 12.30 p.m.

NAME OF CLIENT: **SURNAME:** CLIFFORD **FORENAME:** PAMELA
ADDRESS: c/o Mrs. Tait, [redacted], Alness **Tel No:** 88 3202

Date of Birth: 14 years

Name of Referrer: Mrs. Tait

NATURE OF PROBLEM PRESENTED:

Pamela did not return as arranged this morning.

ACTION TAKEN:

Visited Mr. Clifford at Milnafua. Pamela had just left prior to my arrival. Visited Mrs. Tait and found Pamela arrived exactly one hour late. Mrs. Tait proposed to keep her in for the remainder of the day.

FOLLOW UP ACTION RECOMMENDED:

Bill agreed 3.12.90

Signature: [signature] **Date:** 3rd December, 1990
(continue overleaf if necessary)

To Bill. 4/12/90.

Bull.

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STANDBY WORKER: JOHN S. SKINNER Date of Referral: 1:12:90
Time on: 10.15 p.m. Time off: 11.15 p.m.

NAME OF CLIENT: SURNAME: CLIFFORD FORENAME: PAMELA
ADDRESS: c/o Tait, [redacted] Alness Tel No: 883202

Date of Birth: 14 years

Name of Referrer: Mrs. Tait

NATURE OF PROBLEM PRESENTED:

Pamela was due home from her overnight leave to-night at 9 p.m. and did not turn up as arranged.

ACTION TAKEN:

Visited Pamela and her father at the family home in Milnafua. Pamela said very little but Dod advises that she was not feeling too well and was not keen to return. It was clear that this was more of an excuse than an actual fact and Dod was reminded that the weekend access arrangement was one set down by the Review earlier that week and that he would have to take the consequences of her not returning home as arranged. I did not consider Dod was drunk but to say he had a drink would be an understatement. Dod felt there would be no harm in her just staying overnight again. I did not feel it appropriate to remove Pamela as it was now 11 p.m., but obtained a clear agreement from Dod that she would return to Mrs. Tait's by 11 a.m. on the following morning. Mrs. Tait advised of the foregoing.

FOLLOW UP ACTION RECOMMENDED:

Brian Advised 3.12.90

Signature: [signature] Date: 3.12.90
(continue overleaf if necessary)

to Bell 4-1a5 pm

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STANDBY DUTY REFERRAL FORM

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STANDBY WORKER: Paul Maclaren **Date of Referral:** 31/8/90
Time on: 8pm **Time off:** 8.15 am

NAME OF CLIENT: **SURNAME:** Clifford **FORENAME:** Pamela.
ADDRESS: c/o Val Tait [redacted], Acness
Tel No: 883202.

Date of Birth:

Name of Referrer: Sgt [redacted]

NATURE OF PROBLEM PRESENTED:

Pam had not turned up at her dads (24 Kilmaluag) by early evening. Dad reported her missing to police. Pam turned up at Dad's shortly after wondering what all fuss was about. Pam had been at Aunt Tina's 136 Kirkside.

Police stated that Mr Clifford had been drinking but felt he was not drunk & was capable of looking after Pam.

ACTION TAKEN:

Called Val Tait but she already knew Pam had turned up.

FOLLOW UP ACTION RECOMMENDED:

Info passed to Bill Farlow (Social worker)

Signature: Paul Maclaren **Date:** 3/9/90
(continue overleaf if necessary)

To Bill 4/9/90
NB Drinking by Dad ??!

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CONTACT RECORD

CLIENT NAME ... Pamela Clifford ..... Page .....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
B. Forbes	Office	13.8.90	Pamela requesting that be allowed to stay at sister-in-laws overnight (to-night) Explained not possible re. child in care. Permission given for Pamela to stay at Inse returning to Alness on 6.00 pm bus. Informed with this Mrs Tait
With Whom: Pamela. Mrs A Blackstock. 74 Dees Ave, Dingwall			
13.8.90	Phone	B. Forbes	Following earlier referral noted informed Mrs Forbes that Pamela had not returned home, Mrs Tait stated Pamela had returned at 9.00 pm..
With Whom: To Mrs Tait. (10.00 pm).			
14.8.90.	Office	B. Forbes	Mrs Tait has been in contact with Mrs Simpson, Inse confirming that Pamela to stay c/o Simpson from Wed 15th until Monday 19th. Mrs Tait to transport each way.
With Whom: Mrs Tait.			
14.8.90	Phone	B. Forbes	Innes confirmed above arrangement okay. Change of circs. to be completed.
With Whom: Innes Mitchell Homefinder Tel No. [redacted]			
With Whom			

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CONTACT RECORD

CLIENT NAME ..... Pamela Clifford ..... Page .....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
27/7/90	PHONE	B. Forbes	Reg. went to collect Pamela on 18th. Told Pamela at "bennies" arranged to collect at 6.30pm. On leaving home Reg verbally abused by father and told Pamela would not be returning
With Whom: TO Mrs Tait.			at 6.30pm. Mr Meehan, social worker informed, home visit made, with situation resolved. At present believed 2 cassette tapes removed from home. Pamela has also taken some of belongings of John, however not returned. To discuss possibility of placement in Brora (1 week/10 days). Pamela to go to father's this week-end but at 10.00 pm until Sunday 5.00 pm.
30.7.90	PHONE	B. Forbes	R. letter left in S.W.P.
With Whom: TO [redacted] Housing Officer.			[redacted]
With Whom			[redacted]

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CONTACT RECORD

CLIENT NAME ..... Pamela Clifford ..... Page .....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
			[redacted]
With Whom			
6.8.90	OFFICE	B. Forbes	Informed that when Pamela returned from Dad on 18th July Pamela had his rings. - Questioned about rings, said belonged to cousins. Said returned rings to cousins however still has one. This last lost to office, hallmarked. Pamela now says do not belong to cousin.
With Whom			
Mrs Tait.			Pamela to father this coming week-end.
			Home Visit arranged for 4.00pm
8.8.90	H/VISIT	B. Forbes	Above H/V postponed.
With Whom			Endeavoured to discuss rings with Pamela. Denied that they belonged to cousin - given by friend. No progress made. Discussed possibility of Pamela going to Ayr for a few days
Pamela, Mrs Tait.			next week. Any symptom of breath on holiday? Agreed try to arrange visit Wednesday - Sunday if at all possible.
With Whom			

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Please ask for: Bill Forbes
Our ref.: WF/MFR
Extension No.:
Your ref.:
Date: 7 March 1994

Ann Evans,
Housing Officer
Ross & Cromarty District Council,
Ross House,
Dingwall IV15

Dear Miss Evans,

DEBORAH (13:12:71) AND PAMELA (23:8:76) CLIFFORD
89 SHILLINGHILL, ALNESS

I write in regard to the above, both wishing to share a tenancy.

The circumstances of Debbie and Pamela have been known to this office for many years, particularly so during their childhoods and early adolescent years, they, together with their siblings, being subject to statutory Supervision Requirements, this as a consequence of their father's parenting difficulties. While Pamela was, at various times, placed in Departmental foster care because of these difficulties, Debbie was, throughout her childhood and until aged 16 years, placed by statute with her maternal grandfather, Mr. Alex Henderson, 89 Shillinghill, Alness. At that time Debbie's mother, Eileen Henderson was not the tenant, Miss Henderson moving to this address in 1989, this when Debbie was aged 17 years.

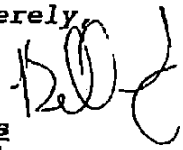
Miss Henderson assumed the tenancy to enable her to care for her handicapped sister, Sandra Henderson, Sandra having been cared for by Mr. Henderson until his death in 1989. Also resident at 89 Shillinghill are Miss Henderson's co'habitee, [redacted], and Debbie's brother, Marc Clifford, this resulting in six adults residing in a three bedroomed house. It should also be noted that one bedroom is required solely to meet Sandra's individual needs, Sandra being profoundly mentally handicapped, she, at times, suffering from significant incontinence.

Given that Debbie has been on the District Council's Housing list for the last five years, that the home is overcrowded and that the circumstances of Sandra have placed considerable strain upon the/

the family, I would hope that Debbie's and Pamela's situation can be given the highest possible priority. While I understand that Debbie and Pamela have amassed enough points to allow allocation, both have expressed concern that they are apparently being leap-frogged by others.

Given the above, I would hope that a favourable response shall be forthcoming. Should you require any further information, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely,



Bill Forbes
Social Worker

cc. Debbie Clifford, 89 Shillinghill, Alness

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Your ref.

Date *4 March 1994*

Miss Debbie Clifford,
89 Shillinghill,
Alness

Dear Debbie,

Following from your visit to this office this afternoon, I have been in touch with Anne Evans, Housing Officer. Miss Evans informs me that it would be better for you to apply for a single bedroomed tenancy.

Given this, I would like you to visit me on Monday at 12 noon, when I can discuss with you the letter which I shall submit on your behalf to the Housing Department.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

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Your ref.

Date 29 October 1993

Miss P. Clifford,
C/o 89 Shillinghill,
Alness

Dear Pamela,

I am writing to let you know that the application I made on your behalf to the Buttle Trust for assistance in buying clothing has been unsuccessful.

I shall, if you wish, make a further application to another Fund. However, before doing this you must discuss this possibility with me.

If you wish me to make a further application, you must visit me on Thursday, 4th November, 1993 at 12 noon.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

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Please ask for Bill Forbes
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Your ref
Date 25 October 1993

Mrs. C. Scott,
The Regional Secretary,
The Buttle Trust,
Baltic Chambers,
50 Wellington Street,
Glasgow, G2 6SB

Dear Mrs. Scott,

PAMELA CLIFFORD - D.o.B. - 23:8:76 - c/o 89 Shillinghill, Alness
BUTTLE TRUST - CLOTHING GRANT

I write to you in regard to the above young adult.

Pamela's circumstances have been known to this office since she was a young child, with Pamela and her two older brothers having been subject to statutory supervision requirements for most of their early life, with Pamela having been subject to such a requirement for approximately 10 years.

While her parents separated prior to Pamela commencing her schooling, both parents had a history of alcohol abuse with her care since that time having been severely affected by her father's continued alcohol abuse, Mr. Clifford having attempted to care for his children within the last 10 years.

While Pamela's older brother was successfully placed with long-term foster parents at an early age, he remaining in care for an extended period, the many attempts made to place Pamela in a similar secure and stable environment invariably resulted in placement breakdown. At all times throughout her childhood and early adolescence Pamela strived to be rehabilitated with her father, however, Mr. Clifford's condition was such that he could never satisfactorily demonstrate for more than fairly limited periods that he was able to care for his children.

Since being discharged from supervision aged 16 years Pamela has lived with her father, her mother and with other members of the extended family, with none of these carers being able to provide her with other than short term accommodation. While Mr. Clifford continues to abuse alcohol, Pamela's mother is herself caring for her handicapped sister and cannot offer consistent support to her daughter. Given these difficult circumstances and the lack of

stability in Pamela's situation, Pamela has experienced great difficulty in holding down employment, she having experienced a number of Youth Training Scheme Placements but she has never managed to sustain these.

As a consequence of this broken pattern of employment Pamela has experienced severe financial hardship after depending upon the support of her parents, however, given their own difficulties, this support has been severely limited. At present Pamela is residing with her mother, however, her mother cannot provide Pamela with adequate clothing, Pamela requiring a jacket, pullover, jeans, waterproofs, underwear and footwear.

Given the above, it is hoped that a Grant of £100 could be awarded. An improvement in Pamela's circumstances would hopefully result in greater self-esteem, one consequence of which could be that gainful employment would be secured.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

EMORANDUM

Principal Officer-
Social Work Dept.,
DINGWALL

From Divisional Reporter,
DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 19.12.90

PAMELA CLIFFORD 24 Milnafua Alness

This is to inform you that, at a children's hearing on the 17.12.90 supervision requirement/referral(s) relating to the above was ~~CONTINUED~~/VARIED/~~TERMINATED/DISCHARGED~~.

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FORM 11 Rule 22

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date) AT ~~INVERNESS~~ ALNESS on the 17.12.90

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)

by way of variation of (and in substitution for) the supervision requirement dated 21.2.90 to which

Pamela Clifford is subject, hereby require him/her* [~~to reside~~]*†

[to be under the supervision of Highland REgional Council]*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated is hereby revoked.

M.M. ROSCROW
Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

†1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

†2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

3.
etc.

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

**Delete as appropriate*

REASONS Pamela has stated very clearly that she wishes to return to live with her She has said she will attend school regularly. Mr. Clifford has given an undertaking that he will support Pamela to behave at school and in the community. He has undertaken to control his alcohol consumption. The situation must be closely monitored by the Social Work Department as Pamela is still exhibiting problems. It is recommended that she attend an IT group.

M.M. ROSCROW

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SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT FORM

This is a confidential document - it is not to be given or shown to the child, parent or any other person without the prior agreement of the compiler or the Reporter to the Children's Panel

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Name: PAMELA CLIFFORD

Address: 69 COULPARK

Date of Birth: 23 / 08 / 76 School: ALNESS ACADEMY

Class: 3DA3 Previous School: _____

ATTENDANCE

Provide details of attendance below or by computer print-out. (HALF-DAYS)

A last session: from: Aug 89 to: June 90 possible: 388 actual: 378

B) current session: from: June 90 to: 26/11/90 possible: 168 actual: 160

C) last 4 weeks: from: 1/11/90 to: 26/11/90 possible: 40 actual: 35

GENERAL COMMENTS

Please use this space (and overleaf if necessary) to comment on any relevant matter or to expand on previous sections.

Pamela has systematically dodged individual classes. The deterioration has been quickening since August. Despite being warned she increasingly ignores instructions and latterly has become "a law unto herself".

Following the case conference on Friday 23 November Pamela never re-settled in school. Indeed she provoked confrontations in four classes in one day. No P.E. kit, giving cheek and being disobedient - not to mention detouring via toilets between classes. She has been given a "punctuality" book but was informally excluded from 28/11/90 to 3/12/90. The punctuality book will continue.

Since returning to normal classes she has been more amenable to normal class behaviour, so far.

Compiler of Report (BLOCK CAPITALS) ROB GIBSON

Post Held PRINCIPAL TEACHER GUIDANCE

Headteacher R A Singleton Date 12/12/90

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Date 11.12.90

Social Work Dept.
DINGWALL

PAMELA CLIFFORD

The hearing fixed for Monday 17th December will now take place at 7 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. as otherwise stated.

J Burns

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Mr G Clifford
24 Milnafua
ALNESS

Dear Mr Clifford

Further to the Child Care Review held for Pamela on 23rd November, it was noted that you were unhappy with the decisions made at this Review and you indicated that you wished to appeal against these decisions and as such, have a further Child Care Review held.

I have now arranged for Mr Dunlop, Principal Fieldwork Officer, to chair a Child Care Review for Pamela on Monday, 3rd December, at the Alness Office at 10.30 a.m. Could you please ensure your attendance, and if you are unable to attend, please inform me as soon as possible.

Please note that as agreed we have also arranged a Children's Hearing for Pamela, date being 17th December, 1990.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Marquis
Area Team Leader

To Principal Officer, Social Work DINGWALL

From Divisional Reporter, DINGWALL

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 27.11.90

Please ask for

PAMELA CLIFFORD 24 Milnafua Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on

Monday 17.12.90 at 8 p.m.
at the undernoted address.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 13.12.90

~~EDUCATION CENTRE, CASTLE STREET, DINGWALL~~

COMMUNITY EDUCATION DEPT. BRIDGEND SCHOOL ALNESS

REPORTER

COMMUNITY EDUCATION DEPT.
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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ALNESS ACADEMY,

ALNESS
ROSS-SHIRE IV17 0UY

TELEPHONE 0349 883341/883659

Alness Academy

WDL/jh

Mr Harquis
Social Work Department
Suie House
Market Square
ALNESS

27 November 1990

R. B. MEIKLE, M.A., Dip.Ed., RECTOR

Dear Mr & Mrs Tait

PAMELA CLIFFORD D.O.B. 23.08.76

In view of Pamela's continuing disobedience rudeness and lateness for class, her attitude towards staff and defiance I have decided to informally exclude her until Monday 3 December. Please bring her back to school then when we can meet to discuss her future here. I will expect you at 9.30am.

In view of her ongoing difficulties it may be that a representative from the Social Work Department should attend.

Yours sincerely

W D Lipp
Assistant Rector

Soc Work Copy.

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ALNESS ACADEMY ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

To Mr. R. Tait
[redacted]
Alness.

Date 7 November 1990

Dear
I am writing to let you know that, despite repeated warnings, Pamela's attitude in English is giving cause for concern for the following reason(s):

1) Persistent disruptive behaviour
2) failure to complete work
3) failure to produce punishment exercise
4) Apparent truancy from classes.

I regret to have to inform you that any continuation of this will result in

Removal from the class for an indefinite period, resulting in failure to achieve an award at Standard Grade

I should be grateful if you would try to bring home to Pamela the seriousness of the situation.

If you wish to discuss this matter with me, please contact the school to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely

A. M. Mathers
Principal Teacher of English

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Mrs Tait
[redacted]
ALNESS
IV17 0RB

6 November 1990

R. B. MEIKLE, M.A., Dip.Ed., RECTOR

Dear Mrs Tait

PAMELA CLIFFORD D.O.B. 23.08.76

Concern has been raised by several teachers about Pamela. She has been truanting in school by hiding in the toilets, under stairs etc - particularly at the time of Geography classes.

Her tutor and I are very concerned that she ~~does~~ must not fail to bring P.E. kit again and puts on a great deal more effort in Computing.

Regarding the truancy she has admitted to Mr Lipp and the following date gives a picture of the latest incident.

Monday 29 October Period 4 - hid in girls toilets. Then she was both disobedient and impertinent to her teacher when questioned. The Principal Teacher of Geography had to become involved!

Pamela has been seen by me three times since August to warn her about truanting from Geography. This incident must be the last!

We intend to give Pamela a weekly attendance sheet from 7 November 1990 to the end of term. This should be signed by each teacher, by me and at home each day.

Please contact me to confirm you have received this letter. The school hopes that you can emphasise with Pamela the serious slippage in her work.

Yours sincerely

R Gibson

R GIBSON
Principal Teacher Guidance S3

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Dear Debbie

Valerie dos not
if you belive her that
never hit me but She
that she is getting th
to investagate it beca
(. S not leaving it

Pamela

P.S please dont te
Just now because
will go down just
till Bill is at work
monday I don't wa
going down because
will be a big drama

Pamela

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I am orastly tell
the truth. She d
not like my family
more then Reg does
will be a Pennel now
I will be moved to Wic
when Valerie wants Reg
home right now how

any more than any boo
else in the house. Wel
thats all for now

Pamela

[redacted] mother is
to phone the police i
stop him any more k
[redacted] is falling out a
me alot now.

Plus xmas presents from Edith & Valerie

NOT FOR BIN

My clothes I like I am keeping

- 1 coat
- 1 Red coat
- 1 Blue coat
- 2 Pair Jeans
- 2 Pair Jeans
- 1 Pair Jeans
- 1 Pair Ski Pants
- 1 Pair Hi Tec shoes
- 1 Pair [illegible] Grey shoes
- 1 Pair socks
- 4 Pair socks
- 6 Pair Pants
- 6 Pair Pants
- 1 Pair socks
- 4 Pair Pants
- 3 school Jumpers
- 6 Grey Jumpers
- 6 Grey Jumpers
- Tee shirts
- 3 Cotton shirts Aertex
- 2 Grey coat
- 2 Pair Pyjamas
- 2 night dresses
- New night dress
- Blue dressing gown
- 1 Pair shoppers
- 2 Polo neck Jumpers
- 1 Pair Shorts (PE)
- Grey Tee shirts
- 1 Grey Blouses
- 2 Grey skirts
- Two best dress at Dads.

Blue Mac fair condition
Good condition Grey Mac
Good condition Blue Mac, Fawn Mac
Good condition Blue Mac, Fawn Mac
Good condition Blue Mac, Fawn

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
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ALNESS ACADEMY,

ALNESS
ROSS-SHIRE IV17 0UY

TELEPHONE 0349 883341/883659

Alness Academy

Ref: RBM/rmp

Mr & Mrs Tait
[redacted]
ALNESS

24 January 1990

R. B. MEIKLE, M.A., Dip.Ed., RECTOR

Dear Mr & Mrs Tait

Pamela Clifford was issued with a school photo taken by Colorfoto last October. The pupils were asked to return the photo or buy, by the end of November. Those pupils whose photos or money were still outstanding were asked after an assembly in December and again in January.

Pamela Clifford still has not returned a photo or money.

As the school have to finalise their bill with Colorfoto now could you please ensure the monies are paid or the photo returned.

Should this letter fail to bring any action I may have to consider referring the matter to Highland Region's legal department as the school are liable to Colorfoto.

Yours sincerely

R B MEIKLE
Rector

£6.00 for .. Photos. of Mouth of Mck.

Child's name ..... Pamela Clifford .....

Date of birth 23 / 8 / 72

Claimant's name ..... Mr George Clifford .....

Child's last known private address ... 24 Mulanfern .....
..... Alness, Ross-shire .....

Bill. I copied this and sent it to S. Murphy

Your reference ... S.W. Dept, Swie House, Alness .....

1. On what date was the child placed in the care of your Authority?

10 / 3 / 89

2. State the Act and Section thereof under which the child was received into the care of your Authority.

Section 44(1)(a) S.W. Scotland Act 1968 - Placed with Foster Parents.

3. If the child is in residential accommodation provided under paragraph 2 of Schedule 8 to the National Health Service Act 1977/Section 27(1) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947, is she/he also in care under any other provision?

YES ☐ NO ☐

If YES -

please give details of the Act and Section thereof.

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4. State any periods the child has spent with the claimant since the date at 1. above which consists of at least one complete week. (NB a "week" means 7 nights in a row).

Date child went to live with claimant	Date child returned to Local Authority accommodation
/ /	/ /
/ /	/ /
/ /	/ /
/ /	

(If the child has been discharged, please give date.)

5. If the child is still in the care of your Authority, is it expected that she/he will ordinarily live with the claimant for at least one complete day (ie 2 consecutive nights) each week?

YES ☐ NO ☑

If YES -

(a) On what date did/will this arrangement commence?

/ /

(b) Is it intended that this arrangement will continue until the child is discharged from care?

YES ☐ NO ☐

6. Is the child boarded-out in the home of the above-named claimant in accordance with the provisions of the Boarding-Out of Children Regulation 1955 or the Boarding-Out and Fostering of Children (Scotland) Regulations 1985?

YES ☐ NO ☐

If YES -

on what date was the child boarded-out?

/ /

Child Pamela now being fostered by Mr + Mrs Tait. [redacted] Fostering Allowance paid by H.R.C.

Signature .....

Tel No Alness 882609

Date ... 25 / 9 / 89 ...

Ext .....

URGENT - PAYMENT OF BENEFIT INVOLVED

Department of Social Security
Child Benefit Centre (Washington)
PO Box 1 Newcastle upon Tyne NE88 1AA

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Director of Social Services
Divisional Offices
"Block" Seatle St
Dingwall IV15 9HU

Please tell us this number if you get in touch with us | CHB | 9 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 3 | W | M |

Dear Madam or Sir

We have been advised that the child named overleaf has been admitted to the care of your Authority. Will you please answer the questions overleaf and return the form to this office.

An addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Yours faithfully

J TORBET

Child Benefit Centre

Roinn na Gaidhealtachd Highland

Department of Social Work
Director
J. Dick B.A., D.M.S.

Highland Regional Council
Area Office
Suie House
Bridgend
Alness IV17 0UD

Telephone 0349 882609
Stuart Marquis B.A.,
CQSW, Cert. SW Ed.
Area Team Leader

Please ask for Mr Forbes | Our ref. BF/LG

Extension No. | Your ref. | Date 20 April 1989

Mr G Clifford
c/o 166 Kirkside
ALNESS

Dear Mr Clifford

I am writing to inform that a Child Care Review on Pamela is to be held at this office at 2 p.m. on Wednesday 26th April 1989. Please accept this letter as an invitation to attend.

As it has been some time since we last met I would like to meet with you at this office at 11 a.m. on 24th April. Should this not be convenient could you please let me know as soon as possible and an alternative can be arranged.

Yours sincerely

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Gaidhealtachd Highland

Department of Social Work
Director
J. Dick B.A., D.M.S.

Highland Regional Council
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Suse House
Bridgend
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Telephone 0349 882609
Stuart Marquis B.A.,
CQSW, Cert. SW Ed.
Area Team Leader

Please ask for

Our ref

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date

ALNESS/INVERGORDON TRUST FUND

Money given to:
Mr. G. Clifford
24 Melnafua.

on:
26.1.89

Reason: to provide P.E. kit for Pamela

Social Worker: Bill Forbes

I hereby acknowledge receipt of £ 15.00

given to me by the Alness Social Work Department

from the Alness/Invergordon Trust Fund.

..... (Signature)

Date: 26.1.89

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

VIOLENCE REPORTING FORM

Name of Employee: STUART MARQUIS

Position: AREA TEAM LEADER

Work Address: Suie House,
Bridgend,
Alness

Telephone: 882609

Line Manager: John Dunlop, Principal Fieldwork officer

Principal Officer:

Date of Incident: 23:11:90

Place of Incident: Alness Social Work Office

Type of Incident: Threatened assault and physical intimidation - these incidents happening at child Care Review.

Threatened Violence ☑ Actual Violence ☐

Nature of injury, if any: None

Description of Incident:

Mr. Clifford became threatening and physically intimidating during Child Care Review held on his daughter. Whilst it had not been apparent that Mr. Clifford had taken alcohol prior to the Review, the smell of alcohol was noted in the room as the ~~Meeting~~ Review progressed. Mr. Clifford, however, was not drunk. He was physically intimidating to both myself and the social worker, Bill Forbes, in terms of leaving his chair and standing directly in front of myself and Bill Forbes. He was threatening in his manner, and if the situation had been handled wrongly, there was a real possibility of myself or Bill Forbes being physically assaulted. Mr. Clifford actually knocked the case file from the hands and lap of Mr. Bill Forbes.

I did consider terminating the Review, but determined that if I had taken such action Mr Clifford may well have reacted very badly to this, and there was the potential for escaping the situation. As such, Mr. Clifford was placated following his outburst and given advice that a further Child Care Review could be held by the Principal Fieldw Officer as well an opportunity to appeal through the Children's Hearing system.

Name and address of person threatening or actually violent:

Mr. George Clifford,
24 Milanfua,
Alness

Name and addresses of witnesses, if any:

Stuart Marquis, Area Team Leader, Social Work Department, Alness

Paul Hersey, Children's Resources, Ferintosh Assessment Centre, Conon Bridge

Mr. R. Gibson, Guidance Teacher, Alness Academy, Alness

Mrs. V. Tait, foster parent, 69 Coulpark, Alness

Was matter reported to the Police: Yes ☐

No ☑

Date:

Was statement given: Yes ☐

No ☑

Date:

Date and time of report to Line Manager:

Reported verbally - 23:11:90

with further information to be provided to Mr. Dunlop

Signature of Employee:

Date: 27/11/90.

SECTION III FOR COMPLETION BY PRINCIPAL OFFICER

Was staff violence conference convened: Yes ☐

No ☐

Date:

Persons in attendance:

Decision of staff violence conference:

Observations on incident by Principal Officer, subsequent actions taken by the Principal Officer and observations on future prevention of violence:

Following completion of this form the employee, Line Manager and Principal Officer should retain a copy each, and a copy should be forwarded to the relevant Assistant Director.

SECTION II FOR COMPLETION BY LINE MANAGER

Did Line Manager notify police: Yes [ ]

No [No]

Date:

Principal Officer Informed: Yes [Yes]

No [ ]

Date: 23:11:90

Comments of Line Manager on reasons for assault and general actions take by the Line Manager following the incident:

Mr. Clifford obviously unhappy at process of Review, and indication that decisions would be taken for his daughter not to return to his care. It was not apparent that Mr. Clifford had been drinking prior to the Review, but as the Review progressed, the smell of alcohol could be smelt in the room, although Mr. Clifford was not drunk. Mr. Clifford is well known to this office, and can at times be very friendly and communicative with staff, but at other times he can be quite threatening and abusive.

At this Review he was threatening in nature, standing up and threatening Bill Forbes and also being threatening in manner towards myself. Whilst I could have terminated the Review, this action could have escalated the situation, and I endeavoured to placate Mr. Clifford by asking him to sit down as required, and clearly advising Mr. Clifford that if he disagreed with decisions taken, then a further child Care Review could be convened, and he would also have options of appealing through the children's Hearing system.

Bill Forbes has been advised by me not to see Mr. Clifford on his own, and I will be requesting John Dunlop, Principal Fieldwork Officer to chair a further Review whereupon Mr. Clifford can be advised of the reasons for our decisions more fully. It may well be appropriate for a police person to be present at this further Review.

Signature of Line Manager: ATL

Date: 27:11:90

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

VIOLENCE REPORTING FORM

Name of Employee: BILL FORBES

Position: SOCIAL WORKER

Work Address: Suie House
Bridgend
ALNESS

Telephone: 882609

Line Manager: Mr Stuart Marquis

Principal Officer: Mr John Dunlop

Date of Incident: 23:11:90

Place of Incident: Alness Social Work Office

Type of Incident:

Threatened assault, physical intimidation. Incidents occurred throughout Child Care Reivew

Threatened Violence [✓] Actual Violence [ ]

Nature of injury, if any:

Description of Incident:

Father of child in strong disagreement re recommendations contained in six monthly Review Report. Father had been drinking prior to Meeting which commenced at 9.30 a Father verbally abusive to myself and others, endeavoured to physically intimidate myself and line manager in leaving his chair and by standing directly in front of u in aggressive manner. During one such confrontation father knocked from my hand ca file and review report. A similar incident was reported in March 1989.

Name and address of person threatening or actually violent:

Mr George Clifford
24 Milnafua
ALNESS

Name and addresses of witnesses, if any:

Mr Stuart Marquis, Area Team Leader
Mr Paul Hersee, Children's Resources, Ferintosh
Mr R Gibson, Guidance Teacher, Alness Academy
Mrs V Tait, foster parent, 69 Coulpark, Alness

Was matter reported to the Police: Yes ☐

No ☑

Date:

Was statement given: Yes ☐

No ☑

Date:

Date and time of report to Line Manager:

Signature of Employee:

Date: 23.11.95

Please file in Pamela's file.

FORM SW121

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

VIOLENCE REPORTING FORM

Name of Employee: Bill Yates
Position: Social Worker
Work Address: Iris House, Bridge end, Alness

Telephone: 882609
Line Manager: Mr D. Marquis
Principal Officer: Mr G. Dunlop / Jenny Tidey

Date of Incident: 10.3.89
Place of Incident: 89 Shillingfield, Alness

Type of Incident: Mr Clifford used threatening and abusive language towards me he wishing to have a "square go". At one point Mr Clifford attempted to push me however he was prevented from doing this by Mr Sleat, family friend in house.

Threatened Violence [✓] Actual Violence [ ]

Nature of injury, if any:

Description of Incident:

See above. The incident occurred during the process of Mr Cliffords daughter, Pamela being taken into foster care this being a planned admission. (Section 44.1(a)) The incident was drink related.

Name and address of person threatening or actually violent:

Mr George Clifford, 24 Mitchafield, Alness.

Name and addresses of witnesses, if any:

Mrs C. Henderson, 89 Shillinghill, Alness.
Mrs C. Shirley, 166 Kirkside, Alness.
Mr J. Seat, 166 Kirkside Alness

Was matter reported to the Police: Yes ☑

No ☐

Date: 10.3.89

Was statement given: Yes ☐

No ☑

Date:

Date and time of report to Line Manager: 10.3.89 at 5.00 pm

Signature of Employee: [signature]

Date: 16.3.89

SECTION II FOR COMPLETION BY LINE MANAGER

Did Line Manager notify police: Yes ☐

Bill Forbes had already provided full details to Police. No ☑

Date:

Principal Officer Informed: Yes ☑

No ☐

Date: 13/3/89.

Comments of Line Manager on reasons for assault and general actions take by the Line Manager following the incident:

Mr Clifford very well known to our office, and has friendly rebhanter with staff most of the time. However, drinking can make him abusive, and on this occasion this was Mr Clifford acting out his aggression to Bill Forbes, with his chest they received into care. Bill Forbes correctly informed police who visited and warned Mr Clifford of his action — no charges made, and I would agree with them.

Bill Forbes advised to have another works private duty next meetings with Mr Clifford until he is seen to have settled down to his more normal composition with our office. I do not believe there to be any real risk of violence, since Mr Clifford is more one for verbal 'threats' than action, this when under influence of drink. Bill Forbes will keep me informed of any repeats of threats.

A further joint visit by Bill to see Mr Clifford must be undertaken.

Signature of Line Manager: [signature] ATL.

Date: 15/3/89.

Highland

Department of Social Work
Dingwall Division

Highland Regional Council

Area Office – Suie House,
Bridgend, ALNESS IV17 0UD
Telephone Alness 882609
R. F Taylor
Senior Social Worker

Please ask for | Our ref

Extension No | Your ref | Date

CLIFFORD CHILDREN

Taken into Care: 6:12:83
Out of Care 3:3:84 - Debbie
2:3:84 - Pamela
4:3:84 - Mark

Taken into Care 11:5:84 *

Debbie to stay with Grandfather
(Place of Safety Section 44 (1)(a)

Pamela and Mark discharged from care on 11:10:85

Weekend visits

Pamela and Mark: 6 - 8th September, 1985
13 - 15th September, 1985
20 - 22nd September, 1985
27th - 29th September, 1985
4 - 6th October, 1985

*Marc and Pamela - Section 15 until 14:5:84
then Place of Safety

FILE 9

Please ask for Mr. Dunlop Our ref EH

Extension No 249 Your ref Date 21.11.85

Dr. A. Jackson, Senior Medical Officer
Miss I. C. Urquhart, Assistant Director of Nursing Services (Ross and Skye)
Mr. A. Butter, R.S.S.P.C.C.
Constable [redacted]
Mr. R. Stewart, Assistant Divisional Education Officer
Mr. S. Carnegie, Procurator Fiscal
Mrs. J. Burns, Reporter
Alness Medical Group
The Custodian, N.A.I. Central Register

C.C. Area Team Leader, Alness

Non-Accidental Injury and Child Abuse Register

Mark Clifford (b. 17.12.74), c/o MacKenzie, [redacted], Balintore
Pamela Clifford (b. 23. 8.76), c/o Wilson, Foulis Stn. Cottages, Evanton

Please note that the above-named children were recently returned to the care of their father at 24 Milnafua, Alness.

Please arrange to amend your records.

A. J. Dunlop.
Principal Fieldwork Officer/N.A.I. Co-ordinator

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
ALNESS
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Review of the Clifford children held on 20.10.83 at the Ayres Office

Present:

John Dunlop, Principal Fieldwork Officer
Ron Taylor, Area Team Leader and Social Worker

Relevant parties to the Review were invited but could not, or did not come.

Past History:

Mr. Taylor began by outlining some of the background to the case. [redacted] highlighted that Mrs. Eileen Clifford had a drink problem, [redacted] She separated from her husband and is now living with her father. Consequently, she is living at the same address as Debbie, although Debbie wishes to remain with her grandfather for reasons other than the fact that her mother is there.

George Clifford became known to Ron Taylor in 1978 and, for many years, there have been difficulties presented in working with Mr. Clifford. Mr. Clifford has, himself, a drink problem, and up until the time that the children were received into care, this is a problem that he did not seem to be coping with. However, he seems to have been "shocked" into action and Mr. Taylor reported that he has pulled himself together and that, whilst he might have the occ-:asional drink, he is certainly not to be known to have got into any drunken states or been incapable of looking after himself or the children. It was Mr. Taylor's hope that Mr. Clifford would seek help from AA or some other outside agent regarding his drink problem, but Mr. Clifford is always insisted that he can cope and overcome his own drink problem, and, at present, he seems to be having some success at this.

The only real problem with the case seems to have stemmed from the parents drinking and then being incapable of looking after the children. There is no evidence presented that when Mr. Clifford is sober he is not an adequate father. It is generally felt that he would be able to cope with support from our Department. If there are any difficulties, it was noted that we always can use the Panel to review the situation, and, if necessary, take action.

It was also highlighted that Brian Blackstock, the 18 year old half-brother recently married, was living across the road from Mr. Clifford and, therefore, the children were known to be old enough to contact either Brian Blackstock, grandparents, or Mrs. MacKenzie, who is on the telephone, if there were any problems.

Recommendations:

1. Regarding Vincent Clifford, we felt that we should respect Vincent's wishes to remain with his foster parents, and felt that he was old enough to determine for himself what is in his best interests. Reports are very good regarding the progress he is making with Mr. and Mrs. MacKenzie, we, therefore, continue as at present and review the case in six months.

2. /

2. Regarding Deborah, we felt that,as with the case of Vincent, we should respect Debbie's wishes to remain with grandfather. She also is old enough to determine what is in her best interests. We are pleased to note that she had regular contact with brothers, sisters and family.

   Point worthy of note that was that, financially, grandfather struggles to provide for Debbie and Mr. Taylor was given encouragement to apply for a Section 12 grant if this was thought necessary to prevent a breakdown.

3. Regarding Mark, we noted that he had returned home and Mr. Taylor will continue to give support. Whilst there is to be some contact with the foster parents, this placement is now a home supervision case, and is, therefore, no longer a child in Care.

4. Regarding Pamela, we noted that she had now returned home and was coping quite well, and, therefore, she is now on home supervision, no longer a child in Care.Mr. Taylor will continue to visit and support.

5. We hope that Mr. Clifford will be able to cope with Mark and Pamela and, in order to make sure that he does not go back to his unhealthy drinking patterns owing to financial pressures, Mr. Taylor will also consider the use of Section 12 payments to alleviate the possibility of a breakdown when the needs arise.

6. It is noted that the children are all still subject to Non-Accidental Injury Review.

Signed: _____ Principal Fieldwork Officer 11.11.85

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Six-Monthly Review of a Child in Care

1. Name of Child ..... PAMELA CLIFFORD ..... 2. Date of Birth ..... 23:8:76 .....

3. Home Address ..... 24 MILNAFUA, ALNESS .....

4. Present Address .....

5. In care under Section ..... 44 1(a) ..... of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968:

6. Date of Review: ..... 28:10:85 ..... 7. Date of Previous Review: ..... 23:4:85 .....

8. Number of visits since previous Review ..... See File .....

9. Behaviour of Child since previous Review:

Pamela has shown marked improvement in her behaviour. Hardly ever wets now but is still quite attention-seeking

10 Any changes of importance since previous Review:

Panel review 18:9:85. Varied Order to allow Pamela to return to father's care. This took place on 11:10:85. Number of weekend visits led up to this plus father's improved behaviour

11. Date of last School Report: 15:6:85

Recommendations/Observations from School Report: Kiltearn Primary

Pamela has taken a long time to settle down. She is showing more interest now but must apply herself. Tends to be rather bossy, eager to help and please. Now at Obsdale Primary - settled well - net, tidy, regular attender.

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
ALNESS
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12. Date of last Medical Report: 7:12:85
Recommendations/Observations from Medical Report:

Was wetting about 1 x weekly
Now much improved. Has had chickenpox.

13. Contact with parents/friends:

Close to dad and has visited regularly with overnight stops.

Was making more friends in last three months at schoo: Much more settled?
Plan to return home

14. Any recommendations since previous review:

To continue living with her father - support will be required to enable father to cope.

15. General Comments:

Long and difficult case involving father's drink problem.

Signed ..... Supervising Officer Date 28:10:85

16. Recommendations following the Review:

See attached

17. Date of next review:

Signed ..... Senior Social Worker Date ...11.11.85....
Principal Fieldwork Officer

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

ALNESS AREA TEAM
DIVISION .....

Copies sent

To be completed for:-

Admissions to, discharges from, and transfers between, foster care, residential care and day care settings.

Change in legal status of persons in whom the Department have an interest e.g. children, mentally ill or mentally handicapped.

Name ..... PAMELA CLIFFORD .....

Present Address ..... 9a WILSON, [redacted] .....
[redacted] EVANTON

Date of Birth ..... 23:8:76 .....

Case Reference ..... 1000 21 .....

Effective Date of Change ..... 11/10/85 .....

Statutory Condition Imposed ..... 44 1(a) .....

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PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-	
Fostering	✓
Residential Care	
Day Care	
Supervision	
Probation	
Others (Please Specify)	

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ..... Fostering .....

To ..... Home with her father - G. CLIFFORD 24 MILNAFUA ALNESS

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner ..... ALNESS HEALTH CENTRE .....

School last attended ..... KILTEARN EVANTON .....

School to be attended ..... OBSDALE PRIMARY, ALNESS .....

Signed ..... R Taylor ..... Date ..... 11/10/85 .....

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			
Amendment to Register			
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

(CASEFILE COPY)

Alness, on 13th September 1985.

Present: R Taylor, Area Team Leader
A Little, Acting Nurse Manager
C Mackay, Health Visitor
P.C. [redacted], Police Liaison
B Richards, NAI Co-ordinator

Apologies: Dr A Jackson, Senior Medical Officer
A Butter, RSSPCC
[redacted] Police Constable
Dr P Dolan
J Burns, Reporter

Subjects: Vincent Clifford (born 23.6.70.) c/o Mackenzie, [redacted] Shandwick.
Deborah Clifford (born 13.12.71) c/o Henderson, [redacted] Alness.
Mark Clifford (born 17.12.74.) c/o Mackenzie, [redacted] Shandwick.
Pamela Clifford (born 23.8.76.) c/o Wilson, Foulis Stn Cottages, Evanton.

Reason for conference: Review.

Mr Taylor briefly recounted the history of this case, noting that the family has been known to the Social Work Department since 1972, with a history of alcohol abuse and marital violence. At the time of the last Review Conference the children were in care for the second time following the failure of their father to remain sober while caring for them.

Since the last Review Conference, Pamela has moved to a foster home nearer to her father's home. Access by Mr Clifford to the children has been problematic, sometimes good, sometimes adversely affected by alcohol abuse; at one point it was suspended, but Mr Clifford seems to have made a particular effort over the past six weeks to cut down his drinking and see the children regularly; he is accepting the support offered by his G.P. He is keen to care for his children, and the three youngest are responsive to this. Vincent prefers to remain in care on a long-term basis with his present foster parents.

There was considerable discussion about the feasability of the children's return to their father's care; on the debit side are such factors as Mr Clifford's long history of alcohol abuse, the fact that he has not had the care of the children for a long time, and the possibility that Deborah may have to carry a lot of responsibility in the household. On the credit side, there is the continuing bond between Mr Clifford and the youngest children; Mr Clifford's determined effort to reform - prompted partly, it is thought, by an epileptiform fit which necessitated emergency admission to hospital; the children's age, and the availability of their grandparents and Mr and Mrs Mackenzie to provide support; and an uncertain degree of support from a lady with whom Mr Clifford has become friendly.

DECISIONS: 1. Children to remain on the Central NAI Register.

2. Mr Taylor to work towards possible rehabilitation of the three youngest children to their father's care by the October half-ter provided Mr Clifford continues his progress.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

DINGWALL DIVISION

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME:		DATE OF BIRTH:	AGE
(1)	VINCENT CLIFFORD	(1) 23:6:70	(1) 15
(2)	DEBORAH CLIFFORD	(2) 13:12:71	(2) 13
(3)	MARC CLIFFORD	(3) 17:12:74	(3) 10
(4)	PAMELA CLIFFORD	(4) 23:8:76	(4) 9

ADDRESS: RELIGION:

Home Address: 24 MILNAFUA, ALNESS

Present Address: VINCENT AND MARK: C/O MACKENZIE, [redacted] BALINTORE
DEBORAH - C/O GRANDFATHER, MR. A. HENDERSON, [redacted] ALNESS
PAMELA - C/O WILSON, FOULIS STATION COTTAGE, EVANTON

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 18 SEPTEMBER, 1985 TIME: 10 a.m. PLACE: DINGWALL

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: ANNUAL REVIEW

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See Previous Reports

Outcome

Vincent - Remains Same

Deborah - Remains Same

Mark + Pam - can return home.

All four children were last reviewed by the Panel on 11th October, 1984 apart from Pamela whose Supervision Order was varied on 19th December 1984 and again on 16th January 1985 (change of foster parent).

Since that last Panel in January, I have been working towards a possible return of the three younger children to the care of Mr. Clifford. Vincent has indicated a wish to remain with the MacKenzies at Balintore and so has not been included in the plans to return home, although access arrangements for all the children have been made.

My relationship with Mr. Clifford has been "up and down" but on the whole we have been able to work together and at this present time it is quite good.

After the last Panel Mr. Clifford felt that I was against him because I was insisting he should stop drinking otherwise the children could not be returned to his care.

Access visits by the children to the family home continued through January and February. This was usually a Saturday visit for the day only. These access visits were generally without incident, although I sometimes wondered how much actual time Mr. Clifford spent with the children. Pamela on occasions,and understandably,became upset when it was time to return to Evanton. Mr. Clifford looked forward to the access visits and understandably was upset when on occasions access could not be arranged - e.g. the children had other arrangements on the particular Saturday.

Mr. Clifford was making a good effort to stop his heavy drinking and in particular stopped drinking spirits. However, on 23rd March I had to curtail an access visit because of Mr. Clifford's over indulgence. The children were not in any danger of any harm coming to them. Mr. Clifford denies being drunk on that day despite my seeing him in the street.

Access visits stopped at that time and it was not until four weeks later that I was able to discuss the incident with Mr. Clifford (I was away from Alness for two weeks and then had two weeks holiday).

An "in care" review was held on 23rd April 1985 at Alness, at which time the Department decided to continue access but defined the arrangements i.e. it would be supervised at all times.

I believe that Mr. Clifford then entered a fairly bad spell of heavy drinking over the next month. He felt that everyone was against him at that time but access at my office started in the last week in May and this seemed to go well.

Mr. Clifford again made strong efforts to stop his drinking and began to look better and was able to talk and discuss the plans for the children in a much more positive way.

Regular access visits continued until the end of June when I went on holiday and recommenced in August.

Mr. Clifford has been undergoing medical treatment for his problem by the local G.P. [redacted]

Since/

Since August access has been extended because of Mr. Clifford's attempts to beat his problem and because I feel that a concerted effort is required now if I am going to get the children home. By the time the Panel takes place, the three children will have spent two weekends with their father and, should all go well, I will be recommending a trial home during the October holidays with the proviso the arrangement can be extended should all be well.

Vincent is well settled in Balintore and would appear to be doing well at Tain Royal Academy. He has been able to tell his father he would prefer to stay where he is and finish his schooling and Mr. & Mrs. MacKenzie are happy that this should happen. Vincent has indicated he would wish to keep in touch with his father.

Deborah has been with her Grandfather since May 1984. Sharing the home with him is the children's mother, and a mentally handicapped Aunt. A half-brother, Brian, recently left the home and is now married. Should Marc and Pamela be returned home, Deborah would like to go back and stay with her father.

Marc has been with Mr. & Mrs. MacKenzie at Balintore since May 1984. he is developing into a fine, good looking boy and is doing well at school. He would like to return home to his Dad.

Pamela has been with Mr. & Mrs. Wilson since January this year and has probably been more of a problem than the other children. Her attention-seeking behaviour is fairly normal considering her circumstances but she is now showing some improvement at school. A return home will, of course, mean yet another change. She is; very fond of her father and wishes to return to live with him.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Having discussed Mr. Clifford with his G.P. I am of the opinion that Mr. Clifford appears better motivated now to control his alcohol problem. It is felt that returning the children should help further and considering the children's wishes I would recommend a trial at home for them. I do not think it will be very easy for Mr. Clifford to cope again with the care of three children and he will need much encouragement and help. It should be made clear that further lapses into heavy drinking will end completely any future rehabilitation plan although access would continue.

Ron Taylor

R.F. Taylor
Area Team Leader

Social Work Department
Suie House,
Bridgend,
Alness

12th September, 1985

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
ALNESS

RECEIVED 30/4/85.

Please ask for Mr. Butter Our ref AB/EH

Extension No 244 Your ref Date 29.4.85

Mr. Clifford,
24 Milnafua,
Alness.

Dear Mr. Clifford,

Debbie, Mark, Pamela and Vicent Clifford

You will recall that I attended at Alness Social Work Office on Wednesday, 24th April, 1985 and you there attended the case review concerning your children named above. There was considerable discussion about your previous access to your children who have been in the care of this Depart-:ment since some time.

I am sure you will agree that you were given full opportunity to put your point of view forward and I did note that you were not disposed to accept the findings of the review. However, I must confirm that I am restrict-:ing your access to your children to one meeting per month. Unlike the previous access, which was to your home, future access will take place at venues such as the Social Work Office, Alness, or Alness Children's Centre, where the meeting can be supervised throughout by a member of Social Work Department staff.

My reasons for the restriction of access is your failure during access visits, in the recent past, to take full advantage of the children's contact with you, in that you have been under the influence of drink at such times. You admit that you do have a drink problem which you say would be resolved were you to have the children on a permanent basis. Whilst I understand your natural desire to have your children home, you must understand that my primary consideration must be the health and welfare of your children.

In that regard, therefore, I would have to be satisfied that you have curbed your drinking habits considerably prior to permitting access by the children at your home.

You /

You will recall that we briefly discussed the efforts which would have to be made by you to satisfy me sufficiently to withdraw the restriction.

Again, as I explained, you do have the right to appeal against my decision, to the Director of Social Work, Regional Buildings, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness.

Yours sincerely,

Divisional Social Work Officer (Acting)

c.c. Alness

Form No. SW1/4B

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Six-Monthly Review of a Child in Care

1. Name of Child (1) Vincent (2) Marc (3) Pamela (4) Deborah CLIFFORD ..... 2. Date of Birth (1) 23.6.70 (2) 17.12.74 (3) 23.8.76 (4) 12.12.71

3. Home Address 24 Milnafua, Alness .....

4. Present Address 1 and 2 [redacted] Alness. 3 - Foulis Station Cottage, Evanton 4 - [redacted] Alness .....

5. In care under Section 44 1 (a) ..... of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.

6. Date of Review: 23.4.85 ..... 7. Date of Previous Review: 6.12.84 .....

8. Number of visits since previous Review See case file .....

9. Behaviour of Child since previous Review: Children's behaviour remains good. No problems being found by foster parents which could be described as "disturbed".

10 Any changes of importance since previous Review:

Pamela moved from the Simpsons to Wilsons, Evanton on 30.12.84.

11. Date of last School Report: (1) 3.12.84 (2) 4.12.84 (3) 3.12.84 (4) -

Recommendations/Observations from School Report:

(1) [redacted]
(2) [redacted]
(3) Has difficulty with maths and has difficulty in concentrating.
(4) -

12. Date of last Medical Report:
Recommendations/Observations from Medical Report:

(1) 17.12.84 - N.A.D.
(2) 17.12.84 - N.A.D. - wears glasses.
(3) 7.12.84 - Bed wets about x 1 per week.
(4) -

13. Contact with parents/friends:

Children have established friendships in their own foster home areas, but friendships in Alness are also important. Visits to Dad were supervised at hand-over and collection on Saturdays (nearly all Saturdays from 26.1.85). However, detected Dad had been taking drink on a few occasions during their visits home but was never drunk. On 23.3.85 children visited as usual. Telephone call received by duty social worker that Dad was drunk in Station Hotel. Dad was seen but not approached by me in street. He was drunk and unsteady on his feet. Children returned home.

14. Any recommendations since previous review:

Access should continue as Dad is an important figure in the children's lives. However, access should be for short periods and supervised. Children should have the opportunity to get together more frequently for longer periods.

15. General Comments:

Father's problem of drinking is not diminishing. He takes Valium and would appear to mix same with alcohol. Has not been able to stay off drink and is unlikely to do so. Relationship between self and Dad at all-time low. Has been demanding change of Social Worker and has 'phoned the Director complaining about me.

Signed ..... Supervising Officer Date 23.4.85

16. Recommendations following the Review:

Access to father presently terminated should be resumed but only on a once monthly basis and that in a controlled situation viz Alness Social Work Department or Alness Childrens Centre. It is agreed that such access be supervised throughout and that Mr Clifford's condition be monitored prior to access actually taking place.

Mr Clifford, present at review, while not agreeing with my decision to restrict access understands my reasoning and has been invited to appeal to the Director of Social Work. He should be neither discouraged or encouraged so to do but if and when he decides to do so he should be given such support as is necessary in the circumstances.

It was agreed that the children should be given contact with each other on a fortnightly basis.

Mr Clifford was advised that his persistant heavy drinking is the reason for restricting access meantime and that he would require to show that he had come to terms with his problem and control his habit before I could resume access as previous and work toward the return of the children to him.

17. Date of Next Review.

Signed ..... Principal Social Worker 30/4/85
A Butter (Divisional Social Work Officer).

STANDBY.

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Form No. SW1/2

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REFERRAL FORM CASE NO.

Surname CLIFFORD Forename(s) FOUR CHILDREN

Address FOSTER CARE Sex: M/F

Date of Birth Marital Status

G.P.

Referred by ANON., MRS ANN CLIFFORD Date of Referral 23.3.85.

*(by ~~letter~~/telephone/~~in person~~)

Previously known to department YES/~~NO~~ ALNESS SWD.

Other agencies involved

PROBLEM/REQUEST: CHILDREN ON CENTRAL AT RISK REGISTER.

Children had been visiting their father @ 24 Milnafua Alness for the day. Father had gone on drink & was extremely agitated. Children @ present down the street but aunt not concerned re. situation when they return.

With aid of R. Taylor, Senior Social Worker, Alness, children returned to their respective foster parents 2.45 pm.

RECEIVED BY MacKenzie Date 23.3.85 Time 2.30 pm

Action taken at time of Referral:

Referral passed to: R.T.

Signed
Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision: R.T. dealt with this see case file.

Senior Officer

Classification of Case Register on:

Re-open existing file Open new file

For miscellaneous cases file

N.B. ON COMPLETION OF THIS FORM ATTACH REFERRAL FORM (APP.A.) FOR COMPLETION AS APPROPRIATE.

* Tick as applicable.

G. R. Drapery

Pamela Clifford

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Senior Social Worker
Highland Regional Council
Suie House
Bridgend
ALNESS

Our ref JSC/JW/

Your ref. RFT/SGG

5 February, 1985

Dear Sirs

GEORGE HAMILTON CLIFFORD
24 MILNAFUA, ALNESS

We thank you for your letter of 30 January, 1985 and are obliged to you for dealing with this matter at such length. When we see Mr Clifford next we shall discuss the position with him, but doubt extremely whether any further action will be taken.

Yours faithfully

Middleton Ross & Arnot

For the attention of Mr. J.S. Christie.

Mr. Taylor. RFT/SJG

30.1.85

Middleton, Ross & Arnott,
Solicitors,
P.O. Box. No. 8
Mansefield House,
DINGWALL
IV15 9HJ

Dear Sir,

Re: George Hamilton Clifford, 24 Milnafua, Alness.

Thank you for your letter of 18th January, 1985, regarding the above-named, whose children are subject to a Supervision Order of the Children's Hearings. There are four children in this family, namely, Vincent, date of birth 23.6.70, Deborah, date of birth 13.12.71, Marc, date of birth 17.12.74 and Pamela date of birth 23.8.76. All children are subject to Section 44 1 (a) Supervision Requirements, with conditions of residence.

You will be aware that these children have been born of a relationship where the mother and father are not married. The children first came to the notice of the Social Work Dept. back in 1972. There was a long history of financial problems, heavy drinking and violence in this relationship. The situation came to a head in 1979, when Mrs. Clifford, the children's mother, abandoned the family. Prior to this, Mr. Clifford was convicted of a Contravention of the Children's and Young Persons' (Scotland) Act, 1937 Section 12 (1), for which he received Probation for one year. The children remained in his care, however, under Supervision. Much concern was being expressed, at this time, that the children were being used as pawns, by the parents, who seemed unable to either reconcile or sort out their differences. The children remained on Supervision, at home with Mr. Clifford, until the 6th of December, 1983, when all children were received into care on a Place of Safety Order. Mr. Clifford was charged again with abandoning the children and was charged with Contravention of Section 12 of the Children and Young Persons' Act, 1937. All four children were removed from his care and were subject to variations of their Supervision Orders. Mr. Clifford continued to drink, but did make some headway in controlling his drinking problem, the result of which was that, at the beginning of March, 1984, the children were returned to his care, other than Vincent, who decided that he did not wish to return to his father. This situation lasted a matter of weeks/

Middleton, Ross & Arnott,
Dingwall.

30.1.85

weeks. Mr. Clifford began to drink heavily again and on the 11th of May, the children were again removed from his care. Mr. Clifford was charged with breach of the peace on this occasion, arrested, and detained in custody. The children were removed to their respective foster homes and were returned after the week-end. On the 14th of May, Mr. Clifford was again very drunk at home at 10a.m. and was still drunk at 2p.m. It was decided that Place of Safety Orders be obtained and the children removed from his care. The children have been with their respective foster parents since that time.

Mr. Clifford continues to drink, sometimes to excess. The children are all registered as being at risk, their names being entered on the Central Register of Children at Risk. On a number of occasions, on access visits, it has come to my notice, either from the children or from other sources, that Mr. Clifford had been drinking. On 1st December, 1984, it was arranged for him to visit Pamela at Brora, taking Debbie and Marc with him. I received a 'phone call from Brora to say that Mr. Clifford had been drinking and was under the influence of drink. The Police checked the situation, and confirmed that he had been drinking, but was probably not drunk enough to be charged with any offence. I visited Brora that afternoon, and collected Mr. Clifford and the children. In my opinion, Mr. Clifford had over-indulged, was aggressive, and the children were considerably upset as a result.

The situation will remain, as it is, until Mr. Clifford can prove that he has either stopped drinking, or that his drinking no longer presents a problem by putting the children at risk. Each access visit requires to be checked by a member of the Social Work Department before and after each visit, to ensure that Mr. Clifford is sober.

With regards to a change of social worker, this will not be considered, as a helpful change, as the Department's policy is quite clear about his ability to care for the children. I do not doubt that, in the past, the children have been reasonably well cared for physically. What concerns me, very much, is the amount of emotional damage caused to the children by Mr. Clifford's lifestyle. Unfortunately, it is not a matter of satisfying Mr. Clifford, but ensuring the safety of the children.

I have advised him that, should he not be happy with the Panel decisions, he has the right to appeal to the Sheriff Court within 21 days of the Panel decision, and I am quite prepared to go to Court on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Senior Social Worker.

FORM 11 Rule 22

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date) AT DINGWALL on the 18.9.85

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 16.1.84 to which

Pamela Clifford is subject, hereby require him/her* [~~xxxxxxxxx~~

]*†

[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council]*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 16.1.84 is hereby revoked.

EDITH BLAKE

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

†1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

†2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

3.
etc.

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

**Delete as appropriate*

REASONS As the child wishes it and Mr. Clifford has made strenuous efforts to overcome his drinking problem the time is now right to work to the child's return home.

EDITH BLAKE.

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Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel
Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968

EDUCATIONAL REPORT (Supplementary)

To be returned to the Reporter by .....

1. Name of Child PAMELA CLIFFORD 2. Date of Birth .....
3. Address [redacted] FOULIS
4. Present School KILTEARN P.R., EVANTON
5. Details of School Attendance since Supervision Requirement was made on .....

			Possible Attendance	Absences	
(i) During last session	(JAN.	to JUNE)	172	11	
(ii) During current session	(	to)	..	..	
(iii) During ~~last four weeks~~ Two weeks	(Aug 13th	to Aug 23rd)	18	2	(attending brothers wedding)

6. General Comments on attendance and progress (including any significant change noted since Supervision Requirement was made).

Pamela is a good attender, and appears to enjoy school. She is given remedial help 3 times a week, and is making a little progress. She has matured over the Summer holidays, and doesn't seek so much attention from her class teacher. She also seems to get on better with the other children than she did previously. I would like to see Pamela staying on at this school, as another change of school would upset her over again.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Class or Guidance Teacher .....
Head Teacher Katherine C Swan
School KILTEARN P.R. EVANTON
Date 23/8/85

School .....

Name ..... Address .....

Date of Birth .....

Please note that when the above named child appeared at a Children's Hearing on ..... the case was disposed of as follows: .....

Date ..... (Reporter)

Highland

Department of Social Work
Dingwall Division

Highland Regional Council

Area Office — Suie House,
Bridgend, ALNESS IV17 0UD
Telephone Alness 882609
R. F. Taylor
Senior Social Worker

Please ask for

Our ref

Extension No

Your ref

Date 30/11/84

Dear Dad,

Just to let you know Mark will be joining you at Fearn on Saturday. He will have his ticket so you don't have to get one for him.

Take the order form to Pickfords and get the train tickets for yourself and Debbie.

The Train will arrive in Brora about 2 pm. Go to Mrs Simpsons at 11 Carrol Cres, Brora (next to School) and collect Pammy. She has her Party at 3.30 so you will have to get her back to the house for then.

You can then go down town with Mark + Debbie and have a look at the shops or if it is fine go to the play park.

I dont know how long Pammys party will be but take the 2 kids to the restaurant + have your tea then go up to David + Editha about 6 pm - 6.30 pm and see Pammy before you get the train at 7.30 pm.

Hope all goes well + it is a nice day. The £10 you get from the office is to buy the teas - Be good!

Ron 7.

ESSAGE: 882480

To: Ron

From: Mrs Simpson Bhora Telephoned/Called Personally

Tel:

n: 10/10/84 Time: 2.30PM.

essage: Has she to attend Panel tomorrow?
Saw her last week at Bhora [redacted]
0408

Taken By Susan

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ATTENTION OF MR R. TAYLOR

SOCIAL WORK DEPT
ALNESS

18 January, 1985

Dear Sirs

RECEIVED 22/1/85

GEORGE HAMILTON CLIFFORD
24 MILNAFUA, ALNESS

We have been instructed to act for Mr Clifford in connection with the custody of his 4 children who we understand are presently in care. We would be obliged if you could confirm the date that the children were taken into care and the precise nature of the orders which have been made in respect of these children. Mr Clifford is anxious to secure the return of his children. From discussions with ourselves, this is obviously unlikely in the near future due to the background. It would be of some assistance however if you could give us some general background as to the picture, to help us formulate our own opinion of the matter so as to avoid the necessity of taking court proceedings which may well be fruitless, but time consuming for both parties.

Mr Clifford has two main concerns at present. The first is the length of time in respect of which he is allowed to see his children, particularly when these times have recently been restricted as a result of the last Childrens' Panel Hearing. Secondly, and unfortunately he is not happy with Mr Taylor being the Social Worker involved with the case. Mr Clifford has advised us that he is genuinely making an attempt to stop drinking, has sought medical help and wishes to prove he has now changed his ways. He feels that Mr Taylor's attitude is not constructive to assisting him and whether or not this is justified or not, it might perhaps be appropriate to have another party appointed to the case. This may not change matters, but it would certainly satisfy Mr Clifford and alter his view point on the matter of his children. We shall be glad to have your comments on this point.

We therefore look forward to hearing from you on this matter. Mr Christie attends our Alness Office every Thursday from 11 am. until 4 pm. and if you wish to discuss this matter in person, he would be quite pleased to see you at any time between these hours.

Yours faithfully

DINGWALL DIVISION

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME: PAMELA CLIFFORD **DATE OF BIRTH:** 23.8.76 **AGE:** 8

ADDRESS: [redacted], Brora,
Home Address, 24 Milnafua, Alness. **RELIGION:**

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 19.12.84 **TIME:** 10.30a.m. **PLACE:** Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Review

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See previous reports.

This child last came before a Panel on the 11th October, 1984. This was a review requested by Mr. Clifford, as he wanted to seek his children to be returned to him. At that time, the Panel made it very clear that they were unhappy with his drinking habits, and that he had a choice to make between continuing drinking, or getting the children returned to him. Also at that time, I suggested that we would be considering plans to move Pamela from Brora nearer Alness, in view of the difficulties presented by the long distance, and also because Mr. & Mrs. Simpson did not wish to long-term foster.

After that particular Panel, Mr. Clifford made a good effort to curb his drinking and on Saturday, 27th October, 1984, all the children visited Dad at home for the day. This visit went very well, with no problems. The following week, an overnight stay took place on the Saturday night. This again went well, and the children were returned home on the Sunday. However, Pamela did not visit at that time. The next week-end was a week-end stay by all the children apart from Pamela, from the Friday night through to the Sunday. When this was followed up the following week by my visit to the children, it came to light that Mr. Clifford, according to Vincent, had been drunk when he collected the children off the train on the Friday night. Mr. Clifford strenuously denies this, and claims that Vincent is making up these stories. My own belief is that Mr. Clifford had been drinking that evening but perhaps was not sufficiently drunk to put the children at risk. The following day, Saturday, he apparently had only two tins of lager. On learning this information, I immediately stopped all home visits until Mr. Clifford was seen. I explained to him that there would be no overnight stays for the children, and provided he was sober, he could see them. He would be allowed to visit them at their foster parents, and he could also write and telephone. He then decided to visit Pamela at Brora on Saturday, 1st December, 1984. This was with my support, and at my suggestion.
Both/

Both Deborah and Mark were to go with him by train up to Brora, where they would spend the afternoon and return the early evening. This visit was a bit of a disaster as Mr. Clifford was found to have been drinking. The foster parent in Brora telephoned me to say that Mr. Clifford, in his opinion, was drunk. The Police were involved, as I asked them to check Mr. Clifford out. They agreed that he had been drinking, but was not sufficiently drunk to be charged. I went to Brora and returned all the family back to their respective homes. At this time, Mr. Clifford was aggressive towards me, and demanded that I have nothing more to do with him, and that I should not visit him at his home. I have not seen Mr. Clifford since the 1st of December, as a result of his wishes.

In the meantime, an N.A.I. Review had taken place. The Review recommended the children remain on the Register. An In-Care Review also took place, the outcome of which was to agree that no overnight access should be allowed, and that visits would be supervised at all times. This would indeed be extremely difficult to put into practice. However, in view of Mr. Clifford's behaviour, I feel that it is a necessary precaution.

Pamela has been told about her impending move. I feel that Pamela is likely to be best placed with Mr. & Mrs. Miller, [redacted] Conon Bridge. An overnight stay is to be tried on Saturday, 15th December, with a possible further overnight stay from 21st December to the 24th. Christmas, for Pamela, will be spent in Brora, and thereafter, provided all is well, Pamela will be placed with Mr. & Mrs. Miller, shortly following Christmas. The Millers will be able to provide a long-term foster placement for Pamela and are sufficiently near to allow access to father.

14.12.84

R.F. Taylor,
Senior Social Worker,
Area Office,
Suie House,
Bridgend
ALNESS

To Miss B. Barraclough,
Divisional Social Work Officer.

From Ron Taylor,
Senior Social Worker.

Your ref.

Our ref. RFT/SJG

Date 27.11.84

Please ask for Mr. Taylor.

Re: Clifford Family.

I would be grateful if you could arrange to pay the foster parents the following expenses:-

1. [redacted]

2. Mr. & Mrs. David Simpson, [redacted], Brora, in respect of Pamela Clifford. A home visit was arranged on the 27th October, 1984, and on the 24th November, 1984. Mr. Simpson incurred mileage on those two visits, amounting to 188 miles. I would be grateful if Mr. & Mrs. Simpson could be paid the appropriate allowance.

R Taylor

Senior Social Worker.

26/11/84. Approved - Admin please process. BB.

Present

Constable [redacted] Police Liaison
Mrs W Warner, Health Visitor
Sister Cameron, District Nurse
Miss M MacKay, Senior Social Worker, Dornoch
Mr R F Taylor, Senior Social Worker, Alness
Miss B Barraclough, Co-ordinator

Apologies

Dr A Jackson, Senior Medical Officer
Mr I MacGregor, R.S.S.P.C.C.

Parent:	George Clifford		24 Milnafua, Alness
Children:	Vincent Clifford	(23. 6.70)	c/o foster parents, MacKenzie, [redacted] Balintore.
	Deborah "	(12.12.71)	c/o grandparents, Henderson, 89 Shillinghill, Alness.
	Mark "	(17.12.74)	c/o foster parents, MacKenzie, [redacted] Balintore.
	Pamela "	(23. 8.76)	c/o foster parents, Simpson, [redacted] Brora.

Miss Barraclough explained that these children were removed from home because of their father's spasmodic heavy drinking.

Mr Taylor reported that Vincent no longer wishes to return home to his father, Deborah visits him but not as frequently as in the past. Mark does not want to return home whilst Pamela has had less contact with her father than the others because of the distance involved - she would however wish to return if given the opportunity. It was evident that the three youngest children had affection for Mr Clifford.

Unfortunately Mr Clifford continues to drink heavily at times - including times when the children have been in his care during access visits. On the last occasion recently he went to Brora, where arrangements were made for him to have three of the children for part of the day. However, he started drinking in Brora and he and the children had to be escorted home by Mr Taylor.

Pamela would be moving from her placement with Mr & Mrs Simpson to a placement nearer Alness as soon as suitable foster parents can be found. Mr Taylor expressed some anxiety about the festive season for he felt that at least three of the children will wish to spend some time with their father and he will certainly wish to have them. The problem of Mr Clifford being drunk during the visit is one which cannot easily be monitored since he can be a very aggressive man when not sober. Mr Taylor hastened to add however, that it would be extremely unlikely and totally out of character for him to knowingly harm the children. It was agreed that the children should not stay overnight and a supervised hand-over should be arranged if that is possible.

Miss MacKay, Senior Social Worker, Dornoch, commented that Mr & Mrs Simpson were unable to continue with Pamela long-term because of the demands of their own family, but they would wish to maintain contact and would probably wish to take her for holiday periods as in the past. Mr Taylor agreed this would be to Pamela's benefit and commented that she is showing signs of disturbance, resorting to fantasies and probably feels quite isolated so far away from her home area and her siblings.

After/

After further discussion it was agreed that the four children should remain on the Central Register, that Mr Taylor will remain their Caseworker whilst Miss MacKay, Dornoch, will supervise Pamela's placement as necessary. It was agreed that a Review be held in 6 months time - Provisional date for Review 13th June 1985.

Miss B Barraclough
Divisional Social Work Officer

'Slioch'
Castle street
Dingwall

7.12.84

Copies to:

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Mr I MacGregor, R.S.S.P.C.C.
Mrs J Burns, Reporter
Mr S Carnegie, Procurator Fiscal
Miss M MacKay, Senior Social Worker, Dornoch
N.A.I. File
Case File.

Form No. SW1/4B

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Six-Monthly Review of a Child in Care

1. Name of Child PAMELA CLIFFORD ..... 2. Date of Birth 23.8.76 .....

3. Home Address 24 Milnafua, Alness .....

4. Present Address 11 Carrol Cres., Brora. .....

5. In care under Section 44 1 (a) ..... of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.

6. Date of Review: 6.12.84 ..... 7. Date of Previous Review: 28.2.84 .....

8. Number of visits since previous Review See file .....

9. Behaviour of Child since previous Review:
Has generally settled well. Is active and demands a lot of attention. Recent fantasies have given some cause for concern.

10 Any changes of importance since previous Review:

Was returned home on trial on 2.3.84. Removed on Place of Safety Order on 11.5.84 and placed with Mr. & Mrs. Simpson.

11. Date of last School Report: None. Report requested. Is behind in a lot of her work and requires remedial help.

Recommendations/Observations from School Report:

12. Date of last Medical Report: None. Report requested.
Recommendations/Observations from Medical Report:

13. Contact with parents/friends:
Has had less contact with Dad than any of the children because of distance. Seems to be involved in lots of things e.g. Brownies, Swimming etc.

14. Any recommendations since previous review:

This child requires moving from present placement and placed with long-term foster parents in or around Alness.

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15. General Comments:

Pamela is not a bright child but is quite active. Loves her Dad and wishes to be home but acknowledges his problem.

Signed ..... Supervising Officer Date 27.11.84

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16. Recommendations following the Review:

Agreed that Pamela should move to ? long term placement nearer to her siblings and relatives

17. Date of next review:

Signed ..... Senior Social Worker Date .....

DINGWALL DIVISION

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME:	VINCENT CLIFFORD	DATE OF BIRTH:	23.6.70	AGE: 14
	DEBORAH CLIFFORD		13.12.71	12
	MARC CLIFFORD		17.12.74	9
	PAMELA CLIFFORD		23.8.76	8

ADDRESS: Home address: 24 Milnafua, Alness

RELIGION:

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: Thursday, 11th October, 1984 TIME: 10.30a.m. PLACE: Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: A review of Supervision Orders at the request of the father, Mr. George Clifford.

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See previous reports.

The Children's Hearing last considered this case on the 28th May, 1984. apart from Vincent, who was last before the Children's Hearing on the 29th February, 1984. Vincent has continued to reside with Mr. & Mrs. McKenzie at 4 Balintore Park, Balintore. At the Review in May of this year, it was agreed that Marc be placed with Mr. & Mrs. McKenzie at Balintore; that Pamela remain at Brora, with Mr. & Mrs. David Simpson, and that Deborah, who chose to live with her grandfather, Mr. Henderson, at 89 Shillinghill, Alness, remain there. Access to father, at the discretion of the Social Work Department, was a condition of the Supervision Orders. Since that time, Mr. Clifford's situation has not changed, in my opinion. Mr. Clifford has continued to drink fairly heavily on occasions. Understandably he feels depressed at not having the children around him, and feels that this is a major factor in his continued drinking. He has been attending the G.P. and has been receiving Valium and sleeping tablets and feels he gets benefit from this medication. Since the last review Mr. Clifford has also suffered from a broken ankle, the plaster having just recently been removed. Unfortunately I have not been able to convince nor help Mr. Clifford to stop drinking completely. Although he has made efforts in the past to curtail his drinking by a gradual reduction, in my opinion Mr. Clifford's health will continue to suffer should he not lead a totally alcohol-free life.

All the children have settled well in their respective homes. Both Vincent and Marc have settled with Mrs. McKenzie and appear to be doing well at school. Vincent and Marc have had one visit home to father, which was on the 26th of June. This unfortunately was not a very good visit as Mr. Clifford was either under the influence of alcohol or his medication. As a result the boys have not been keen to return to see their father. Last month the two boys were down in Alness visiting their grandfather and had intended going to see their father the same day. I understand that they met in the High Street and the boys claim that their father had been drinking. Their position is quite clear now that, although they would still like to see their father, they would not wish to return home while he continues to drink.

With/

With regard to Deborah, she sees her father regularly and would be the one who seems to be closest to Mr. Clifford. She has indicated a desire to return home to her father and has admitted that, on occasions she has visited,he has been under the influence of drink. She is however old enough to extract herself from the household when she feels this necessary. I believe she truly cares for her father, and feels that if she was at home, she would be able to help him. Staying with her grandfather, in overcrowded conditions, is not the ideal. Mr. Henderson is a fit man but elderly. With him lives his daughter Sandra, who is mentally handicapped, Deborah's mother, Brian,(her eldest child, and half-brother of the children) and his girlfriend. Deborah does not wish to go to Lairg to live but enjoyed a holiday there during the Summer. Pamela has settled well in Brora, and has not seen her father since going there in May. According to Mr. & Mrs. Simpson, she talks a lot about her father, but has not requested to visit him. There is a particular problem over this placement, in that initially the Department agreed that Mr. & Mrs. Simpson would care for Pamela on a short-term basis in the hope the children could return to their father. However, I do not believe that Pamela could return to live with her father and the Department is now considering a move for Pamela nearer Alness, which would provide her with contact with her father, in a long-term placement.

Conclusion.

This is a most difficult case and one in which I feel I am powerless to change. Mr. Clifford believes that he could stop his heavy drinking should one or more of the children be returned to him. I am sure the Children's Panel will consider his request carefully. All children remain registered on the N.A.I. Register.

R. Taylor

Senior Social Worker, 5.10.84
Area Office,
Suie House,
Bridgend
ALNESS

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Extension No 244 Your ref Date 22.5.84

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Coulpark Children's Centre

Non-Accidental Injury and Child Abuse

Cancellation of Case Conference on 31st May

I refer to my memorandum of 16th May and have to apologise most sincerely that, due to unforseen circumstances, it is necessary to cancel the Case Conference arranged for 31st May at Alness when we were to review the [redacted] Clifford children.

As soon as I am able to arrange another date, I will let you know, and, meantime, hope that the cancellation does not cause you too much inconvenience.

B Barraclough

Divisional Social Work Officer

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DINGWALL DIVISION

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

S U P P L E M E N T A R Y

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME:	DEBORAH CLIFFORD	DATE OF BIRTH:	13.12.71	AGE: 12
	MARC CLIFFORD		17.12.74	9
	PAMELA CLIFFORD		23. 8.76	7

ADDRESS: Home Address: 24 Milnafua, Alness. RELIGION:

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: Mon.28th May, 1984 TIME: 8.00p.m. PLACE: Dingwall.

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Review.

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See previous reports.

Deborah is living c/o maternal grandfather, Mr. A. Henderson, 89 Shillinghill, Alness. Marc is living c/o McKenzie, [redacted] Balintore and Pamela is living c/o Mr. & Mrs. D. Simpson, [redacted], Brora.

At the last Hearing held on the 16th May, 1984 the Panel continued the Place of Safety Order until today's review. The children have settled well only Deborah having contact with her father since last week. I would consider that the children should remain where they are at present until such time as Mr. Clifford can establish a period of non-drinking. To this end, an appointment with the G.P. is to be made with a view to Mr. Clifford being seen as an Outpatient.

I therefore recommend Supervision Orders be varied to allow the children to remain at their present addresses.

Senior Social Worker
Area Office,
Suie House,
Bridgend
Alness.

24.5.84.

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Please ask for Miss Barraclough Our ref BB/EH

Extension No 244 Your ref Date 23.5.84

CONFIDENTIAL

The Custodian,
N.A.I. Register,
Kinmylies Children's Centre
INVERNESS.

Dear Sir,

Non-Accidental Injury and Child Abuse Register

Deborah Clifford (b. 13.12.71)
Mark Clifford (b. 17.12.74)
Pamela Clifford (b. 23. 8.76)

Please note that the above-named children were recently removed from their home at 24 Milnafua, Alness, and placed as follows:-

Deborah - c/o Henderson, 89 Shillinghill, Alness (Grandfather)
Mark - c/o MacKenzie, [redacted] Balintore (Foster Parent)
Pamela - c/o Simpson, [redacted] Brora (Foster Parent)

Please arrange to amend the record cards.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Social Work Officer

Area Alness

Alness

'ORANDUM

File

To
Miss Barbara Barraclough,
Divisional Social Work Officer.
Your ref.

From
Mr. Ron Taylor,
Senior Social Worker.
Our ref. RT/SJG
Date 13.6.84

Please ask for
Mr. Taylor.

Re: Clifford Children.

Further to your Memo of 15th May, 1984, regarding the above-named, I would confirm that foster parent assessments are being undertaken in respect of the various foster parents mentioned in your Memo. All the various Police checks, references, health checks etc. have been made, and are all satisfactory. Completion of the Form F are being undertaken.

Ron Taylor
Senior Social Worker.

6.87.84. Noted, thank you. RB

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MEMORANDUM

To Divisional Social Work Officer, Dingwall. From Ron Taylor, Senior Social Worker.

Your ref. Our ref. RT/SJG Date 15.5.84

Please ask for Mr. Taylor.

Re:The Clifford Children.

Please find attached Change of Circumstance Forms in respect of Deborah, Marc and Pamela Clifford.

These children were taken into care under Section 15 on Friday, 11th May, 1984.

Deborah was placed in the care of her grandfather, Mr. A. Henderson, 89 Shillinghill, Alness. Marc [redacted] and Pamela with Mr. & Mrs. D. Simpson, [redacted] Brora.

Marc and Pamela were returned home on Sunday evening 13.5.84 and then removed by Place of Safety on 14.5.84. Pamela was returned to Mr. & Mrs. Simpson and Marc placed with Mr. & Mrs. A. McKenzie, [redacted], Ballintore.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for fostering payments to be made to:-

1. Mr. & Mrs. MacKay, Helmsdale in respect of Marc for period 11.5.84 - 13.5.84

2. Mr. & Mrs. A. McKenzie, Ballintore in respect of Marc from 14.5.84.

3. Mr. & Mrs. D. Simpson in respect of Pamela for periods 11.5.84 - 13.5.84 and from 14.5.84.

4. It is likely that Deborah will remain in the care of her grandfather. Would it be possible to pay fostering allowances as he is retired? This would perhaps require discussion.

Ron Taylor

Senior Social Worker.

Reply

22.5.84
BB/EH

I refer to the above. With regard to your question 4, we cannot pay Postering Allowances to a person who is not an approved Foster Parent and we agreed that you would arrange Foster Parent Application and recommendation for "this child". With regard to the other placements, I refer to my memorandum of 18.4.84 and will expect the outstanding Foster Parent assessments and recommendations without delay.

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

DINGWALL DIVISION

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME: DEBORAH CLIFFORD	DATE OF BIRTH:	13.12.71	AGE: 12
MARC CLIFFORD		17.12.74	9
PAMELA CLIFFORD		23. 8.76	7
ADDRESS: 2⁴ Milnafua, Alness	RELIGION:		

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 16th May, 1984 TIME: 4.30p.m. PLACE: Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Place of Safety Order taken on 14.5.84.

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES: See previous reports.

The Children's Hearing last dealt with this case on 29.2.1984 at which time the children were returned to Mr. Clifford's care, apart from Vincent, who decided to remain with his foster parent. The four children had been received into the care of the Department under a Place of Safety Order on 6th December, 1983, and were placed with their foster parents. Mr. Clifford has a drink problem and appeared at Tain Sheriff Court concerning the last incident, when he was charged with leaving the children unattended. He was subsequently admonished on that occasion but was warned that any further offending or any further incident regarding the children would be viewed very seriously.

Deborah, Marc and Pamela settled well at home again. Mr. Clifford was very pleased to have the children returned to him but was distressed that Vincent did not wish to return. Vincent had one visit home since the last Panel, which was to be an overnight stay. However Vincent changed his mind that same day and went back to Balintore. Marc has been in Hospital for an operation (minor) and is now quite recovered. Deborah is the eldest at home and is probably the one who is showing most signs of the effect of her father's drinking. Since she returned to school at the beginning of March she has had 11½ days' absence. My feeling is that she does not go to school because the home situation is not particularly good. She is a very mature 12 year old and is very fond of her father, that is she is quite protective towards him and feels a responsibility to look after him when he is not well. Marc and Pamela attend Obsdale Primary School and have been regular attenders. However laterally the School have noticed that/

that Pamela in particular has been coming quite tired to school. Mr. Clifford has not entirely stopped drinking since the return of his children, and there have been occasions when I have found him clearly with too much drink. He has on these occasions made arrangements for the care of the children. The children have indicated that on occasions some of them have stayed overnight with neighbours.

On Friday, 11th May, 1984 Mr. Clifford was under the influence of alcohol and the Alness Police contacted my Office to ask for arrangements to be made for the removal of the children. Mr. Clifford had gone to his mother's house and had allegedly assaulted her. Both Deborah and Marc were present at that time. Mr. Clifford was returned to his home by the Police and Mr. Brian Dingwall, Social Worker, and also to search for Pamela who would have been out of school at that time. An alleged breach of the peace took place within 24 Milnafua, and Mr. Clifford was arrested by the Police. Pamela was eventually traced to a neighbour, Mrs. Morgan, and removed. The children were taken into care under Section 15 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act. Deborah was placed with her grandfather, having refused to go to Lairg, as it would be away from her father. Marc and Pamela were placed with their respective foster parents in Helmsdale and Brora. Mr Clifford was kept in custody overnight and released on Saturday morning. He continued to drink over the week-end and unfortunately Marc and Pamela were returned home on Sunday evening. I was not aware of this until Monday morning when I checked on the situation. Deborah remained with her grandfather over the week-end and when I called at 10.a.m. to see Mr. Clifford he was still under the influence of alcohol. Eileen Blackstock, the children's mother was there. She too had been drinking but appeared more sober than Mr. Clifford. She admitted to having got the children off to school and it was apparent she had spent the night in the house. I explained that it would not be possible to leave the children whilst Mr. Clifford was drunk. In order to protect the children from unauthorised return or removal a Place of Safety Order was obtained in respect of Deborah, Marc and Pamela. Deborah is happy to remain with her grandfather. Pamela was returned to the care of Mr. & Mrs. Simpson, Brora, but Marc could not return to Mr. & Mrs. MacKay in Helmsdale because of various family difficulties. As a result the Department decided to place Marc with Mr. & Mrs. McKenzie, who also has the care of Vincent. It was felt helpful for Marc to be with his brother rather than go to a strange foster parent.

It is very clear that Mr. Clifford has not been able to cope with the problem of his drinking and on the occasions when he has had too much to drink, he himself is unable to care for his children, with much of the responsibility, I feel, being placed on Deborah to ensure that Marc and Pamela are looked after. I do not believe that this can continue and that Mr. Clifford must stop drinking altogether if he is to take on the caring of his children again.

Ron Taylor

Senior Social Worker,
Area Office,
Suie House,
Bridgend,
Alness.

16.5.84

MEMORANDUM

To SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER - ALNESS From Divisional Social Work Officer - DINGWALL

Your ref. Our ref. BB/EH Date 18.4.84

Please ask for Miss Barraclough

Clifford Family, 24 Milnafua, Alness

In view of the possibility that at some future date, these children may need again to be removed to the care of their respective foster families, can you confirm that the Foster Parent Assessments are continuing despite the fact that three children are now returned to the care of their father.

BB/

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Date 3.4.84

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Mr. R. Taylor, Senior Social Worker, Alness
Mr. M. Taylor, Social Worker, Dingwall
Senior Care Officer, Alness Children's Centre

Non-Accidental Injury and Child Abuse

I have arranged for the undernoted cases to be reviewed on Wednesday, April 11, at Coulpark Children's Centre, Alness, at the times stated. I do hope it will be convenient for you to attend.

[redacted]

[redacted]

4.00 p.m.	Deborah Clifford	(b. 13.12.71)	24 Milnafua, Alness
	Mark Clifford	(b. 17.12.74)	do.
	Pamela Clifford	(b. 23. 8.76)	do:
	Vincent Clifford	(b. 23. 6.70)	At present: [redacted]

[redacted]

Welfare

B Barraclough

Divisional Social Work Officer

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

DINGWALL DIVISION

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

to Report of 23.2.84.

NAME:	VINCENT CLIFFORD	DATE OF BIRTH:	23.6.70	AGE: 13
	DEBORAH CLIFFORD		13.12.71	12
	MARC CLIFFORD		17.12.74	9
ADDRESS:	PAMELA CLIFFORD	RELIGION:	23.8.76	7

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING: 29.2.1984 TIME: 12 noon PLACE: Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL: Review of the Supervision Requirement.

PREVIOUS REMARKS: See Previous Reports.

Since dictating my Report of 23.2.84 I wish to advise the Panel that I received information that Mr. Clifford had taken the children to the Commercial Hotel and the Golf Club on their visit of 19th February, 1984. There was no question in my mind when I collected the children that Mr. Clifford had in fact been drinking. I did not suspect this and he appeared entirely sober. However it is perhaps not an encouraging sign, given his problem with controlling his drinking. However he would appear to have managed to control his drinking in a much better way during the last two months. I would have been happy to recommend the return of the children to Mr. Clifford at that stage. However on my visit to him on the 24th of February I found him to be intoxicated and he admitted that he had been drinking heavily during that week. This drinking episode was sparked off by the very distressing situation which arose when I called to remove the children back to their foster placements after their visit on Sunday, 19th February, 1984. Deborah, in particular, was very upset, which in turn upset Mr. Clifford. However I did not feel I could cancel the proposed visit of the 25th of February by the children, provided Mr. Clifford was sober when I called with the children. This visit went much better and Mr. Clifford was warned that he should not take his children into licensed premises. It was not appropriate to warn him the previous day in view of his intoxicated condition. At that time he was extremely distressed, very depressed, and exclaimed that he missed the children very much. I do not believe that this was purely the emotions of a drunken man as, when he is sober, he does show he is also fond of the children.

Should the Panel recommend the return of the children (they have been in care now for almost 3 months) their return home will not be without some risk and the Social Work Department will be required to pay very close attention to the home situation. All four children have indicated quite a strong desire to return home to their Dad. There is little doubt however that they have very much improved and benefitted from their period with their foster parents.

28.2.84

Senior Social Worker
55a High Street,
Alness.

NON-ACCIDENTAL INJURY AND CHILD ABUSE - CASE CONFERENCE REVIEW - 11.4.84

Present:

Miss MacDougall, Nursing Officer
Mrs. Innes, Health Visitor
Mr. I. MacGregor, R.S.S.P.C.C.
Mr. R. F. Taylor, Senior Social Worker
Miss B. Barraclough, Co-ordinator

Apologies:

Dr. A. Jackson, Senior Medical Officer
Alness Medical Group

Parent:	George Clifford		24 Milnafua,Alness
Children:	Deborah "	(b. 13.12.71)	"
	Mark "	(b. 17.12.74)	"
	Pamela "	(b. 23. 8.76)	"
	Vincent "	(b. 23. 6.70)	c/o Foster Parents, [redacted]

Mr. Taylor recalled that at the initial Case Conference on 13.12.83, the 4 children were being car ed for separately by foster parents in Easter Ross and Sutherland having been removed from the care of their father on a Place of Safety Warrant on 6th December, 1983. The removal being necessary because Deborah, Mark and Pamela had been left unattended, Vincent being in the care of his father who was drunk.

A Children's Hearing Review was held on 29.2.84 at the request of Mr. Clifford the result being that Deborah, Mark and Pamela were allowed to return to the care of their father, but Vincent expr essed some reluctance and it was decided that he should remain with his foster parents meantime. Mr. Taylor explained that the three younger children all wished to return home, there was a great deal of affection between father and children and Mr. Clifford had constantly asked for the return of all 4 children. He had managed to reduce his drinking although separation from the children caused him distress and it was when under stress that he had resorted to drink on one or two occasions. The most recent occasion was when Vincent preferred to remain with the foster parents, and on one occasion had paid a brief visit home but spent most of the time with his grand-:parents.

In discussion it was acknowledged that although Mr. Clifford has made an attempt to curb his drinking he has not dispelled our fears of a relapse, and it was noted that the Children's Hearing indicated the need for close supervision. Mr. Taylor confirmed that his visits were frequent and although Mr. Clifford is caring well for the three children he remains upset that Vincent prefers to remain with the Fost er Parents. Deborah, Mark and Pamela have actually gone to stay for a short Easter Holiday with their respective Foster Parents - it was beneficial that they should visit at holiday periods as they have done for several years and more important now because if Mr. Clifford's drinking pattern should again deteriorate, then all the Foster Parents have agreed to take th children at a moment's notice.

Mr. MacGregor /

Mr. MacGregor had been involved in this case in the past and recalled that these children had seen much drinking and violence between mother and father - Mrs. Clifford still lives locally but there is only an occasional casual meeting and no meaningful contact.

Mrs. Innes felt that Mr. Clifford's drinking was indeed a problem and that the position of Vincent was worrying. Mr. Taylor said that Vincent had been under some pressure from his father and siblings to return home, but had been strong enough to refuse, and was unlikely to agree unless Mr. Clifford stopped drinking.

After further discussion the Case Conference agreed that all 4 children should remain on the Central Register of children at risk and agreed that the case would require to be monitored closely because of the uncertainty surrounding Mr. Clifford's ability to curb his drinking long-term.

It was agreed that a Review be held in 6 months' time unless any Agency should request an earlier date. Provisional date for Review - Wednesday, October 10 1984.

B Broadcroft

Divisional Social Work Officer

Dr. A. Jackson
Miss I. C. Urquhart
Mr. G. Spence
Constable [redacted]
Mr. I. MacGregor
Dr. Dolan
Mrs. J. Burns
Mr. S. Carnegie
N.A.I. File
Casefile

Please ask for Miss Barraclough Our ref BB/EH

Extension No 244 Your ref Date 13.3.84

CONFIDENTIAL

The Custodian,
N.A.I. Register,
Kinmylies Children's Centre,
INVERNESS.

Dear Sir,

Non-Accidental Injury and Child Abuse Register

Deborah Clifford (b. 13.12.71)
Mark Clifford (b. 17.12.74)
Pamela Clifford (b. 23. 8.76)

Please note that the above-named children have returned to the care of their father at 24 Milnafua, Alness. Please arrange to amend the record cards which were sent to you on 19.12.83.

Vincent Clifford (b. 23.6.70) remains in the care of [redacted]

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Social Work Officer

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Form No. SW1/4B

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL – SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

RECEIVED 5/3/84 Six-Monthly Review of a Child in Care

1. Name of Child ① Vincent ② Deborah ③ Mark ④ Pamela } Clifford 2. Date of Birth ① 23·6·70 ② 13·12·71 ③ 17·12·74 ④ 23·8·76

3. Home Address 24 Millbank [redacted]

4. Present Address ① [redacted] ② c/o Simpson, [redacted] Grove.

5. In care under Section 44.1.(c) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.

6. Date of Review: 28/2/84 7. Date of Previous Review: —

8. Number of visits since previous Review: See file

9. Behaviour of Child since previous Review: All children settled well in their respective foster placements. Debbie has however been the one who has perhaps been most upset by coming into care. She has clearly indicated she wishes to return to live with her father.

10 Any changes of importance since previous Review: The children visited father on Xmas Day, Debbie on 21/2/84, Vincent on 4/2/84, all 4 on 19/2/84 and 25/2/84. Review Panel scheduled for 29/2/84 – father wishing children returned. Children received into care largely because of fathers drinking. He has cut down on his drinking to a large extent but over last week went on "binge" again.

11. Date of last School Report: —

Recommendations/Observations from School Report:

Children settled well at school. F/Parents found big improvement especially with Pamela. Both Pamela & Mark get remedial educ.

12. Date of last Medical Report: FFI 6/12/84.
Recommendations/Observations from Medical Report:

- Since. Mark had heart murmur investigated by Dr Galloway: no evidence :- perfectly normal. However, testicles have not descended :. requires op. (See Dr Galloway letter)
Both Mark and Pamela have had eyes tested & will require specs.

13. Contact with parents/friends:

Visited father as above. Vincent/Deborah phone. Mark & Pamela at same school.

Form No. SW1/4B - (Continued)

14. Any recommendations since previous review: On 22/12/83 Childrens Panel recommended placement with their foste placements to allow father an opportunity to "sort himself out"
NAI C.C. of 13/12/84 placed children on NAI Register.

15. General Comments: These children are well liked and have a strong bond with their father. He is generally a good father when sober but has in the past drunk heavily. When drunk he can, I believe, be violent. Children very protective of their father and will not "tell tales" on him to me.
I understand he took children to Commercial Hotel and Golf Club on their visit of 19/2/84. He was not drunk when I collected children to return to Brora.

Signature Signed ..... Supervising Officer Date .....

16. Recommendations following the Review:
This situation is somewhat enigmatic. Father who most of the time cares quite well for his children who has a close bond with them takes to heavy drinking from time to time causing neglect, technical abandonment and verging on being violent. Since coming into care in early December 1983 the children have obviously settled well. This I feel is largely due to the work put in by the Social Worker in helping them keep contact with one another and with their father. Father for his part has decreased his drinking and now it would seem to be an almost chicken and egg situation. Drinking because of his depression - children being away? There is no doubt he and the children are affected by their absence from each other and this seems only to be made bearable for them by contact with each other, as stated above. There is little doubt that Mr Clifford will demonstrate his love for the children and they for him at the forthcoming Panel review. Should the Panel decide to return the children to him the situation will require to be closely monitored. The present foster parents', of all the children, have indicated their willingness to have the children stay on with them now, or if returned to their father, and the situation breaks down to have the children back at a moments notice.

The children are obviously well liked in their respective situations. They each enjoyy their present school situations better than the Alness Schools. I note the medical comments and trust that as and when children are returned to father, should these problems not be resolved, he will be kept aware of the need to follow medical advise on them. In review we were indeed to favour the view that Mr Clifford is showing that he is coming to terms with his drinking. He should understand that continued persistant drinking bouts such as he had in the past could lead to the possible permanent removal of the children.

I accept that we cannot make a firm recommendation to the Panel re the returning of the children at present but by the same token neither can we totally condemn this action.

Signed ..... Principal Social Worker. Date .....

Mary McKay,
Senior Social Worker,
Social Work Department, Woodlands, Dornoch.

Ron Taylor,
Senior Social Worker, Alness.

RT/SJC 7.3.84

Mr. Taylor

Re: Clifford Children.

I write to inform you that Marc, Pamela and Deborah Clifford appeared at the Children's Hearing in Dingwall on the 29th of February, 1984. The Children's Panel recommended their return to their home address at 24 Milnafua, Alness. Accordingly Marc Clifford was returned on Friday, 2nd March, Pamela Clifford was returned on the 4th of March, and Deborah Clifford returned on the 3rd of March. I enclose various reports and a copy of the In-Care Review for your information. It is likely that these children will spend holiday periods with the couples but not on a fostering basis. Should the situation break down at home it is likely we will use these three couples once again.

Senior Social Worker.

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Memorandum

To Divisional Officer,
Social Work Department,
Dingwall.

From Divisional Reporter,
Dingwall

Your ref

Our ref

Date 6.3.84

When writing or calling please ask for

PAMELA, DEBORAH & MARK CLIFFORD, 25 Milnafua, Alness

This is to inform you that at a Children's Hearing on 29.2.84 the supervision requirement/referral(s) against the above was ~~CONTINUED/TERMINATED~~/VARIED/~~DISCHARGED~~.

J Ann B R

Divisional Reporter.

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FORM 11

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Rule 22

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date) AT DINGWALL on the 29.2.84

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 22.12.83 to which

Pamela Clifford is subject, hereby require him/her* [to reside in

[to be under the supervision of

]*†

]*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 22.12.83 is hereby revoked.

ALEXANDER GLASS

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

11. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

12. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

3.
etc.

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

**Delete as appropriate*

REASONS Mr. Clifford has shown some improvement in controlling his drinking and the child requested that she should return home but a very strict monitoring of the home situation by the Social Work Department is necessary.

ALEXANDER GLASS.

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Please ask for Mr. Bailey Our ref JGB/WW/2/11/1/A

Extension No Your ref Date 27.2.84

Reporter to Children's Panel,
County Buildings,
Dingwall.

Dear Mrs. Burns,

REVIEW OF SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

I would be obliged if you would arrange a Review Hearing to be held in connection with the child whose particulars are appended.

I attach a brief report on the circumstances of the request.

Yours sincerely,

DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Enc.

Vincent Clifford, h/a 24 Milnafua, Alness
Deborah Clifford "
Marc Clifford "
Pamela Clifford "

c.c. Mr. R. Taylor, SSW, Alness

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

memorandum

from Divisional Reporter, Dingwall

to Divisional Officer, Social Work, Dingwall.

date 23.2.84

ref.

CLIFFORD FAMILY, 24 Milnafua, Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on Wednesday, 29.2.84 at 12 noon within the Education Centre, Castle Street, Dingwall.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 24.2.84

REPORTER.

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APPENDIX 1 Form SW2/3B

AUTHORISATION UNDER SECTION 37(2) OF THE SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1968, (AS AMENDED BY SECTION 83(2) OF THE CHILDREN ACT, 1975 and SCHEDULE 9 PARAGRAPH 42 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1975)[1]

Whereas information has this day been laid before me, one of her Majesty's Justices for the District of Ross & Cromarty

that a child,[2] namely Pamela CLIFFORD

of 24 Milnafua

* (a) in respect of whom an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975,[3] that is to say .....

has been or is believed to have been committed,

* (b) who is a member of the same household as a child in respect of whom an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975, that is to say .....

has been or is believed to have been committed,

* (c) who is, or is likely to become, a member of the same household as a person who has committed or is believed to have committed an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975, that is to say .....

* (d) in respect of whom an offence under section 21(1) of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937 has been or is believed to have been committed,

* (e) who is likely to be caused unnecessary suffering or serious impairment of health because there is,or is believed to be, in respect of the child a lack of parental care.

I hereby authorise Ron Taylor of Alness Social Work Dept to take the above mentioned child to a place of safety.[4]

Given under my hand this fourteenth day of May 1984

Signature .....

Justice for the District of David Wilson. Ross & Cromarty

*Delete whichever inapplicable.

See notes overleaf.

NOTES :–

1. **Detention of Children in Places of Safety, Section 37(2) (as amended)**

   A constable or any person authorised by any Court or by any Justice of the Peace may take to a place of safety any child :–

   (a) in respect of whom any of the offences mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975 has been or is believed to have been committed; or

   (b) who is a member of the same household as a child in respect of whom such an offence has been or is believed to have been committed, or

   (c) who is, or is likely to become, a member of the same household as a person who has committed or is believed to have committed such an offence; or

   (d) in respect of whom an offence under section 21(1) of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937 has been or is believed to have been committed; or

   (e) who is likely to be caused unnecessary suffering or serious impairment of health because there is, or is believed to be, in respect of the child a lack of parental care,

   and any child so taken to a place of safety or any child who has taken refuge in a place of safety may be detained there until arrangements can be made for him to be brought before a Children's Hearing under the following provisions of this Part of this Act; and, where a child is so detained, the constable or the person authorised as aforesaid or the occupier of the place of safety shall forthwith inform the reporter of the case;

2. **Definition of a child for the purpose of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968 Section 30(1)**

   (a) a child who has not attained the age of sixteen years.

   (b) a child over the age of sixteen years who has not attained the age of eighteen years and in respect of whom a supervision requirement of a Children's Hearing is in force under this Part of this Act;

   (c) a child whose case has been referred to a Children's Hearing in pursuance of Part V of this Act.

3. **Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1975**

   (a) Any offence under the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1885;

   (b) Any offence in respect of a child under the age of 17 years which constitutes the crime of incest;

   (c) Any offence under Section 12, 13, 14, 15, 22 or 33 of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937;

   (d) Any other offence involving bodily injury to a child under the age of 17 years.

4. **Definition of Place of Safety, Section 94**

   "Place of Safety" means any residential or other establishment provided by a local authority, a police station, or any hospital, surgery or other suitable place, the occupier of which is willing temporarily to receive a child.

FORM 15 **Rule 25**

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Warrant for detention under section 37(4) of the Act

(Place and date)

At Dingwall on 16.5.84.

A children's hearing for Highland Region

in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 37(4) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, [being satisfied that the further detention of Pamela Clifford 24.11.68 Inverness Place is necessary in his/her* own interest]* [having reason to believe that

will ~~run away during the investigation of his/her* case~~]* grant warrant for the detention of the said Pamela Clifford in a place of safety [chosen by the Local Authority

for the period from 16.5.84 to ~~16~~ 5.6.84 both days inclusive.

Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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from Divisional Reporter, Dingwall

to Divisional Officer, Social Work, Dingwall.

date 17.5.84.

ref.

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Mark, Deborah + Paula Clifford
24. Mill Ave. Alness.

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on Monday 28.5.84 at 8 pm within the Education Centre, Castle Street, Dingwall.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 24.5.84

J. Ann S. Burr

REPORTER.

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Please ask for Mr. Bailey Our ref JGB/WW/2/11/1/A

Extension No 320 Your ref Date 23.5.84

Reporter to Children's Panel,
County Buildings,
Dingwall.

Dear Mrs. Burns,

REVIEW OF SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

I would be obliged if you would arrange for a Review Hearing to be held in connection with the child whose particulars are appended.

I attach a brief report on the circumstances of the case.

Yours sincerely,

M. Regan

pp DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Enc.

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David Sanderson, 46 Teaninich Street, Alness
Gordon McDonald, 43 Darroch Brae, Alness
Frank Rigg, c/o Coulpark Children's Centre, Alness
Deborah, Marc and Pamela Clifford, 24 Milnafua, Alness

c.c. Senior Social Worker, Alness

MINUTE of ABANDONMENT

by

JANET SUSAN BURNS
Reporter to the Highland Region

in the case of
PAMELA CLIFFORD

24 Milnafua, Alness

I HEREBY INTIMATE to the Court under Rule 7 of the Act of Sederunt (Social Work) Sheriff Court Procedure Rules 1971 that I am abandoning this application under section 42 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 to establish the grounds of referral I humbly request the Court to discharge the referral.

REPORTER

FORM 11

Rule 22

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(*Place and date*) AT DINGWALL on the 28.5.84

A children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division)

[by way of variation of and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 29.2.84 to which

Pamela Clifford is subject, hereby require him/her* [to reside]

[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council]*†
]*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 29.2.84 is hereby revoked.

M.M. ROSCROW

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

11. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

12. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.

3. etc. 1. The child is to reside with Mr. & Mrs. D. Simpson, [redacted] Brora who are to act as foster parents but she may visit her father at the discretion of the supervising social worker.

M.M. ROSCROW

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

**Delete as appropriate*

REASONS While Mr. Clifford is having treatment from the doctor it is better he remain with foster parents until Mr. Clifford is fit enough to look after him.

M.M. ROSCROW

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Memorandum

To Divisional Officer,
Social Work Department,
Dingwall.

From Divisional Reporter,
Dingwall

Your ref

Our ref

Date 29.5.84

When writing or calling please ask for

CLIFFORD FAMILY, 24 Milnafua, Alness

This is to inform you that at a Children's Hearing on 28.5.84 the supervision requirement/referral(s) against the above was ~~CONTINUED/TERMINATED~~/VARIED/~~DISCHARGED~~.

Divisional Reporter.

No new referral have been abandoned?

J.S.B.

Highland

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Memorandum

To Divisional Officer,
Social Work Department,
Dingwall.

From Divisional Reporter,
Dingwall

Your ref

Our ref

Date 2.10.84

When writing or calling please ask for

Clifton Family
24. Milnafua Alness.

This is to inform you that at a Children's Hearing on the supervision requirement/referral(s) against the above was CONTINUED/~~TERMINATED/VARIED/DISCHARGED~~.

J Saunders Burn

Divisional Reporter.

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REASONS FOR CONTINUATION OF SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT DATED 11.10.84

The home circumstances have not changed sufficiently to merit any change in the supervision requirments. The father must prove that he has overcome his drinking problem before any thought can be given to returning the children to him.

M.M. ROSCROW.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

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memorandum

from Divisional Reporter, Dingwall

to Divisional Officer, Social Work, Dingwall.

date 3.12.84

ref.

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
ALNESS
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PAMELA CLIFFORD formerly of 21 Milnafua, Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on Wednesday, 19.12.84 at 10.30 a.m. ✓ Noted within the Education Centre, Castle Street, Dingwall.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by

Janet S. Murray

REPORTER.

Order Varied - reside with new foster parents

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

memorandum

from Divisional Reporter, Dingwall

to Divisional Officer, Social Work, Dingwall.

date 25.9.84

ref.

CLIFFORD FAMILY, 24 Milnafua, Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on Thursday, 11.10.84 at ~~11 a.m.~~ 10.30 a.m. within the Education Centre, Castle Street, Dingwall.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 5.10.84.

REPORTER.

FORM 4A

Rule 15

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Form of statement by reporter of grounds for the referral of a case to a children's hearing

(Conditions in section 32(2) (e) to (g) of the Act)

(Name and address of child) PAMELA CLIFFORD, born 23.8.76
residing at 2 Milnafua, Inverness

is being referred to a children's hearing for Highland Region (Ross & Cromarty Division) on the grounds of the following conditions:—

~~that he/she has failed to attend school without reasonable excuse~~
that the lack of parental care is likely to cause the said Pamela Clifford unnecessary suffering or seriously to impair her health or development.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

SEE SEPARATE SHEET

(Address of Reporter)
C/o County Buildings,
Dingwall.

date 15.2.81

~~*Reporter/Officer of the Reporter*~~

NOTES

At the children's hearing the child or his parents may or may not accept the grounds for bringing the child before the hearing. If the grounds are accepted by the child, and his parents, if present, the children's hearing will discuss and consider with the child and his parents what is best for the child. If any of the grounds are not accepted, the hearing may either discharge the referral or direct the reporter to refer to the sheriff for a decision as to whether or not any of the grounds exist. If this happens the child will have to appear before the sheriff at a later date. If the sheriff decides that any of the grounds do exist the children's hearing will then discuss and consider what is best for the child, as if these grounds had been accepted. If the sheriff decides that no grounds exist, the referral will be discharged.

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Mark amilton Clifford, Deborah Eileen Clifford

1. and Pamela Clifford lives with their father Mr. George Clifford at 24 Milnafua, Alness. Mr. Clifford is solely responsible for the care of his children as their mother has not lived in the household for a number of years. They have been subject to compulsory measures of care since 2nd November 1978. The children were recently returned to his care by a supervision requirement dated 29th February, 1984.

2. Since 29th February 1984 Mr. Clifford has still continued to drink alcohol sometimes to excess. On Friday, 11th May 1984 he appeared at the Social Work Office, Alness, under the influence of alcohol. Later he was involved in a disturbance at the house of his mother at 13 Market Square, Alness ~~which resulted in violence~~. The said Mark and Deborah were present in the house at the time.

3. Later on the 11th May 1984 at his own house at 24 Milnafua, Alness, the said Mr. Clifford was so much under the influence of alcohol as to be incapable of caring for his children or even being capable of making proper arrangements for their care and protection. He was arrested for breach of the peace. Therefore Mark, Deborah and Pamela were taken into care under section 15 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

4. About 10 a.m. on Monday, 14th May, 1984, once again the said Mr. Clifford was so much under the influence of alcohol as to be incapable of caring for his children or being able to make proper arrangements for their care and protection.

Which leads to the conclusion that the lack of parental care is likely to cause the said Pamela Clifford unnecessary suffering or seriously to impair her health or development.

Miss B. Barraclough,
Divisional Social Work Officer.

Mr. Ron Taylor,
Senior Social Worker.

RT/SJG 4.6.84

Mr. Taylor.

Re: Mr. & Mrs. D. Simpson, [redacted], Brora.

On placing Pamela Clifford with Mr. & Mrs. Simpson on 11th May, 1984 Mr. Simpson brought up the question of expenses for attending Children's Panel on 29th February, when the children were returned to Mr. Clifford. Mr. Simpson had to take the day off work to attend the Panel and as a result he lost £35 in wages. He placed a claim for travelling expenses, subsistence and loss of wages, with the Reporter's Department but he told me that only ' avelling expenses and subsistence was paid. I checked this matter with Janet Burns, who told me that her Department would not meet the cost of loss of wages. Had he been cited to a Sheriff Court then loss of wages could have been taken into consideration. It was quite important that both Mr. & Mrs. Simpson attend that particular Panel on the 29th of February. I wonder therefore if a payment could be made to Mr. Simpson to cover his loss of wages.

Pamela is also to attend the Brownie Camp from 29th June to 4th July, at a cost of £16. This is to be held at Nethybridge Outdoor Centre. I would be grateful if the cost of the camp can be forwarded to Mr. & Mrs. Simpson.

Pl..se also find enclosed receipt for three pairs of socks and two vests, amounting to £5.70. I would be grateful if Mrs. Simpson could also be reimbursed this amount.

Senior Social Worker.

Posted 1ST
15/5/84

Divisional Social Work Officer,
Dingwall.

Ron Taylor,
Senior Social Worker.

RT/SJG 15.5.84

Mr. Taylor.

Re:The Clifford Children.

Please find attached Change of Circumstance Forms in respect of Deborah, Marc and Pamela Clifford.

These children were taken into care under Section 15 on Friday, 11th May, 1984.

Deborah was placed in the care of her grandfather, Mr. A. Henderson, 89 Shillinghill, Alness. Marc [redacted] and Pamela with Mr. & Mrs. D. Simpson, [redacted] Brora.

Marc and Pamela were returned home on Sunday evening 13.5.84 and them removed by Place of Safety on 14.5.84. Pamela was returned to Mr. & Mrs. Simpson and Marc [redacted]

I would be grateful if you could arrange for fostering payments to be made to:-

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]
3. Mr. & Mrs. D. Simpson in respect of Pamela for periods 11.5.84 - 13.5.84 and from 14.5.84.
4. It is likely that Deborah will remain in the care of her grandfather. Would it be possible to pay fostering allowances as he is retired? This would perhaps require discussion.

Senior Social Worker.

xxxxxxxxx 16 Bridge Street

Mrs Godfrey PPL/DC/DMB

281 28.3.84

Mrs Simpson
[redacted]
Brora

Dear Mrs Simpson

We haveereceived information from our Dingwall Office indicating that Pamela Clifford was discharged home on 4th March, 1984.

Foster allowances are paid one week in arrears and one week in advance, and the last payment was issued to you on 1.3.84 to cover the dperiod 27.2.84-11.3.84. This means an overpayment of £26.74 (i.e. 8 days) is due to be recovered by Highland Regional Council.

Will you please let me know if you have any queries regarding this repayment by 9th April, 1984. An account will be issued to you after that date.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

Paul P. Lee
Divisional Social Work Officer

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

BASIC INFORMATION

CLIENT (Individual or Family): Pamela Clifford

Client Reference No. 22/000021/03

ADDRESS: 24 Milnafua Aless.

D.O.B./Age 23.8.76.

Telephone No.

HOUSEHOLD (or Client, if family)	Relationship	School/Work	D.o.B./Age
George Clifford	Father		
Mose Clifford.	Brother		17/12/74.

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS Relatives, Friends & Social Services Staff	Relationship (or position)	Address	Telephone
Elaine	Mother.		
Vincent Clifford	Brother.	c/o [redacted]	Balemore
Deboral Clifford	Sister.	89 Shillinghill Aness.	
Mr. Henderson	G/Father	89 Shillinghill. Aless.	
Mrs. Clifford	G/mother	Market Square. Aless.	

OTHER AGENCIES	Contact Person	Address	Telephone
Bill Forbes	S.W.	Aless	882609

Legal Order or Register

Date	Update	Update	Update

Grandmother | Grandfather | Grandmother | Grandfather | Grandmother | Grandfather

Grandmother | Grandfather | Grandmother | Grandfather

Father | Mother

Brother | Sister | (CLIENT) Name: Address: | Brother | Sister

Child | Child | Child | Child

Child | Child | Child | Child

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES FORM

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY		CHILDREN		HANDICAPPED		OTHER	
Residential	☐	Residential	☑	Residential	☐	Probation	☐
Community	☐	Foster Care	☐	Day Care	☐	Supervision	☐
Day Care	☐	Community Carer	☐			Home Help	☐
		Day Care	☐			.....	☐
Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐
Long Term	☐	Long Term	☑	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐

Full Name PAMELA CLIFFORD

Present Address* COULPARK CHILDRENS CENTRE ALNESS

New Address* [redacted] INVERGORDON

Statutory Condition Imposed .....

Name of Doctor ALNESS BALTIC CENTRE

D.O.B. 23/8/76

Case Ref. .....

School Attended (Children only) .....

To .....

Date of Change 30/8/92

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete)		EFFECTIVE DATE
Stop	☐	.....
Start	☐	.....
Amend Register	☐	.....

Reason .....

Name of FP/CC .....

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete)		EFFECTIVE DATE
Admission	☐	.....
Discharge	☐	.....
Temp. Change	☐	30/8/92

Reason EMMT NOW OFF SUSPENSION AND MOVED TO SUPPORT-D LODGINGS

Establishment COULPARK CHILDRENS CENTRE

Financial Assessment Attached ☐ DHSS Supplement applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken ..... Effective Date .....

Reason .....

Signed ..... Date 2/9/92

Authorised ..... Date 2/9/92

OFFICE Action taken .....

Documentation completed by ..... Date .....

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES FORM

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY		CHILDREN		HANDICAPPED		OTHER	
Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Probation	☐
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Day Care	☐	Community Carer	☐			Home Help	☐
		Day Care	☐				☐
Short Term	☐	Short Term	☑	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐
Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐

Full Name PAMELA CLIFFORD

Present Address* 1 COULPARK CHILDRENS CENTRE ALNESS

New Address* C/o MR & MRS SIMPSON [redacted] BRORA

Statutory Condition Imposed S. 44 1 (b)

Name of Doctor ALNESS PRACTICE

D.O.B. 23/8/76

Case Ref.

School Attended (Children only) LEFT SCHOOL WAS BAIDGEND CENTRE

To

Date of Change 20/3/92

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Stop ☐ 22/3/92

Start ☑ 20/3/92

Amend Register ☐

Reason CHILD SPENDING WEEKEND WITH PREVIOUS FOSTER PARENTS

Name of FP/CC MR & MRS SIMPSON

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Admission ☐

Discharge ☐

Temp. Change ☐

Reason

Establishment

Financial Assessment Attached ☐ DHSS Supplement applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken Effective Date

Reason

Signed Date 28/8/92

Authorised Date

OFFICE Action taken

Documentation completed by Date

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME: PAMELA CLIFFORD DATE OF BIRTH: 23:8:76 AGE: 16

ADDRESS: RELIGION:

Coulpark Children's Centre, Alness

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING:	TIME:	PLACE:
26th August, 1992	10 a.m.	Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL:

Review at the Request of the Social Work Department

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES:

See Previous Reports

Supervision Terminated

Pamela was admitted to Coulpark Children's Centre in October last year, it being felt at that time that she was under considerable stress while residing at home and that her needs would best be met by remaining within Coulpark Children's Centre. While Mr. Clifford was very much against this decision, I feel that the progress Pamela has made is proof that the decision was the right one.

During her time in Coulpark Pamela has kept quite regular contact with her family, including her father, it being she who tends to visit the family home as Mr. Clifford does not wish to visit Coulpark. Pamela clearly maintains a close bond with her father and has thus found herself pulled in different directions. On the one hand she is worried about his wellbeing and wishing to ensure he is okay, while on the other realising that her own wellbeing is perhaps best met from within Coulpark.

It is the opinion of many, including myself, the staff at Coulpark, her teacher from Bridgend and her present employees, that Pamela has made excellent progress. Nevertheless I am aware that Pamela is never fully comfortable with meetings and so the Panel members may not see this progress in the way that we know it has taken place.

At the time of this meeting Pamela has now turned 16 years of age. Whilst I do not believe it is always appropriate for children to leave care at this time, it is my belief that Pamela has now reached the stage where she is ready to move on. Pamela herself is very eager to do so. It is our intention that Pamela move into supported lodgings in Invergordon. This, I would hope, would give her the base to develop further independence while knowing that there is support at hand for anything she may require. Invergordon is also close enough for Pamela to maintain links with her family and the staff at Coulpark. Pamela also has a sister in Invergordon whom she is close to.

I understand that Mr. Clifford will not be happy about Pamela making such a move and would prefer his daughter to return home. I would hope that Mr. Clifford could realise that Pamela has now reached an age where she requires to take the first step towards making an independent life for herself. I do not believe this will mean that Pamela will lose contact with her family and indeed I believe that if Mr. Clifford can let go of Pamela I feel the relationship between himself and his daughter may in fact grow.

It is therefore my recommendation that Pamela's Supervision Order be terminated so that she may leave Coulpark Children's Centre. I am quite certain that the relationship Pamela has with our Department, in particular her Keyworker at Coulpark, will continue once Pamela has left care.

Paul Meechan

18th August, 1992

SW1/4B (Amended)

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

PERIODIC REVIEW

NOTE - Complete questions 1 - 18 prior to Review

1. **Name of Child** PAMELA CLIFFORD 2. **Date of Birth** 23.8.76

3. **Address of Parents**
Father: George Clifford, 24 Milnafua, Alness
Mother: Eileen Henderson, 89 Shillinghill, Alness

4. **Present Address of Child** Coulpark Children's Centre, Alness

5. **Legal Position/Section under which Child is in Care**
Section 44 1 (b) - Residential Supervision

6. **Date of Admission into Care** 4.11.91

7. **Date of Review** 22.5.92 8. **Date of Previous Review** 4.11.91

9. **Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate)**

1. Review agreed that access to Mr Clifford by his daughter would be facilitated by Coulpark on a regular time limited basis, based on the criteria that conditions at home were suitable.

2. It was made known to Mr Clifford that he would be made welcome at Coulpark, however he declined, expressed his discomfort at visiting such places.

3. Mr Clifford asked if an overnight stay for Pamela could be arranged at Christmas. He was assured that as with other visits, if all was well, this would be arranged.

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10. **Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Child since previous Review/Reception into care**

I have seen Pammy approximately every two to three weeks. I have also liaised closely with Coulpark Staff and Bridgend Education Unit to see how Pammy is doing.

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11. **Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Family since previous Review/Reception into care**

I have not had particularly close contact with Mr Clifford or Miss Henderson. I have visited Mr Clifford's home on a few occasions and likewise Mr Clifford has himself come to this office a number of times. I have also had some contact with Miss Henderson to discuss how she feels Pammy is doing and what is the best way forward.

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12. **Present situation with Family since Reception into Care/Last Review (full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family - substantiate if Care of Child cannot be assumed by them).**

As stated, I have had some contact with Pammy's mother, Miss Henderson. Miss Henderson continues to see Pammy regularly with this relationship appearing positive. However, due to accommodation difficulties, it does not appear likely that Miss Henderson would be able to offer Pammy a home were Pammy to leave Coulpark in the near future.

Mr Clifford has stated continually that he would wish Pammy to return home. He has been honest with myself and it is clear that there are times when Mr Clifford will continue to drink heavily, whilst at other times he will be more in control of his drinking.

It is clear that Pammy and her father have a close relationship. Pammy has maintained contact with her father, visiting him at the family home. Pammy appears to enjoy the contact she has with her father and on the occasions when Mr Clifford may have had too much to drink, Pammy tends to come straight back out of the house and go back to Coulpark. Pammy has been able to display this responsibility frequently.

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13. **Present situation of Child since Reception into Care/Last Review (including schooling, health behaviour, religious upbringing, etc)**

Prior to Pammy going to Coulpark, there were concerns that she was under a great deal of strain. She was regarded frequently as a child at breaking point. From visiting Pammy and seeing how she relates with the Coulpark Staff, particularly her Key Worker, Ann Peat, I have no doubts in my own mind that Pammy is a happier and more settled young lady. She gives no particular difficulties to the staff and as stated, has shown a great degree of responsibility in maintaining access with her parents whilst looking after herself. Pammy's own self confidence has increased and at this moment, we would be positive about her ability to cope and turn to help should she need it in the future.

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As stated, Pammy has progressed very well within Bridgend Education Unit. She has taken part in a work experience programme based at St. Clements School in Dingwall and Isobel Rhind Centre, Invergordon. The reports, I believe, from these establishments have been excellent.

I do not believe there are any concerns with regard to Pamela's health.

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14. Contact between Parents and Child (how have access arrangements operated; what requires changing)

At this moment in time, Pammy maintains contact with both her mother and father. Pammy herself has developed the self confidence and responsibility to be able to manage these situations herself and if she feels it is not appropriate to visit, she will not do so. To date there has been one overnight visit to Pammy's father, this at Christmas. This, I understand, went well. At the time of writing no further overnight visits have taken place.

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15. Areas of Concern (if any)

(a) Family

No particular concerns, noted though that Mr Clifford would still wish for Pammy to leave care and return to him.

(b) Child

No concerns at present with regard to Pammy. Indeed everyone is very positive with regard to her.

(c) Substitute Family

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16. Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies)

Pamela has now been in Coulpark for approximately six months. This period of time appears to have gone very well, with Pamela developing a very close relationship with the staff, whilst still maintaining contact with her parents. We are aware that at some point in the future Pammy will have to move on to alternative accommodation. Whilst not disregarding the close relationship between Pammy and her father, I feel that for Pammy to return to Mr Clifford, the relationship they have between them just now, would be put under further strain. Whilst Mr Clifford cares deeply for his daughter, he is, I believe, going to continue to drink and whilst this may be controlled at times, there are going to be occasions when/

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when this does become excessive. Pamela also maintains a close relationship with her mother; however as stated, due to accommodation difficulties, it is not felt that there would be space available for Pamela when she leaves care. I myself would prefer to see Pamela moving onto supported accommodation, either through supported lodgings or a community care placement so that Pammy can develop further independence whilst maintaining links with her parents and just as importantly, the staff at Coulpark. I understand that Mr Clifford will not agree with my recommendations. I am also not entirely certain what Pammy herself may wish for the future. I am also aware that it may be difficult for her to make this clear as she would not wish to hurt any one close to her.

17. General Comments and Recommendations (access; long-term planning including changes in legal status; rehabilitation)

18. Invited to attended Review

Pamela Clifford
Mr Clifford
Eileen Henderson
Coulpark Staff
Leslie Martin, Reviewing Officer
Paul Meechan, Social Worker
Stuart Marquis, Area Team Leader
Jane English, Educational Psychologist
Jill Thompson, Bridgend Unit.

Signed .....

Designation Social Worker.....

Date 15 May 1992.....

Highland Regional Council

Social Work Dept.

Alness Neighbourhood Childrens Centre

Report for ~~Panel~~ / ~~Case Conference~~ / Review:

To be held on 22/5/92 ..... at: (a) Venue Coulpark C.C. .....

(b) Time 2pm .....

Name Pamela Clifford

D.O.B. 23/8/76

Address Coulpark Childrens Centre, Coulpark, Alness

D.O.A. 23/10/91

Statute Section 44 1 (b) Social Work Scotland Act 1968.

Date of Last ~~Panel~~ / ~~Case Conference~~ / Review 4/11/1991

Period covered by this Report: From 4/11/91 to 22/5/92

Keyworker Ann Peat

Field Social Worker Paul Meechan

PAMELA CLIFFORD

BACKGROUND.

Pamela was admitted to Coulpark on 23.10.91. At the time of her admission, Pammy presented as a noisy, boisterous, giggly young girl. Often this was attention seeking, but could possibly be Pammys' normal behaviour through interaction with her brothers and cousins. The impression given was of immaturity in her relationships with her peer group. Her attitude to staff at first could be disruptive, abusive, argumentative and challenging.

Pamela exibited poor standards of personal hygiene and dress sense, tending to wear only dark, 'covering up' clothes, denying her femininity.

There were no marked food preferences or adversions exibited and Pamela's table manners were good. Although reluctant to go to bed at nights, Pamela slept soundly and was not difficult to arouse in the mornings.

Pamela's health gave us, as a staff group, cause for concern. Frequent sore tummies, and sore heads, being reported to us. After appointments at the local health centre, these problems were diagnosed as Irritable Bowel Syndrome, probably arising from Pamela internalising stress.

Pamela visited both her parents' homes frequently after her admission, appearing constantly concerned over Dad's well- being, while she was unable to 'look after' him.

Reports from Bridgend Education Unit indicate that Pamela, at the time of her admission to Coulpark, was unsettled and discontened in class. She could often be awkward, abusive, and very stubborn.

The overall picture at the beginning of her stay with us, showed that we would have to give Pammy firstly, space, within a caring structured enviroment, to allow her to mature without having to shoulder misplaced guilt and responsibility for her Dad.

Secondly, to allow her to identify her own needs, as separate from those of her father and make decisions accordingly.

Thirdly, considerable input was seen to be necessary from female staff on personal development, a female influnce having been missing from Pammmy's life for a long period, and lastly, assistance to identify realistic possibilities for the future for living and working.

BEHAVIOR and PERSONALITY.

Within the first month of Pammy's stay with us, we noticed as a staff group, a dramatic change in Pammy's behaviour and personality which has been ongoing over the past five months. Pammy was still loud, and can be to this day, sometimes causing friction within her peer group, but she is more controlled, exibiting behaviour more in keeping with her age.

Pammy still, on occasions, challenges the authority of the staff, but in a more appropriate manner, and if reprimanded and the issues are worked through with her, she now accepts and understands the reasons for this.

As time went on, Pammy presented fewer behavioural problems within the centre. She has become a happy and chatty young lady who relates, on the whole, in a much more mature way to the other residents, and her relationships with the staff are warm and friendly while still showing due respect.
However it must be said that on two occasions, while resident in Coulpark, Pammy absconded in the company of others. Pammy showed a distinct lack of responsibility for herself and the younger children in the party. On her return she showed little remorse and considerable beligerance.

Pammy has many friends and relatives outwith the centre with whom she spends time and she enjoys swimming, skating, keepfit, and other group activities with Coulpark residents, bringing fun and exuberance to these occasions.

HEALTH and HYGIENE.

Pammy is still experiencing health problems relating to her stomach, but is taking medication on a regular basis, albeit when reminded by staff.

Pammy over the past six months has begun to develop more of an intrest in her hair and dress. No longer does she hide behind a fringe , but styles her hair more becomingly, although is still embarrassed by compliments on same.
Brighter and more femmine clothes have been adopted and after being taken to task several times at the beginning of her stay, now cares adequately for her own clothes, with a degree of skill appropriate to her age.
Her bedroom is kept relatively tidy, usual teenage clutter, but this has come about after continious badgering and monitoring by female staff.

FAMILY CONTACT.

Pammy pays almost daily visits to Mum's home, usually on her way to school. These are of very short duration, and do not appear to have increased the committment one has to the other.

Pammy began by making daily visits to Dad, by mutual agreement, when she first arrived in Coulpark. The frequency of these visits very soon lessened, with Pammy visiting often only twice per week, once she settled in Coulpark./

/in Coulpark.
Pammy still asks to visit Dad regularly, but requests to be accompanied by a member of staff, this to facilitate leaving immediately, if the situation there is one that Pammy finds hard to cope with, ie, her father being inebriated or the presence of friends of her fathers' with whom she feels uncomfortable. This being the case on numerous occasions, means that Pammy has only spent very short periods of time visiting her father.

SCHOOL.

At the beginning of this week, Pammy had an educational review. This was her final review, as Pammy leaves school on the 29th of May. The difference between now and six months ago was very marked. Pammy is reported as being more settled and mature.
Pammy undertook four weeks work experience, all her own choice, including a nursery and an adult training centre for the mentally handicapped, and a school for handicapped children. The reports from her placements were excellent, with Pammy relating well with both staff and clients.
Pammy attended an interview for an Initial Training course, which she handled sensibly and maturely, being offered a place on the scheme, hopefully with handicapped children, which is Pammys' first choice.

CONCLUSION.

Pammy has matured greatly since her admission to Coulpark, and is now more able to look at her own needs and future in a realistic manner.
We would hope to see Pammy leaving school and settled into her Initial Training scheme while still having the caring structure of Coulpark around her. Starting work will be a big step and input from staff will be necessary to help her cope with both the emotional and physical adjustments to be made. Also to help Pammy with budgeting and other life skills to prepare her for the future.
Over the past two weeks there has been a deterioration in Pammy's behaviour, this perhaps due to her feeling emotionally and physically insecure over the next step in her life.

We would hope to identfy supportive lodgings for Pammy. This as a transition stage between being in care and being fully independent. This caring support would allow Pammy to further develop and mature without pressure from, or responsibility for her family.
Obviously during this phase, Coulpark staff would also be supportive and we would hope that our relationship with Pammy would enable her to contact us should she require direct help or just someone to listen to.

Ann Peat (Keyworker),
Coulpark Childrens Centre,
22nd May 1992.

19. **Date of Review** 22.5.92

Location Coull Park Children's Centre, Alness

Chairperson Mrs. Leslie Martin, Reviewing Officer(Children's Services - North)

Names and Designations of those attending

Pamela Clifford, Subject
Eileen Henderson, Mother
Paul Meechan, Social Worker, Alness
Ann Peat, Keyworker, Coull Park, Alness
Jill Thomson, Teacher, Bridgend Unit
Marie MacIntosh, Senior Care Officer, Coull Park, Alness

Invited but unable to attend

Mr. Clifford, father
Jane English, Educational Psychologist

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20. **Summary of Discussion**

Written reports were provided by Paul and Ann.

Paul explained that he had taken over from Bill Forbes as Pamela's social worker in November, 1991 after the last review. His main focus has been to link with Pammy, her family and staff at Coull Park. The social work decision for Pammy to come into care had been uncomfortable for her but the improvement to her situation justified it. She had been under a lot of stress while at home with her Dad. Pammy has progressed really well during the past 6 months, and is much more relaxed and self-confident. Ann credited Pammy for working hard on change, and accepting help from staff at Coull Park and at school. It was also noted that it was a good support to Pammy to be able to see her Mum every day.

Jill explained that at a recent interview for training Pammy had presented exceptionally well. She had already made an excellent impression at her work placements from school. Pammy has been accepted for initial training to start in 2 weeks and is hopeful of being accepted for the 2 years Caring Scheme with a placement at Isobel Rhind Centre or St. Clements, or perhaps the Corbett Cen tre, Inverness.

After detailed discussion, it was agreed that supported lodgings in the area would be investigated, in preparation for the time when Pammy feels ready to move on from Coull Park. Any move would be carefully timed and Coull Park would continue to provide support, as would the Bridgend Unit. Pammy would need to feel settled in her training programme before contemplating leaving Coull Park. However, it's possible a move could be affected within 6 months and if this is the case it was felt that a recommendation be made to the Children's Hearing for her discharge from care.

Pammy is in good general health now but has a chronic condition which causes her stomach pain at times. She has medication to take and has advice on diet.

(1) Placement at Coull Park to continue for time being.

(2) Paul to explore placements and funding for supported lodgings and liaise with Coull Park on timing of the move.

(3) In the event of a placementbeing found links with Coull Park could be maintained and a recommendation made to the Children's Hearing for discharge of supervision order.

(4) Review in 6 months if Pammy has not left care by then.

letter sent to each parent. 11.6.92

Access Form 'O' completed? ☐ Yes ☑ No

Chairperson of Review Meeting ..... Leslie Martin ..... 11.6.92.

Designation Reviewing Officer (Children's Services - North), Wick

Date ... 11.6.92 .....

Principal Officer ..... Ron Taylor .....

Date ..... 11.6.92 .....

COULPARK CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Name Pamela Clifford D.O.B. 23/8/76

Keyworker Ann Peat. Field Social Worker Paul Meechan

Overall Objective To give Pammy space within a caring structure to allow her mature without having to shoulder guilt and responsibility for Dad.

Presenting problems at time of/identified since admission

Inability to identifyher own needs as separate from that of father and to make decisions accordingly.

Identified needs

Explore possibilitiesfor living arrangements i.e. supportive lodgings for when Pammy reaches 16., also identify same and effect an introduction as soon as possible.

Access/Home leave arrangements

Daily access is allowed/to mother. Access to father at present has to be supervised, i.e. checked that dad is able to take on the responsibilty for Pammy during a visit.

Expectations of other agencies

Social worker to liase with Coulpark Pamela and parents
" " to identify supportive lodgings and arrange an introduction.
Contact to be maintained between Coulpark and Y.T.S.

Needs identified but unable to be met in present setting

Immense female input to encourage Pammy to be more feminine e. g. hair do's clothes etc.can be met in part.
Need for independence which we cannot provide in full but will we will continue to offer informal support.

Strategy.

Look in depth with Pammy at her future, helping her to prepare for when she is 16.
A lot of work to be done to improve Pammy's self image.
Encourage Pammy to be more feminine.
Give her support and encouragement at work.
Give her every opportunity to make decisions for herself and ensure she knows of our continued support through any possible consequences of these decisions i.e. risk taking.

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

TEACHER'S ASSESSMENT

PUPIL'S NAME: Pamela Clifford

DATE OF ADMISSION: 4th June 1991

DATE OF REVIEW: Tuesday 19th May at 12.30 p.m.

1. PUPIL'S GENERAL ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOUR.

Pam has really been enjoying all her work placements - 4 weeks altogether - and all her own choice. As can be seen from the reports, she has done extremely well. In the couple of weeks she has been at the Centre since her last review, Pam continues to act in a much more settled and mature manner. She is generally quite happy with her lot.

2. DIFFICULTIES NOTED AND STRATEGIES UNDERTAKEN.

Pam has made an effort to be tidier, hopefully the need for it in her work placements will reinforce this.

Pams other difficulty of not doing a task until she is ready will also hopefully have been helped by the need for her to accept orders at work.

3. SPECIAL AREAS OF INTEREST, ENJOYMENT OR ABILITY.

Pam, as always, enjoys baking, art work, computer and writing out notes from a book!.
After each work placement, Pam says she enjoyed it more than the last! She has been to a nursery, an adult training centre and a school for handicapped children. There is a definite leaning towards handicapped children. She enjoyed being able to do so much with and for them.

4. PUPIL'S ABILITY TO RELATE TO OTHERS.

Pam has done really well in all her placements. She obviously got on with staff and children alike.
There has been an obvious improvement in her relationships in the Centre. She recently had a bone to pick with our youngest member of the group. She clearly stated her feelings, without shouting or pointing the famous finger and let the matter drop right away. What a change!

5. TICK IF PUPIL HAS MANAGED TO:-

- ✓ Attend regularly 31/32 Pams attendance and time keeping are excellent.
- ✓ Be on time
- ✓ Get on with teacher Pam is relaxed and easy nowadays - even showing and accepting affection!
- ✓ Get on with other pupils Most of the time but Pam always calls the tune.
- ✓ Be easy to get on with Great improvement.
- ✓ Be generally helpful More so nowadays. Doesn't stall so much if asked to do something.
- ✓ Usually do best possible work If the work set suits her!
- ✓ Accept criticism
- ✓ Earn fair amount of praise Lots of it from all the work experience placements.
- ✓ Gain confidence Improving. To Pams credit she has entered 3 unknown work placements recently and been very nervous but coped well.
- ✓ Enjoy time at the Centre
- ✓ Concentrate If the task is of Pams choice and obvious interest.
- ✓ Feel happier with ~~him~~/herself Pam is looking forward to leaving and starting the I.T course. She sees Mum, Dad, has a different boy-friend, is enjoying all the work experience and smiling lots.

6. INDIVIDUAL WORK PROGRAMME

One to one session: Computer or baking.

Maths: } I have only seen Pam for 2 weeks since the last review. A small amount of work has been done out of Real Life maths and Real Life Reading.
English: }

Personal/Social Development: Pam has spent a week at the Isobel Rhind centre, 3 days at St. Clements and is at present back at the Isobel Rhind. See attached This weeks report to follow! She still visits Bridgend nursery.

Art: Pam still has her nail e thread picture to finish she has been doing art work on her placements.

Cookery/Baking: Coconut fingers, sponge cake, chocolate crispies.

Health Education: Pam has been writing notes on children's health issues. She will no doubt be learning about various handicaps during her placements.

Other subjects: School leavers work-sheets- filling in applications forms etc.

7. IS PUPIL ATTENDING HOST SCHOOL? _____

COMMENTS:

8. COMMENTS ON SUPPORT FROM HOME:

Pam visits Mum regularly and sees Dad too.
Coulpark, as always, very supportive.

9. AIMS FOR THE NEXT SIX WEEK PERIOD. Pam has an interview on Monday 18th May at 11.50 a.m with the Y.T. She will be able to tell us the outcome at the review. Pam has chosen to do 4 weeks work experience herself and where she went. Her aim now will be to complete her 6 months I.T, and make a definite decision as to which job she will concentrate on. Whatever it is, from seeing her present reports, she will do well. Pam leaves us in 2 weeks and I will miss her, even though our friendship has been stormy at times! I look forward to seeing Pam regularly

NAME: Pamela Clifford.

FIRM: Isobel Rhind Centre.

PERIOD OF PLACEMENT: 30th MARCH -

No. OF TIMES LATE: NONE
No. OE TIMES ABSENT: NONE

TASKS PERFORMED: (INCLUDE PARTICULAR EQUIPMENT USED eg. COMPUTERS, PHOTOCOPIERS, TELEPHONES, WORKSHOP MACHINES etc)

During her placement at the centre Pamela was involved in the Special Care Unit helping individuals with their progaammes ie. computer work, soft play, serving tea, jigsaws, games, music & dancing, optikinetics, walking and escorting attenders around the centre.

SIGNATURE: L Stewart DCO

EMPLOYERS COMMENTS:

Pamela recognised and respected authority and was willing to help in all areas under supervision, she communicated well with both staff and attenders and asked relevant questions.

SIGNATURE: L Stewart DCO

STUDENTS COMMENTS:

I enjoyed working in Isobel Rhind's centre A lot I really liked it that much that I want to go back. I help to guide a man because he was blind.

Pamela

SIGNATURE: P Clifford.

27/1/89 HM/eh

ALLEN ROAD.

WORK EXPERIENCE REPORT

NAME: PAMELA CLIFFORD.

FIRM: St. Clements

PERIOD OF PLACEMENT: 5th, 6th & 8th May.

No. OF TIMES LATE: /

No. OF TIMES ABSENT: /

TASKS PERFORMED: (INCLUDE PARTICULAR EQUIPMENT USED eg. COMPUTERS, PHOTOCOPIERS, TELEPHONES, WORKSHOP MACHINES etc)

Tuesday.
CLASS ① working with young children. We went to the P.E Room. and went out side on the swings for a while.

Class ② I was working with older children we went wedensday. to ainess academy and worked with clay.

class ③ working with older children were working with Thursday. computer waighting, colouring and then went to singing

SIGNATURE: J. L.

EMPLOYERS COMMENTS:

Pamela is a friendly girl who settled in well at St. Clements. She was willing & obliging & helped wherever she was needed. We will enjoy having her back.

SIGNATURE: J.W. Livingstone

STUDENTS COMMENTS:

I realy liked working at St Clement's for the 3 Days. I have worked a lot more there with the children than I have before. I would like to go back. The staff are realy friendly and I think they enjoyed haveing me there. but I would realy like to go back.

SIGNATURE: P clifford.

27/4/89

WDL/eh

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

PUPIL'S ASSESSMENT

1. <u>How have you done in your last 6 weeks at Bridgend</u>?

Tick the circle if you think you have managed to .....

- 0 Attend regularly ✓
- 0 Be on time ✓
- 0 Get on with teacher ✓
- 0 Get on with other pupils most of them.
- 0 Be easy to get on with yes sometimes
- 0 Be generally helpful Some times
- 0 Usually do best possible work most of the time
- 0 Accept criticism Some times
- 0 Feel that you get your fair share of praise yes.
- 0 Gain confidence Some times
- 0 Enjoy time at the Centre yes
- 0 Concentrate yes
- 0 Feel happier with yourself yes

I have done four different work Experiences one in Dingwall, one in Coulhill, one in Bridgend, and one in Invergordon. I really would like to work with mentally handycapped.

I will tell you more at my review

Pamela

ALNESS ACADEMY

WORK EXPERIENCE REPORT

NAME: Pamela Clifford

FIRM: Isobel Rhind Centre

PERIOD OF PLACEMENT: 1 week

No. OF TIMES LATE: Occassionally a few minutes late

No. OF TIMES ABSENT:

TASKS PERFORMED: (INCLUDE PARTICULAR EQUIPMENT USED eg. COMPUTERS, PHOTOCOPIERS, TELEPHONES, WORKSHOP MACHINES etc)

Pamela attended groups in Dressmaking, Snacks Communication Skills, Craft work and Towards Employment

SIGNATURE: J Agnew

EMPLOYERS COMMENTS:

Pamela appeared comfortable with attenders at the centre and related well to them. Pamela did on one occassion miss a session of craft because of confusion with which room to be in and I feel she could have tried harder to find the right room. Pamelas' main interest during her time here was the Art and Craft work

SIGNATURE: J Agnew

STUDENTS COMMENTS:

I enjoyed working with the I.R.C as it was better then last time I did a lot more work

SIGNATURE: P Clifford

27/4/88

WDL/eh

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

REVIEW MEETING

NAME: Pamela Clifford **DATE:** 26/3/92.

DECISIONS TAKEN:

Present: PM, C MacD., JG, PC, GT, JE.
Apologies: Mr. Meikle.

(1) Congratulations to Pam for:
   (a) Good attendance
   (b) Punctuality
   (c) Improved behaviour and attitude
   (d) Good work experience reports.

(2) Pam will be going to the Isobel Christ Centre for more work experience and possibly also St. Clements.

(3) Pam has decided on a six month period of Initial Training on the YT scheme.

(4) Generally Panda seems to have matured a lot lately, makes use of support offered and looks ahead to the future.

(5) Pam's next review meeting will be on Tuesday 19th May at 12-30 pm.

Highland

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES FORM

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY		CHILDREN		HANDICAPPED		OTHER	
Residential	☐	Residential	☑	Residential	☐	Probation	☐
Community	☐	Foster Care	☑	Day Care	☐	Supervision	☐
Day Care	☐	Community Carer	☐			Home Help	☐
		Day Care	☐			.....	☐
Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐
Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐

Full Name ..... PAMELA CLIFFORD .....

Present Address* ..... COULPARK CHILDRENS CENTRE ALNESS ..... New Address* ..... Mr & Mrs Simpson 11 Carroll Crescent BRORA .....

Statutory Condition Imposed ..... S.44.1(b) Residential Order .....

Name of Doctor ..... D.O.B. ..... 23/5/78 .....

Case Ref. .....

School Attended (Children only) ..... To .....

Date of Change .....

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete) — **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Stop	☑	22.3.92
Start	☑	20.3.92
Amend Register	☐	

Reason ..... Pamela Spent Weekend with Simpsons - Had Stayed OK There in Past .....

Name of FP/CC .....

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete) — **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Admission	☐	.....
Discharge	☐	.....
Temp. Change	☐	.....

Reason .....

Establishment .....

Financial Assessment Attached ☐ DHSS Supplement applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken ..... Effective Date .....

Reason .....

Signed ..... Date .....

Authorised ..... AR Date 31/3/92

OFFICE Action taken .....

Documentation completed by ..... Date .....

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

REVIEW MEETING

NAME: Pamela Clifford DATE: 27/1/92

DECISIONS TAKEN:

Present: Pamela Clifford, Gill Thompson, Jane English, Joe McCabe, Mr. Meikle, Ann Peat.

(1) Pam will help out at Bridgend Pre-School Playclub on Mondays from 9-30 to 10-30 a.m.

(2) Isobel Wilson (Playclub coordinator) is to be invited to Pam's next review.

(3) It was noted that Pam is much more able to discuss her feelings these days - a big step forward.

(4) Although there are no plans for Pam to return to Ahern Academy, the link is to be maintained.

(5) Pam is to see the Careers Officer soon.

(6) The date of the next review meeting is Thursday 26th March at 12-30 p.m.

note: apologies for absence were received from Paul Meehan, Social Worker.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW / TRANSFER

CASE NAME Pamela Clifford Client Reference No.

Date of Review 13:11:91 Key Worker

People attending / other Agencies (State which) Pamela, Mr Clifford, Mr Maclean, Mr Fife

THE VIEWS OF THE CLIENT SHOULD BE SOUGHT AND RECORDED THROUGHOUT THIS REVIEW
(N.B. This form should be matched-up with Form SW199)

ASSESSMENT (include accommodation, finance, employment, education, health and changes since last review)

Pamela has been subject to s.44 1(a) supervision requirements for many years - as a consequence of alcoholic condition of father and behavioural and emotional problems. Supervision has included periods in foster care, Pamela having recently been made subject to s.44 1(b) requirement residing Bellfast Children Centre.

Pregnancy Pamela remaining in care and following 16th birthday moving to semi-independent living situation.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS OBJECTIVES AND EVALUATION OF WORK TO DATE
(i.e. What were proposed actions / were they achieved / if not, why not?)

Mr Clifford and Pamela are opposed to above plan. For fullest information see Case File particularly Pam. Assessment Report and Hearing Reports dating from December 90.

Pamela to remain in care
" " move towards independance.
Mr Bliffert & Pamela offered to leave.

AGREEMENT/COMMENTS FROM CLIENT

Pamela and Mr Bliffert are in agreement with change of Social Worker.

Case transferred to Paul Meecher. SW

27/11/91

Client.....

Were copies of this review sent to people attending? YES NO

Has the client participated in this review? YES NO If not, give reason

Date of next review .....

Signed ..... 27/11/91 Date 25/11/91
Key Worker Area Team Leader

4. **PUPIL'S ABILITY TO RELATE TO OTHERS.** Much improved. [redacted] and Pam now seem to be good mates. There are still stroppy moods but Pam is generally much friendlier with everyone

5. **TICK IF PUPIL HAS MANAGED TO:-**

- ✓ Attend regularly
- 0 Be on time Not always. Occasionally 5-10 minutes late.
- ✓ Get on with teacher Only listens when she wants to however.
- ✓ Get on with other pupils
- ✓ Be easy to get on with Usually!
- 0 Be generally helpful If she feels like it. Can be very untidy and doesn't like to clear it up
- ✓ Usually do best possible work
- 0 Accept criticism Doesn't like it sometimes.
- ✓ Earn fair amount of praise
- ✓ Gain confidence
- 0 Enjoy education Not always. Pam shows no particular interest in any written work.
- 0 Concentrate Not always Can still start a job then jump on to something else but much better than before.
- ✓ Feel happier with him/herself Much more so!

See attached proposed change of timetable.

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6. IS PUPIL ATTENDING HOST SCHOOL? NO

If yes, to what extent and how is she/he coping?

If no, what are his/her feelings about it? Does not want to attend The Academy at all. Now that we have had a settled spell, perhaps we can decide what work to ask for from The Academy.

7. COMMENTS ON SUPPORT FROM HOME.

Pam sees her mum every day and obviously enjoys that contact. She still gets upset about her Dad and his drinking, not wanting to bump into him down the street etc. She is still loyal to him, worrying that if she does well at Coulpark, she will be kept away from her Dad. She doesn't want this.

8. NOTE OF WORK COVERED.

Work-sheets.
Real Life Reading
" " Maths
" " Reading & Writing at work
Health Education & Social Issues

Attendance 18/19 ☆!

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

PUPIL'S ASSESSMENT

1. <u>How have I done in my last 6 weeks at Bridgend</u>?

Tick the circle if you think you have managed to

- O Attend regularly ✓
- O Be on time Some times.
- O Get on with teacher ✓
- O Get on with other pupils ✓
- O Be easy to get on with ✓
- O Be generally helpful most of the time
- O Usually do best possible work Some times.
- O Accept criticism NOT ALWAYS.
- O Feel that you get your fair share of praise yes.
- O Gain confidence ✓
- O Enjoy education Some Times
- O Concentrate
- O Feel happier with yourself ✓

PUPIL'S ASSESSMENT
(CONTD)

2. Do you feel ready to go back to your old school?

Some of the time _____

Full time _____ NO

3. Would you like 6 more weeks at Bridgend? yes

If not, what would you prefer?

4. Any other comments?

Get more time in bridge end

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

TEACHER'S ASSESSMENT

PUPIL'S NAME: Pamela Clifford

DATE OF ADMISSION: 4th June 1991

DATE OF REVIEW: 25th November 1991 at 12.30pm

1. PUPIL'S GENERAL ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOUR.

A changed girl. Thank goodness. Pam is much more settled and contented these days. Her whole attitude is improved. She smiles a lot and generally appears to be happy and relaxed. There are still times when she is awkward and abusive, but very rarely.

2. DIFFICULTIES NOTED AND STRATEGIES UNDERTAKEN:

Pam's stubbornness is still with us! She prefers things to go her own way and can be quite adamant about it, especially when it comes to work. Each Friday we decide what the next weeks tasks are. These are written in a book and it is up to her in what order it is done as long as it is completed by Friday.

3. SPECIAL AREAS OF INTEREST, ENJOYMENT OR ABILITY.

Pam loves baking and is more than able to make and decorate a cake on her own. She enjoys art work and the computer.

ALNESS LEARNING CENTRE

Perrins Road
ALNESS
Ross shire
IV17 0SI

MONDAY: 10 – 12.30

TUESDAY: 9.15 – 12.30

WEDNESDAY: 10 – 12.30

THURSDAY: 10 – 12.45

FRIDAY: 10 – 12

GILL THOMPSON
TEACHER

RECEIVED 4/11/91.

ALNESS NEIGHBOURHOOD CHILDREN'S CENTRE

MINUTES OF CARE CONFERENCE/REVIEW

DATE OF MEETING: MONDAY, 4 November 1991

SUBJECT: Pamela Clifford DATE OF BIRTH: 23/8/76

STATUTE: 44(1)(b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968
DATE OF ADMISSION: 23/10/91

IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr John Dunlop	- Principal Social Worker
	Mr Alan Richards	- Social Worker
	Mr Clifford	- Father
	Pamela Clifford	- Subject
	Mrs McIntosh	- Key Worker
	Mrs Aburrow	- Family Aid
	Mr James Erskine	- Assistant Principal, Coulpark.

Minutes (including points raised in discussion - noting agreement and disagreements).

The review commenced by Mr Clifford stating his concern as to his daughter being in care and stating he could only accept this if his daughter visited him on a daily basis.

Mr Richards spoke to the review giving the background to the case and the panel decision to place Pamela in Coulpark. The question of access to Mr Clifford by his daughter was discussed in relation to Mr Clifford's drink problems and the company he kept in the family home.

Mr Clifford stated clearly his objections to criticism of his friends and interference, as he perceived it, of Social Workers in his home life. Mr Dunlop advised Mr Clifford of Social Work concerns as to the wellbeing of Pamela when Mr Clifford's drinking associates were around. Mr Dunlop expressed the view that in Mr Clifford's present condition he could see no problem in his daughter visiting him, however when drinking there were clearly concerns as to Pamela's wellbeing.

Mr Richards explained the existing access arrangements ie time being limited visits by Pamela to her father to be arranged by Coulpark at the discretion of Mrs McIntosh, Key Worker.

Further discussion took place regarding Mr Clifford's drink problem during which Mr Richards restated a previous offer of help for Mr Clifford should he reconsider and accept the problem did exist.

Mr Dunlop turned the focus of the review to Pamela asking her if there was anything she wished to say about her feelings or problems that may be worrying her. Pamela said 'no' but she would like to discuss some issues with her father after the review.

Pamela's education was discussed. This was a positive report noting that Pamela seemed happier and more settled and was applying herself to school work.

Mr Clifford expressed concern as to the difficult relationship between him and his Social Worker. Mr Dunlop advised him that those concerns were noted.

The discussion returned to the issue of access and the following conclusions were reached.

CONCLUSIONS

The review agreed that access to Mr Clifford by his daughter would be facilitated by Coulpark on a regular time limited basis based on the criteria that conditions at home were suitable.

It was made known to Mr Clifford that he would be made welcome at Coulpark, however he declined expressing his discomfort at visiting such places.

Mr Clifford asked if an overnight stay for Pamela could be arranged at Christmas. He was assured that as with other visits if all was well this would be arranged.

James M. Erskine

JAMES ERSKINE
Assistant Principal
Coulpark Children's Centre
5/11/91

SW1/4B (Amended)

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

INITIAL REVIEW

NOTE - Complete questions 1 - 18 prior to Review

1. Name of Child PAMELA CLIFFORD **2. Date of Birth** 23.8.76

3. Address of Parents 24 Milnafua
Alness

4. Present Address of Child
Coulpark Children's Centre, Alness

5. Legal Position/Section under which Child is in Care
Section 44 1 (b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

6. Date of Admission into Care 4.11.91

7. Date of Review 4.11.91 **8. Date of Previous Review** n/a

9. Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate)

10. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Child since previous Review/Reception into care

I visited Pamela to discuss visits to family.

11. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Family since previous Review/Reception into care

I visited Mr Clifford to discuss visits to Pamela. Initially I felt these should be at Coulpark. However after Mr Clifford's comments, Pamela's comments and Marie's comments, I advised visits out of Coulpark can occur if the times and arrangements run smoothly.

12. Present situation with Family since Reception into Care/Last Review (full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family (substantiate if Care of Child cannot be assumed by them)

Mr Clifford's circumstances remain unchanged and he feels Pamela should stay with him.

The Children's Panel Supervision Order states Pamela must remain at Coulpark to establish a period of stability, and that access visits are at the discretion of the Social Work Department.

13. Present situation of Child since Reception into Care/Last Review (including schooling, health behaviour, religious upbringing, etc)

After only a short period I have gained the impression that Pamela is really enjoying herself at Coulpark. This is based upon the comments from Coulpark and the Education Department. Comments from school are very positive.

14. **Contact between Parents and Child (how have access arrangements operated; what requires changing)**

Access arrangements are in operation and are working well. I would ask they continue unchanged.

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15. **Areas of Concern (if any)**

(a) Family

Mr Clifford strongly disagrees, I understand, with the decision of the Children's Panel and denies the reasons for their decision. The Social Work Department is expected to follow the Panel's decision.

(b) Child

Before the move to Coulpark Pamela had seemed weighed down with the repeated worries and uncertainties. Re-assurance is now required to encourage stability.

(c) Substitute Family

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16. **Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies)**

I would like to see a stable period where questions of the right place for Pamela are not continually placed, given that the responsibility inherent in these questions has apparently weighed heavily in the past.

Pamela's family are well aware of the situation and perhaps a future Children's Panel would reconsider their desires and other options for stability.

17. General Comments and Recommendations (access, long-term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation)

18. Invited to attended Review

Jane English, Senior Educational Psychologist
Gill Thompson, Bridgend Special Unit
Mr Clifford
John Dunlop, Principal Fieldwork Officer
Stuart Marquis, Area Team Leader
Coulpark Staff
Alan Richards, Social Worker

Signed Alan Richards

Designation ...Social Worker.....

Date ...1 November 1991.....

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

Perrins Road
ALNESS
Ross shire
IV17 0ST

10th October

I would like Gill to be at my Panel. I don't want these pages read out in front of me. Please read them before my Panel. I don't want to stay with my sister now. I want to stay with my Dad. Since we heard about the Panel last week we've been getting on really, really well. My attitude at school has been a lot better. My attendance is perfect. I just want to stay with my Dad.

Pamela Clifford

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

Perrins Road
ALNESS
Ross shire
IV17 0ST

9th October

I do not want to go away in to a home. I am worried that my Dad will hurt himself if I get put in to a home. I want another chance. I promise I will not be badly behaved or make a fool of my Dad. Please do not take me away. This is different from what I said yesterday but I don't really know what I want.

I really want to make a go of it at Bridgend (Gill paid me £5 to say that!)

GT

Pamela
CLIFFORD.

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

Perrins Road
ALNESS
Ross shire
IV17 0ST

8th October

I don't want to go away. If I have to go in to a home, I'll go, as long as I am not put out of Alness. I want to see my Dad every day. Could my Dad get a Home Help? I am worried that my Dad will hurt himself if I have to leave home. I don't want Bill to be hard on him. I would like to stay with my sister. I still want to come to Bridgend.

Pamela Clifford

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH:	AGE:
PAMELA CLIFFORD	23.8.76	15 yrs

ADDRESS:

24 Milnafua,
Alness

RELIGION:

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING:	TIME:	PLACE:
23 October 1991	10.30 a.m.	Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL:

Review at Request of Social Work Department

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES:

See Previous Reports

Varied 44 1(b)
Pollock P. P.

PAMELA CLIFFORD **D.o.B: 23.8.76**

Pamela's situation shall be well known to the Children's Hearing, with this office having had contact with the Clifford family since as early as 1972, involvement invariably focusing upon the abuse of alcohol by Mr Clifford and the chronic effect that this has had upon his parenting of the children. While the children have been subject to statutory Children's Hearing Requirements since that time, Mr Clifford was also in the late 1970's, convicted of contravening the Children's & Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1973, he being placed on Probation for one year as a consequence of this.

At no time during the family's involvement with this office has Mr Clifford ever attempted to seek and make use of any counselling or treatment which may have been available to him from either statutory or voluntary bodies, this in regard to his alcohol abuse. Certainly since my own involvement with the family dating from February 1987, Mr Clifford has at no time ever admitted to having a serious problem with alcohol, all attempts made to discuss this chronic condition having met with rationalisations, fabrications or complete denials.

While the circumstances of Mr Clifford and his children have been closely monitored over the years, I am at this time particularly concerned for the wellbeing of Pamela, Pamela being the only child now remaining within the family home.

Hearing Members shall be aware that Pamela was last in a continuous period of foster care between February 1989 and December 1990, she within this time having made significant progress placement, previously documented behavioural and schooling difficulties having been overcome within this foster placement.

Since returning to her father's care on 17.12.90, this office has been increasingly concerned about Pamela's wellbeing, with Pamela's situation having been reviewed by Hearings convened in March, April and July, with today's Hearing having been requested following continued and increasing difficulties.

Since exclusion from Alness Academy and Pamela's enrolment at Bridgend Unit, the class teacher and educational psychologist involved in this project have noted that Pamela often fails to attend and that when she does so, she frequently presents as being tired, hungry, unkempt and often in an agitated and unco-operative mood. At times of absence, this office is usually informed by the class teacher with a home visit being made as a consequence. During such visits, Mr Clifford is frequently found to be under the influence of alcohol, with on occasion, he stating that Pamela is at school when in actual fact Pamela has been within the family home, this without Mr Clifford's apparent realisation. Given the problems experienced by Pamela at school, it is therefore also disappointing to record that on two occasions Mr Clifford has failed to attend meetings arranged at the/

Bridgend Unit to consider his daughter's circumstances. On both occasions Mr Clifford was severely under the influence of alcohol, he having been seen at these times by myself. On one occasion, Mr Clifford was seen at his home, he being in such a condition that I refused to transport him to the meeting, while on the latter occasion he visited the office in a very inebriated condition, stating that he had more important things to do, that he had consumed half a bottle of brandy and that he had to settle a score with a neighbour.

Mr Clifford's condition and his relationship with this office is now such that I consider it unwise for any social worker to visit the home unaccompanied. During visits made to the home by social workers, Mr Clifford is invariably in the company of other alcoholics, with they at times being in a similar drunken condition as himself. It is known that three alcoholics frequent the Clifford household, two of whom are known to this office and have given cause for concern, particularly so in regard to their behaviour towards children, while the third is known to psychiatric services, he having recently refused to make use of a placement offered him at Dunain House, Inverness.

It is within this situation that Pamela must in effect care for herself, as such it is not surprising that she frequently complains of headaches, is tired and pale and often hungry. While Pamela has disclosed some of her concerns to her class teacher, these concerns upon investigation are always denied by Pamela. While it is believed that Pamela has been involved in arguments and possible fights within the home and that she has wandered around Milnafua on occasion until the early hours of the morning, Pamela has always denied that she has made any such disclosure to her teacher. While it is known that Pamela truants from school, it should be noted that on one occasion Pamela was observed by a member of the public at 9 a.m. in the company of two adults, these adults sharing drink with each other.

Hearing Members shall be aware that a package of support was offered to Mr Clifford and Pamela, both however have failed to make use of this, with Mr Clifford at no time making any attempt to work with this office in resolving his problems with drink. Similarly Pamela has consistently failed to make use of the support available, particularly that which could be given by Mrs Aburrow, Family Aide, with the relationship between Mrs Aburrow and Pamela to all intents and purposes, having now effectively broken down.

My concerns in regard to Pamela's future wellbeing are not only shared with Mrs Aburrow, four other social workers from this office having also observed Mr Clifford in very intoxicated conditions, they all expressing to me their concerns for the future of Pamela, should circumstances not improve.

Given/

Given that Mr Clifford has never acknowledged that his alcohol consumption is a problem, together with the above concerns, it is recommended that Pamela's supervision requirement be varied to stipulate that she reside at Coulpark Children's Centre, this as a consequence of a lack of parental care. Should the supervision requirement be varied to this effect, it is further recommended that a condition should be attached stipulating that access by Mr Clifford to Pamela be at the discretion of the Social Work Department.

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Suie House
Bridgend
Alness

18 October 1991

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EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST'S REPORT

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Mrs Burns
Reporter to the Children's Panel
Social Work Department
DINGWALL

Dear Mrs Burns

PAMELA CLIFFORD
(23.8.76)
24 MILNAFUA, ALNESS

Further to my report dated 18th April 1991, I would have to inform panel members that I have had cause to regret the recommendation contained in that report for several reasons.

First and foremost I was very disappointed that Pamela and Mr Clifford seemed unable to accept the support network which was a condition of Pamela's remaining at home. Social worker, family aide, teacher and psychologist have all been seen at one time or another as "spies" rather than professionals with genuine concerns about Pamela. It is understandable, in view of her life history, that Pamela should live in fear of "spies" discovering that perhaps things at home are not as they should be. On the other hand, the concerns of professional support workers naturally become magnified whenever access is denied, appointments are failed or communication is generally poor.

It seems to me that the inability of Mr Clifford and Pamela to accept fairly intensive support is based almost entirely upon the very reason for the support being offered - namely Mr Clifford's drinking. When he is sober he is pleasant, reasonable and cooperative, fully able to participate in discussions, to accept the reasons for support and to offer to do his best to help in every way. After a recent meeting at Bridgend Education Centre, Mr Clifford's commitment to ensure Pamela's good attendance was very evident. He responded well to the simple message "We need to see Pamela in order to know that she is fine. If we don't see her we have to check up."

However this meeting was a second attempt because Mr Clifford had failed to come to a previous meeting. He subsequently failed to arrive at Pamela's Bridgend review meeting. On both occasions I believe he had been drinking heavily. Mr Clifford's drinking means that he is very unreliable in terms of attendance at meetings, although, as previously stated, courteous and helpful when he is sober and does attend. Those whose jobs demand that they visit the home have a much more difficult time, because they have to deal with Mr Clifford when he is not sober. At those times I understand that he can be hostile, unreasonable and totally unaccepting of the need for any support.

Pamela seems torn between taking upon herself the enormous responsibility of protecting her Dad from blame and the (probably subconscious) urgent desire to be free of such a burden and to be able to live an ordered, peaceful life. Added to all this is her very real fear that her Dad will harm himself if she is taken from him. Pamela's disturbed emotional state is expressed through her very erratic behaviour which can range from very pleasant to totally uncontrollable and disruptive. I do not believe that Pamela would be able to ask to be taken into care even if she desperately wanted it, because she is so full of genuine concern for and projected guilt about her father's well-being.

My conclusion is that family life by any acceptable standard is not compatible with sustained communal drinking within the home. I would recommend that Pamela be placed in care with full access to her father, and that Mr Clifford be strongly advised to seek help for his drink problem. Only in this way will Pamela be persuaded that she might be helping her father by leaving him, rather than hurting him. Since Pamela has recently settled into a genuine acceptance of the help being offered to her at Bridgend Centre, I would hope that she will be able to continue to benefit from that support.

Finally, in view of Pamela's very confused state at present I would recommend that the members of the panel take full responsibility for any decision taken, without recourse to Pamela's opinion. As you are aware her feelings change from day to day, and her concerns for her father are such that she would never publicly seek to be placed in care.

Yours sincerely

Jane A C English

JANE A C ENGLISH
SENIOR EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

REVIEW MEETING

NAME: Pamela Clifford DATE: 1/10/91

DECISIONS TAKEN:

(1) The new timetable is intended to be a temporary measure until the next review.

(2) No plans for Pamela to go back to the Academy at present.

(3) Pam to take part in a counselling group with Gill Thomson and Jane English after the October holiday.

(4) Pam's attendance has been much better, and she was very brave to come to the review meeting alone.

(5) Pam is positively accepting support from Bridgend. The social work department will be able to keep a low profile if things run smoothly.

Highland

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

TEACHER'S ASSESSMENT

PUPIL'S NAME: Pamela Clifford

DATE OF ADMISSION: 4th June 1991

DATE OF REVIEW: 1st October

1. PUPIL'S GENERAL ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOUR.

I initially found Pam to be a pleasant quiet friendly girl, willing to work, help etc. The last two weeks have seen a drastic change. She is abusive, bossy towards the others, shouting at myself, Bill and Agnes and rude to visitors. She frequently talks in a threatening manner.

2. DIFFICULTIES NOTED AND STRATEGIES UNDERTAKEN:

Pams attendance needed improving. A chart was put on the wall and if she attended 4/5, then 5/5, a magazine of her choice was bought. This didn't seem to bother her one way or the other however. The recent difficulties of her behaviour are more serious. We have discussed a change of time-table (see attached) but she does not approve.

3. SPECIAL AREAS OF INTEREST, ENJOYMENT OR ABILITY.

Birds, art work, baking. She helped very ably with my baby daughter when I brought her in one day.

4. **PUPIL'S ABILITY TO RELATE TO OTHERS.** Pam rejects every adult who has tried to help her, being quite abusive about them. She bosses [redacted] and is aggressive towards [redacted] She seems unable to be friends with anyone with

5. **TICK IF PUPIL HAS MANAGED TO:-** talk of battering people.

- ✓ Attend regularly Much improved. See end note
- O Be on time NEVER
- O Get on with teacher Not at the moment!
- O Get on with other pupils See above
- O Be easy to get on with Not at the moment!
- O Be generally helpful No. Will do a job only if she wants to eg make coffee, do dishes.
- O Usually do best possible work Only works at what she chooses, with music on, sat on couch.
- O Accept criticism NO
- O Earn fair amount of praise I have attempted to praise Pam for certain things but she does not always accept it.
- O Gain confidence Seems to worry a lot about her future. Unfocused in daily events.
- O Enjoy education NO
- O Concentrate Flits about from task to task, rarely completing anything
- O Feel happier with him/herself Definitely not. Pam seems totally unsettled with her life just now.

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6. IS PUPIL ATTENDING HOST SCHOOL? No

If yes, to what extent and how is she/he coping?

If no, what are his/her feelings about it?

Pam has no intention, with Dad's support, of ever going back to The Academy. She is aware that Bridgend is not a permanent solution but only a stepping stone back to The Academy.

7. COMMENTS ON SUPPORT FROM HOME.

Mr Clifford attended the informal meeting here on September 10th. Since then, he seems to have made an effort to make Pam attend more regularly.

8. NOTE OF WORK COVERED.

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Attendance weekly 3/4 3/5 3/5 5/5 4/5 (note from Dad as she was ill

Pam's recent outbursts and aggressive behaviour have been very difficult for me to understand and to deal with. All my attempts to help and offer solutions have met with total rejection

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

PUPIL'S ASSESSMENT

1. <u>How have I done in my last 6 weeks at Bridgend</u>?

Tick the circle if you think you have managed to .....

- ✓ Attend regularly
- Be on time NOT ALWAYS.
- ✓ Get on with teacher NOT ALWAYS.
- ✓ Get on with other pupils
- ✓ Be easy to get on with
- ✓ Be generally helpful
- Usually do best possible work Some times
- ✓ Accept criticism
- ✓ Feel that you get your fair share of praise
- ✓ Gain confidence
- ✓ Enjoy education
- ✓ Concentrate
- ✓ Feel happier with yourself

PUPIL'S ASSESSMENT
(CONTD)

2. Do you feel ready to go back to your old school?

Some of the time ~~_____~~

Full time ~~_____~~ NOT AT ALL

3. Would you like 6 more weeks at Bridgend? Yes

If not, what would you prefer?

4. Any other comments?

I will not leave Bridgend centre ever until I am suppose to until I turn 16 years old.

(as from Wednesday) 2nd October

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

MONDAY: 10.30 – 12.00

TUESDAY: 9.15 – 12.00

WEDNESDAY: 11 – 12.30

THURSDAY: 11.45 – 12.45

FRIDAY: 9.15 – 11

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME: PAMELA CLIFFORD DATE OF BIRTH: 23:8:76 AGE: 14

ADDRESS: 24 Milnafua,
Alness

RELIGION:

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING:	TIME:	PLACE:
24th July, 1991	11 a.m.	Dingwall

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL:

Review at the request of the Social Work Department

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES:

Continued.

PAMELA CLIFFORD - D.o.B. - 23:8:76

Pamela's circumstances were last considered at a Children's Hearing convened on 22:4:91, this Hearing following from noted educational and behavioural difficulties experienced by Pamela since the return to her father's care in December of last year.

Since the Hearing of 22nd April, 1991 Pamela has commenced her education at the Bridgend Unit, doing so on 4:6:91 and the attached report from the class teacher is self explanatory. As can be seen from this Report, Pamela initially settled well, however, towards the end of the school term she experienced noticeable difficulties. Her attendance within the period from 4th - 28th June being just over 50%, attendance falling off significantly during times of family stress.

As was recommended in the Hearing Report of 22:4:91, a Family Aide was introduced to the household, with Mrs. Aburrow (Family Aide) being introduced to Pamela at the beginning of May. Since that time Mrs. Aburrow has endeavoured to form a working relationship with Pamela, endeavouring to spend time, at least twice weekly, with Pamela on a fairly informal basis. To this end the Department had provided financial assistance to enable Pamela to participate in various community activities, usually while accompanied by Mrs. Aburrow. While the relationship was initially very positive, it is disappointing to record that within recent weeks Pamela has, to a significant extent, opted out, with Mr. Clifford having been abusive towards Mrs. Aburrow and threatening towards myself and my family.

This breakdown in the relationship between Pamela, Mr. Clifford and this Department has followed as a direct consequence of continuing and increasing concerns relating to Mr. Clifford's abuse of alcohol. During visits made to the home Mr. Clifford is increasingly seen to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, he having been admitted to Raigmore Hospital on two occasions, this as a direct consequence of serious alcohol abuse. While on the initial occasion Mr. Clifford discharged himself on the night of admission, this against Doctors' advice, he was re-admitted shortly after, he having suffered a number of fits, these, in my opinion, as a direct consequence of continued alcohol intake.

Following Mr. Clifford's return home, he again continued to abuse alcohol, being observed in a very drunken condition on 3:7:91, he making personal threats towards myself and my family and being insulting and abusive towards Mrs. Aburrow. The condition of Mr. Clifford's health can at times be very alarming, this causing obvious distress and anxiety for Pamela. While Pamela still confesses great loyalty towards her father, Mr. Clifford's situation is such that Pamela can only be caused further distress and upset should Mr. Clifford not undertake to curb his alcoholic intake and improve his situation.

Should/

Should Mr. Clifford not make a determined effort to significantly reduce his alcohol intake, I feel it is only a matter of time before Pamela is again admitted to Departmental Foster Care. Given Pamela's determination to remain at home, I would hope that Mr. Clifford could match this determination in an undertaking that he shall curb his drinking to an extent sufficient to enable him to ensure that Pamela attends school as required and to an extent that Pamela shall not be placed in such a difficult position where she has to truant from school in part to care for her father and also in part because of her troubled and worried mind.

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Alness Area Office,
Suie House,
Bridgend,
Alness

22nd July, 1991

Pamela Clifford
Attendance 12/20. 4th - 28th June.

Pamela joined us on June 4th, settled quickly within the group + formed a good working relationship with the rest of the girls.

She coped well with her work + proved herself to be a willing pupil. She began a study on birds + I was impressed by some of the items which she produced. It was obvious from the standard of work that she had concentrated diligently.

Sadly, over the past 1½ weeks Pamela has had frequent absences, been moody, withdrawn from the group + on the last day of term she was verbally aggressive towards another member because a message, which had not been passed on to me.

She is certainly not the happy natured girl who first joined us on June 4th She appears to be totally preoccupied by her family situation especially her Dads' illness + this has adversely affected her school work + attendance. She is very definitely tense + concerned by the events which seem to have overshadowed her life in such a short space of time.

I do hope that Pamela will have a settled + stress free summer break + we look forward to having her back as her "old self" in August.

Margaret Campbell. 28th June.

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
ALNESS
RECEIVED 4/7/91.

REVIEW MEETING

NAME: Pamela Clifford **DATE:** 24/6/91

DECISIONS TAKEN:

Neither Pamela nor Mr Clifford attended the meeting.

(1) Pamela's place at Bridgend will be kept for her after the Summer.

(2) There are no plans for her to return to Aiken Academy at present.

(3) Concern was expressed that Pamela does not come in to Bridgend when things are not going well at home.

(4) It was noted that when Pamela is at Bridgend she works well, shows great interest, and gets on very well with other pupils.

(5) Pamela is a popular member of the group and is missed when she is not present.

DOMICILIARY ASSESSMENT REPORT

NAME OF CHILD: PAMELA CLIFFORD

DATE OF BIRTH: 23:8:76

ADDRESS: 24 MILNAFUA, ALNESS

This Report has been completed at the request of the Children's Hearing, for consideration at Children's Hearing to be held on 22nd April, 1991.

Date of Domiciliary Meeting: 16th April, 1991

Present: John Dunlop, Principal Fieldwork Officer
Stuart Marquis, Area Team Leader
Bill Forbes, Social Worker
Catherine MacDonald, Guidance Teacher, Alness Academy
Debbie Blakely, Ferintosh Children's Centre
Dr. Eleanor Scott, Senior Medical Officer
Dr. Kay Brightley, Consultant Psychiatrist
Jane English, Senior Educational Psychologist

Bill Forbes provided brief background summary regarding Pamela. Pamela has been in and out of care throughout her life, and had recently been in the care of foster parents, Mr. & Mrs. Tait, for almost two years prior to being returned to the care of her father before Christmas last year. Pamela had required care due to her father's drinking habits, but the Children's Hearing had returned Pamela to her father due to the father's improved control over his drinking behaviour, and also since Pamela was strongly expressing the wish to return home. Since her return home, Pamela has been excluded from Alness Academy on two occasions, and Bill Forbes had been concerned that he had found Mr. Clifford to have been drinking on several occasions, and also concerns had been raised with Pamela expressing that her father had interfered with her, this being investigated fully by Social Work and Police, with no substance being found to the allegations.

The concerns regarding Mr. Clifford's drinking and Pamela's behaviour at school had been brought to the attention of the Children's Hearing and they had requested a Domiciliary Assessment to assist them.

Catherine MacDonald noted that Pamela had caused quite serious behavioural problems at Alness Academy. Pamela would often come late and was noted as a bad influence on other pupils. She had been excluded twice from Alness Academy, and has only recently returned from her second exclusion. Pamela was still presenting behavioural difficulties at Alness Academy.

Jane English had seen Pamela and had undertaken testing of her. Her feelings chart had indicated that Pamela clearly did not wish to be in care and that she wished/

wished to remain at home with her father. Testing indicated that Pamela was a child showing the characteristics of social disadvantage and emotional upset. Jane English felt that Pamela was unclear about some of her past history and would benefit from working through this. Jane English noted that the Special Unit at Bridgend could well prove appropriate for Pamela if and when Alness Academy were unable to manage her.

Dr. Scott noted that Pamela presented as a physically slightly immature girl of small build. Her general physical examination was unremarkable and she appeared to be in good health. Dr. Scott noted that Pamela's father expressed considerable affection for his daughter.

Debbie Blakely from Ferintosh, from her interview with Pamela, noted that Pamela experienced a fair amount of freedom living at home with her father, with few of the restrictions which existed in foster care.

Kay Brightley, from her interview with Mr. Clifford and Pamela, noted the strong attachment between Pamela and her father, noting that in one sense Pamela may at times almost parent Mr. Clifford. Mr. Clifford's alcohol problem was acknowledged. Kay Brightley noted her intention to see Pamela again to have discussion regarding sex education.

There was full agreement amongst the group that there were concerns regarding Mr. Clifford's problems with alcohol, which raised questions as to his ability to care properly for Pamela. It was also agreed by all that there were problems with Pamela's behaviour, this being particularly evidenced at school. There was unanimous agreement, also, that there was a strong attachment and bonding between Pamela and her father and that Pamela herself was indicating the wish to be able to continue living with her father.

There was agreement that if Pamela was to continue to live with her father, then it had to be accepted that Mr. Clifford would continue to present problems on occasion through drink, raising concerns as to the level of care being provided to Pamela. If it were decided that Pamela should no longer continue to live with her father, then the most appropriate option would appear to be fostering rather than residential care.

After considerable discussion, the Assessment Group unanimously agreed on balance that the option of Pamela continuing to live with her father should be given every support. It was recognised that there were risks in this, but there were also disadvantages to be noted in removing Pamela from her father's care. It was agreed that if Pamela is to remain in the care of her father, that a package of support care requires to be organised and accepted by Pamela and Mr. Clifford.

Jane English, Educational Psychologist, confirmed that a place could be offered at Bridgend Special Unit for Pamela, this being available if and when Alness Academy can no longer provide proper educational opportunities for Pamela.

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The Social Work Department should give consideration to the involvement of a Family Aide/Homemaker, with remit of befriending Pamela and supporting her in terms of involvement in activities outwith the home, with note being taken that Pamela has expressed interest in indoor activities, like Art, rather than outdoor activities.

Consideration also to be given to Intermediate Treatment Group supports for Pamela, although it was noted that Pamela has failed to take up offers of Intermediate Treatment via the school in the past. The Social Work Department should similarly look towards helping Pamela understand her past via a Life Story Book. The opportunity should continue to exist for Pamela to have respite fostering holidays with Mr. & Mrs. Simpson, for whom she has expressed considerable affection.

In conclusion, the opinion of the Assessment Group was one ~~which~~ recognised the dangers and problems surrounding Pamela continuing to live with her father, but felt that on balance there were also dangers in receiving Pamela back into care, and as such it was the Assessment Group's recommendation that the Panel should give consideration to Pamela continuing to live with her father on the basis of Mr. Clifford and Pamela co-operating with a planned package of support regarding her care.

Stuart Marquis
Area Team Leader

John Dunlop
Principal Fieldwork Officer

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 39(4)

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH:	AGE:
PAMELA CLIFFORD	23:8:76	14 yrs

ADDRESS:

24 Milnafua
Alness

RELIGION:

DATE OF CHILDREN'S HEARING:	TIME:	PLACE:
11th March 1991	7.45 p.m.	Alness

GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL:

Review at Request of Social Work Department

PREVIOUS APPEARANCES:

See previous reports

Domiciliary Asst.

PAMELA CLIFFORD D.o.B: 23:8:76

Panel Members shall be aware from the examination of past Hearing Reports that Pamela has a well documented history of social work involvement dating from an early age. Statutory involvement has been on a continuous basis for a number of years, this as a consequence of the chronic alcohol abuse of Mr Clifford, with both Pamela and Marc, having at various times been subject to periods of statutory foster care. Pamela's last period in foster care on a continuous basis was between February 1989 and December 1990, she returning to the care of her father following a Children's Hearing convened on 17.12.90.

[redacted] Marc [redacted]

Since Pamela's return to her father on a permanent basis, this office has become increasingly concerned for her welfare, this in regard to behavioural difficulties, schooling and also as a consequence of her father having significantly increased his consumption of alcohol to such an extent that Pamela may be placed at risk while in his care. On 1.2.91, this office was formally notified by Alness Academy that Pamela's behaviour was of increasing concern. She was reported as being frequently late, being defiant and impertinent and disruptive within classes, she additionally having truanted on at least one occasion. On 4.2.91, Mr Clifford was sent a letter notifying of a final warning, this as a consequence of further difficulties, however Pamela was formally excluded from Alness Academy on 8.2.91, this following an incident on 6.2.91 when she threatened a fellow pupil in the art class with a Stanley knife. Prior to this exclusion, it was stated that Pamela had continually ignored school rules, that she had failed on various occasions to report for detention and that should this behaviour continue then it was a possibility that a permanent exclusion could result.

Following this formal exclusion Mr Clifford attended a meeting with Mr Meikle, Rector, with Pamela being re-admitted on 20.2.91. Pamela however again truanted on the afternoon of 22.2.91, she stating that she was being bullied by other pupils.

While there has always been a recognition that Mr Clifford shall in/

in all probability continue to abuse alcohol, his intake has recently increased to such an extent that I am now seriously concerned about his ability to care for Pamela on a continual basis. During home visits made on 22.2.91, 28.2.91 and 4.3.91, I have been sufficiently concerned for Pamela's wellbeing that a voluntary arrangement was made that a neighbour and friend of Mr Clifford, would assume the responsibility for the care of Pamela at these times. On 22.2.91, I visited the home with a colleague, having found Mr Clifford in an inebriated condition in his bedroom, he having by this time consumed a number of cans of super lager. On this occasion there was not an acceptance by Mr Clifford that he had been drinking to excess, he putting his slurred speech and unstable gait down to prescribed medication. On 28.2.91, Mr Clifford was observed by myself, a colleague and a police constable in a similar condition, this visit having been made to his home following information received at the Social Work Department that alleged that Mr Clifford had been interfering with his daughter. On this occasion Mr Clifford's speech was at times very slurred, he was confused in thought and could also not retain information given. On 4.3.91, I visited Mr Clifford's home unaccompanied and observed him in a very drunken condition, he having prior to this arranged for Pamela to be cared for by a friend and neighbour, Mr Clifford stating that it was his intention to get drunk on this occasion, he using the Family Allowance payable on this date to do so.

While on the three occasions documented, it was not considered that there was sufficient concern to implement a Place of Safety Warrant, it is nevertheless of serious concern that Mr Clifford does not appear to be able to care on a day to day basis for his daughter's needs.

On 28.2.91, this office received information relating to an allegation purportedly made by Pamela, Pamela having alleged to a number of school friends that her father had been interfering with her. Given the nature of the referral, this allegation was investigated jointly with Alness Police, with statements being taken from three persons, each stating that Pamela had supposedly said to school children that her father had interfered with her or alternatively that an alleged abuse on Pamela by her father had been previously reported to the Social Work Department. On investigating this allegation, Pamela denied categorically that she had stated such to either adult or child with subsequent medical examination discounting the possibility of interference.

In discussing this matter with Mr Clifford, Mr Clifford was obviously distressed by the allegation, he however did state that he believed that Pamela had probably alleged such. Having concluded the investigation, information was received by myself on 4.3.91 that Pamela had on 2.3.91 again alleged to children attending a disco in Milnafua that her father was again interfering with her. Having investigated the initial referral and/

and discussed the situation with Mr Clifford and Pamela, I am of the opinion that in all probability nothing untoward took place which such allegations probably been fabricated by Pamela, with Pamela, in my opinion, continuing to be unable to effectively separate personal needs from a continuing commitment to her father.

Given the above set of circumstances, it was considered of paramount importance that the Children's Hearing review Pamela's situation at the earliest opportunity.

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Suie House
Bridgend
Alness

7 March 1991

Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel RECEIVED 8/3/91

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT FORM

This is a confidential document - it is not to be given or shown to the child, parent or any other person without the prior agreement of the compiler or the Reporter to the Children's Panel

please use a black pen

Name: PAMELA CLIFFORD

Address: 24 Milnafua, Alness, Ross-shire

Date of Birth: 23 / 8 / 76 School: ALNESS ACADEMY

Class: 3DA3 Previous School: _____

ATTENDANCE

Provide details of attendance below or by computer print-out. (HALF-DAYS)

A last session:	from:	to:	possible:	actual:
B) current session:	from:	to:	possible:	actual:
C) last 4 weeks:	from:	to:	possible:	actual:

GENERAL COMMENTS

Please use this space (and overleaf if necessary) to comment on any relevant matter or to expand on previous sections.

Pamela's bheaviour and attitude has deteriorated markedly since the last school panel report was written. Staff find her moody, resentful, disobedient and argumentative. She can, very occasionally, work but only when she is on her own and after repeated warnings. it is now very difficult to tell when Pamela is telling the truth and when she is telling lies. She often forgets books and rearely brings her PE kit. Teachers have to listen to various excuses for this and none are satisfactory.

There have been numerous incidents recently - ignoring school rules, dodging classes by staying in the toilets, being abusive, truanting and, most seriously of all, threatening another pupil with physical violence. Pamela intimated the girl (with a stanley knife in her hand), threatening to slit the girl's throat. This last incident resulted in her being excluded for a week from 8-14 February.

Since then there has been no improvement - she is a very inconsistent and unpredictable girl who waxes hot and cold according to her mood. She seems very unhappy and feels everyone is against her. (The new Principal Teacher of (PTO)

Compiler of Report (BLOCK CAPITALS) CATHERINE MACDONALD

Post Held Principal Teacher of Guidance (Middle School)

Headteacher R B MEIKLE Date 4/3/91

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Learning Support who does not know Pamela commented on her tired-looking face and her listlessness). Class teachers all find Pamela exasperating and difficult to teach with her usual attitude being one of disruptive rudeness.

Reporter to the Children's Panel
Divisional Reporter
Mrs. J. S. Burns M.A., LL.B.
Ross and Cromarty Division

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Please ask for Mrs. Burns

Our ref: JB/SJ(sw)

26 August 1992

Principal Officer
Social Work Department
"Slioch"
Castle Street
DINGWALL IV15 9HU

Dear Sir

Children's Hearing

The case noted below has been considered by a Children's Hearing and disposed of as follows:-

PLACE	**Dingwall**
DATE	**Wednesday 26 August 1992**
CASE	**Pamela Clifford : dob 23.8.76** **24 Milnafua, Alness**
RESULT	**The supervision requirement was terminated.**

I enclose a copy of the Reasons for Decision for your confidential information.

Yours faithfully

Janet Burns
Divisional Reporter

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SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Notification of a Decision of a Children's Hearing

Pamela Clifford
c/o Coulpark Children's Centre
ALNESS
Ross-shire

The Decision

On Wednesday 26 August 1992 a Children's Hearing for Highland Region at Dingwall decided to terminate the supervision requirement.

(a copy of any Warrant or Supervision Requirement is enclosed)

The Reasons

Pamela is now sixteen years of age and is working on a successful YT placement. Her time at Coulpark Children's Centre has helped her to become mature and sensible and she is able to be independent. Therefore, formal Social Work help is no longer necessary.

E Blake

Your Rights

You have the right to appeal against this decision.

Any appeal must be made within TWENTY-ONE DAYS of the day the decision was made. You are advised to consult a solicitor. You may be entitled to legal aid. You will be notified of when the appeal will be heard. An appeal against a Warrant will be heard within THREE DAYS of it being lodged. Please read carefully any leaflet with this letter. If you do not understand something please contact the Reporter at CALEDONIAN HOUSE, HIGH STREET, DINGWALL (Phone 0349 65128)

Reporter.....

26 August 1992

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CLOSURE SUMMARY

Client ... Pammy Clifford ... Date ... 22/4/93.

1. Significant Changes in People or Circumstances

Pammy spent approx 4½ yrs in Coulport up to 16½ of age. Other frequent periods in Care. Had gone to Supported lodgings - unsuccessful but now left to go live with mum.

2. Summary of Aims Achieved and Actions since last Review

Pammy had developed considerably in Coulport - however appears to have slipped back. I believe not presently in any employment - Pammy has tended to 'blow' placements.

3. Aims not Achieved

As above.

4. Reason(s) for Closure

Pammy now at mums. Will get in touch with office if any particular difficulties.

5. Client Informed of Closure? Yes/No Agreeable to Closure? Yes/No

6. Agency / Worker Client Referred to

Signed ... Date 22/4/93

Key Worker Client

... AFL 22/4/93.

Area Team Leader

SW201 August 88

Pamela Clifford and Dodd Clifford 12.9.91.

I visited, jointly, with Kirst Logie following call from Gill Thompson to say Pamela fell asleep at school and has said she had been walking around Milnafua at 1.30 a.m. last night. S Margiss also felt we should ~~check~~ check out whether this was a ~~you~~ Pamela was deciding the home environment was so much for her.

On visiting Dodd had apparently just woken up. No evidence of immediate drink but the slurd speach was either attributable to alcohol or the long term consequences.

Pamela stated she was ok., had not been wandering the streets at 1.30 Am and that she did not [redacted] need to leave home - if she did she would go to her mothers.

CONTACT RECORD

CLIENT NAME ..... Pamela Clifford ..... Page ..... 1 .....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
7.1.91	office	B Forbes	Marc enquired that Pamela shall not be given free school meals today. Contacted Mr Redwood who undertook to contact Education Office, Dingwall. If they have received Mr Clifford's letter they arrangements would be made to provide meal. Marc stated that he and Pamela had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.
With Whom: Marc Clifford. Mr Redwood, Kinross Area.			
8.1.91	office	B. Forbes	School closed today - no testing. Pamela did not receive meal yesterday. Undertook to follow this up. Mr Clifford stated that Marc had left home last night following disagreement and that he was now staying at Dalbies. Family had good Christmas with no difficulties. Discussed arrangements during holiday period to Mrs Gait, Pamela adamant that she had not made these calls. Mr Clifford stated that Pamela never left the house at any
With Whom: Pamela Mr Clifford.			
With Whom			
With Whom			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
9.1.91	H/VISIT	B. Forbes	bed during holiday weeks. Mr Clifford stated Nicole has not returned. Stomach at home this afternoon, Police called after visit by Debbie demanding Nicos belongings. Mr Clifford refusing to hand over any clothes or personal effects. Pamela did not go to school today - stated believed still closed because of broken boiler. Emphasised that this was not the case and that Pamela should have returned. Mr Clifford stated that he also believed that school closed [redacted]
With Whom: P. Clifford. D. Clifford.			
With Whom			
With Whom			
With Whom			
10.1.91	LETTER	B. Forbes	Form CH166 received today completed and returned.
With Whom: Child Benefit. Newcastle			

or under the influence of something. unaware Pamela was in the house. said she was at school. Pamela going out back door. Took Pamela to school. Gill Thompson had Pamela at school on Thursday upset about an incident on Wed night. Pamela slept most of Thurs morning.

Pamela said what she had told Gill on Thurs morning was true but she would not talk about it and if Gill said anything Pamela would call her a liar.

When we asked Pam to tell me what happened and to confirm what Gill was saying Pam left. I went out after her but, there was no sign of her.

Pam told Gill she was upset about her dad lying on Tues at the meeting, about her mum and [redacted]

On Wed night somebody had accused Pamela of being in bed with somebody else. haven't been able to find out who. The name [redacted] was mentioned don't know who this is. Mr Clifford had said to Pamela he didn't want her living there any more. Pamela said to Gill she was out until after 1 o'clock in the morning and her father had phoned the police to find out where she was.

Pam denied this to me said she was in bed.

Gill says Pamela's behaviour has been a bit aggressive the last couple of weeks, more so towards another younger girl in class [redacted].

Kirst Logie - Alan Richards were up on Thurs to Mr Cliffords.. Mr Clifford told Kirst that Pam has started menstruating and she was upset by this. Haven't confirmed with Pamela if she is menstruating yet.

4·2·91 | JUSTICE | 10.10AM.	
With Whom	
From HADDINGTON, KINGSS ROAD.	Letter stating that Pamela late, disruptive and disobedient

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Date	Type	Worker	With Whom	Summary and Action
4.2.91	TEL.	S. MARQUES	From MR D. LIPP ARNESS ROAD.	Discussed letter.
4.2.91	H/V	S. MARQUES	PAMELA MR CLIFFORD	Discussed letter. Advised Dad to make appointment to see Mr Lipp A.S.A.P.
5.2.91	LETTER.	B. FORBES	From HEADTEACHER ARNESS ROAD.	Pamela given final warning.
8.2.91	TEL	S MARQUES	MR LIPP ARNESS ROAD.	Pamela excluded from school 7.2.91. Meeting arranged for 14.2.91. Mr Marques to attend.
11.2.91	LETTER.	B. FORBES	From HEADTEACHER ARNESS ROAD	Pamela formally excluded on 8.2.91 for 5 school days.

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CLIENT NAME ..... Pamela Clifford ..... Page ..... 5 .....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
12-2-91	H/Visit	S. Marcus	Conferred that Dad and Pamela will attend meeting arranged for 14-2-91
With Whom: Mr Clifford, Pamela.			
14-2-91	Meeting	S. Marcus	Full discussion. Pamela to return to school on Wed 20-2-91, after holiday week-end.
With Whom: Mr Mackie, Pamela, Mr Clifford.			
22-2-91	H/Visit	B. Forbes	Mr Clifford very drunk. Observed 3 empty cans in living room, 1 empty can in bedroom - carry out under bed. Mr Clifford stated that he has been abusing alcohol with his medication.
With Whom: Pamela, Mr Clifford.			
28-2-91	M.A.I.	B. Forbes	Investigation followed from information received that Pamela had been sexually abused by her father. Following full joint investigation, allegation unsubstantiated. See detailed case record.
With Whom: Investigation.			
With Whom:			

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CLIENT NAME .....

Date	Type	Worker	With Whom	Summary and Action
1.3.91	PHONE	B. FORBES	From: School.	Pamela in school today.
4.3.91	H/VISIT	B. FORBES.	MR CLIFFORD.	Mr Clifford very drunk, numerous cans of lager around living room. Saying has stopped Family Allowance on drink and made arrangements
5.3.91.	PHONE	B. FORBES	From School	for Pamela to be cared for by a neighbour. Pamela frequently truanting from class, frequently late for class. Hides in toilet. Presently on detention,
6.3.91	H/VISIT	B. FORBES	MR CLIFFORD, PAMELA	has failed to attend for detention on numerous occasions. Discussed necessary concerns and Hearing arranged for 11.3.91.
8.3.91	REPORT	B. FORBES	From Panel Members.	Report for Hearing. See Report.

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CLIENT NAME Pamela Clifford REFERENCE NUMBER

Date

28.2.91 Office visit by Mrs Hughes, [redacted] Alness. Mrs Hughes is an aunt of Pamela. Informed that Pamela had told [redacted], that her father had been interfering with her again. Pamela stated to [redacted] that she had also told [redacted]. Mrs Hughes stated that her daughter [redacted] knows nothing about this. Mrs Hughes stated that she invited her brother Mr Clifford, none closed.

Situation discussed with joint Police/S.W investigation being pursued.

[redacted] seen by myself at her mothers home. Stated that she had been made aware of allegation by Granny Clifford. Pamela is supposed to have said to [redacted] that her father had been interfering with her and that [redacted] had promised not to tell anyone.

[redacted] interviewed at Alness Academy by self and W.P.C. [redacted]. [redacted] confirmed above stating that Pamela had been "spreading it about" at local Nightclub disco that father had been interfering with her.

Home visit to 24 Nibachra not at home however located Mr Clifford at home of [redacted], Nibachra. Mr Clifford and Pamela interviewed by self, W.P.C. [redacted] and Mr Nealon, (social worker). Pamela denied that she had made any allegation stating that her father had never interfered with her. While Mr Clifford had been during discussed allegations with him, upset at allegation although believed that Pamela had probably made it. Permission given for Pamela to be medically

examined. Medical, excluding external examination carried out at Robertson Health Centre by Dr Dolan. Allegation unsubstantiated though examination with no evidence of abuse being found. Discussed strategy with it being agreed that Paula remain at home however respite fostering care was planned prior to this decision being reached.

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CLIENT NAME ..... P. Clifford ..... Page ... 8 .....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
11.3.91	HEARING	B. FORBES	Hearing continued until 22.4.91 for purpose of Domiciliary Assessment Report.
With Whom: PAMELA, MR CLIFFORD			
		B. FORBES.	Social Worker on M.H.O. Training.
With Whom: 18th - 21st MARCH 91			
18.3.91	LETTER.	B. FORBES	Dom. Assessment to be held at Address on 16.4.91
With Whom: FROM MR D. DUNCAN.			
21.3.91	LETTER.	B. FORBES	Pamela excluded for 5 days. Pamela leaving class, failing to do detention, no P.E Kit. Meeting arranged for 27.3.91.
With Whom: FROM MR LIPP.			
27.3.91	H/V MEETING	B. FORBES	Mr Clifford rang. Informed me that todays Meeting postponed
With Whom: MR CLIFFORD, PAMELA.			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
27.3.91	LETTER	B. Forbes	Informed Meeting postponed until 9.4.91.
With Whom: From Mr Meikle, Kinloss Road.			
28.3.91	VISIT	B. Forbes	Home Visit. Dad sorry could not arrange Meeting. Outlined procedure for Pam. Assessment. Discussed Brora.
With Whom: Dad, Pamela.			
		B. Forbes	Pamela spends a few days in Brora with David and Edith Sutherland.
With Whom: 2nd – 4th April 91. [redacted] Brora.			
9.4.91	MEETING	B. Forbes	Meeting with Headteacher. Pamela to be re-admitted.
With Whom: Mr Clifford, Dad, Pamela, Mr Meikle.			
13.4.91	STAND-BYE	B. Forbes	Mr Clifford in state of rage, hangover - No money to return home. Given £1000. See Standbye referral.
With Whom: STAND-BYE			
Mr Clifford.			

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CLIENT NAME ..... Pamela Clifford ..... Page ..... 10 .....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
16.4.91		B. Forbes	See file - recommended Pamela remain at home with additional support.
With Whom: Dom. Assessment Meeting.			
19.4.91.	H/Visit	B. Forbes	Discussed with recommendation. Discussed involvement of Agnes Gilmour (Family Guide)
With Whom: Dod Pamela.			
22.4.91.	Meeting	B. Forbes	Continued without recommendation. Strongly recommended make use of package of support.
With Whom: Dod Pamela.			
25.4.91.	Meeting	B. Forbes	Detailed discussion re Pamelas situation
With Whom: Agnes Gilmour.			
25.4.91	H/Visit	B. Forbes	Pamela to meet Agnes on 29.4.91
29.4.91.	H/Visit	B. Forbes	Pamela not at home although had been asked to be by father. Apologetic with H/V arranged for 2.5.91. Agnes spoke to her over telling to Dod.
With Whom: A Gilmour			
Dod.			

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CLIENT NAME ..PAMELA..CLIFFORD.. Page ....11.....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
2-5-91		FAM AIDE	Met Pam for first time good visit. Father + Pam going to see school first week about Pam being expelled.
With Whom: GEORGE CLIFFORD PAM.			
9.5.91		B. FORBES	Section 12 payment for £15.00 given, this as part of fundraising process - funds to be spent of introductory
With Whom: AGNES ASHURON FAMILY AIDE.			horse riding lesson for Pamela Lesson to take place today. Mr Clifford has already signed disclaimer.
With Whom:			
10.5.91	H/VISIT	B. FORBES	Mr Clifford met Pam for Pamela to attend Bridgend - waiting for day attendance at Brentosh. Very pleased with Pams progress. Under influence of drink
With Whom: PAMELA CLIFFORD DOD			
9-5-91		FAM AIDE	Went Horseriding today. Pamela was fine. Good for getting to know Pam. Hopefully going to leisure centre next week. I think it will take time to get Pamela's trust. Father was good today.
With Whom: George Clifford - Pamela. .			

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CLIENT NAME ..... Page ..... 12 .....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
14-5-91		FAM AIDE	Took Pam our got on fine. [redacted] There was a Mr [redacted] at the home, when we returned, inebriated. Mr Clifford asked him to leave which he did. Mr Clifford alright.
With Whom: George Clifford, Pamela "			
16-5-91		FAM AIDE	Father drunk Pam OK.
With Whom: George Clifford, Pamela "			
17.5.91	H/VISIT	B. FORBES	Home visit 9am and p.m. No response. On my way to work this morning observed Pamela with
With Whom: x2.			
			Mrs Morgan. Believe that Pamela may have stayed with Mrs Morgan last night, however no way to verify this.
With Whom:			
20.5.91	H/VISIT	B. FORBES	Both to attend meeting this afternoon. Family Allowance book lost. Police have been informed. Said left under seat of soft chair discarded.
With Whom: Mr Clifford. Pamela.			

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CLIENT NAME ..... PAMELA CLIFFORD. Page ..... 13 .....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
20-5-91		FAM AIDE	Father + Pamela fine. going to meeting this afternoon. Pamela wishing to see brother Vincent. having a word with Unice + Mackenzies to O.K. this. After meeting Pamela seems to be pleased with outcome. going to Bridgend wednesday to meet teacher.
With Whom			
George Clifford Pamela "			
20-5-91		FAM AIDE	Met with Mr + Mrs Mackenzie very keen for Paul to come down and visit.
With Whom			
MR + MRS MACKENZIE			
20.5.91	MEETING.	B. FORBES	Pamela to make introductory visit to Bridgend on 22.5.91. Mrs English to negotiate with school re exclusion. A vacancy available until summer holiday.
With Whom			
MRS ENGLISH (EDUC. PSYCHOLOGIST) DOD / SELF PAMELA AGENCIES.			
22-5-91		FAM AIDE	Meeting at Bridgend went well Pamela to start on 3rd June. Going on trip with the Bridgend group on 31st may.
With Whom			
George Clifford Pamela " Jane English. Nougher Compbell.			
24-5-91		FAM AIDE	Unable to go to Mackenzies today, Unice on a tanker making arrangements for sometime next week.. All fine.
With Whom			
George Clifford Pamela "			

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CLIENT NAME ..... Page ..14.....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
29-5-91		FAM AIDE	Father fine another man visiting him, [redacted] never got end name. Took Pamela to see Vince, at Mr + Mrs Mackenzie's. She waited with Vince and had lunch. I picked her up later, she said she had a nice time and would like to go again sometime. Pamela is joining the Bridgend group on Friday to go iceskating and to introduce her to everybody.
With Whom: George Clifford, Pamela "			
31-5-91		FAM AIDE	morning Called to pick Pam up for iceskating, no answer at front door. Back door was open, I went in and called Pam no answer two sleeping bags and beer cans on livingroom floor and settee looking like somebody had stayed the previous night As Pam knew I was coming at that time I called back at the office and left word that I had not seen her.
With Whom: George Clifford, Pam " [redacted]			Afternoon Accompanied Jan Skinner as nobody had seen Pam. Father very drunk [redacted] said Pam had been with him all morning, and that Pam had forgotten about going out with me. [redacted] said Pam would stay the night with her. Seeing Pam again on monday at Bridgend.

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CLIENT NAME .PAMELA CLIFFORD.... Page .15.....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
3-6-91		FAM AIDE	Pamela attended Bridgend this morning. was very quiet while I was there. Getting books organised for working on.
With Whom: BRIDGEND PAMELA CLIFFORD.			
3.6.91	H/VISIT	B. FORDES	Discussed concerns observed by Agnes and John Skinner on 31.5.91. Mr Clifford very co-operative and apologetic particularly regarding behaviour towards Agnes. Dad looked well and was sober. Discussed schooling with Dad undertaking to support fully.
With Whom:			
5-6-91		FAM AIDE	Father fine apologetic about Friday. Pam says she is settling in O.K. at Bridgend and things are fine.
With Whom: George Clifford Pam			
11-6-91		FAM AIDE	Pam not in, over at sports Bridgend primary. Calling tomorrow
With Whom: NEIGHBOUR.			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
12.6.91	PHONE	B. FORBES	Informed that Pamela not in school yesterday or today.
With Whom: FROM MARGARET CAMPBELL BRIDGEND.			
12-6-91		FAM AIDE	Took Pam down to Mrs Mrs Mackenzie to visit her brother Vince. Pam said she was making an appointment with the doctor due to headaches. she did not say anything about not being in school. Said she had a nice visit with Vince but was very tired.
With Whom: George Clifford Pamela "			
12.6.91	H/VISIT	B. FORBES	No response.
With Whom: Mr Clifford.			
13.6.91	PHONE	B. FORBES	Pamy at school today.
With Whom: FROM MARGARET CAMPBELL			
14.6.91	H/VISIT	B. FORBES	Mr Clifford well. Informed that he had kept Pamela off school for two days. Pamela is said to be really enjoying school.
With Whom: MR CLIFFORD.			

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CLIENT NAME ..... P. Cuffard ..... Page ...17.....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
		B. Forbes	Informed Dad that I had been in contact with Edith Sinclair and that possible for Pamela to go there over summer holiday - Edith is fostering a baby probably on a fairly long-term basis. Alternatives to be looked at.
With Whom: CONT.			
With Whom			
14-6-91		FAM AIDE	Morning Pamela seemed bright today Teacher got a note for days off school. stomach upset. Pamela still complaining of headaches wants appointment for Doctor and optician, made
With Whom			
Pamela Cuffard Margaret Campbell.			
14-6-91		FAM AIDE	them for Monday & Tues. I will inform Pam later today.
With Whom			Afternoon Gave Pamela appointment dates Pamela good father good.
George Cuffard Pamela Cuffard.			
17-6-91		FAM AIDE	Bridgend: Pamela in school. bright & chatty. Attended optician today, needs glasses will get a card to collect them when ready.
With Whom			
Pamela Cuffard.			

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CLIENT NAME ..... Page ...18.....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
15-6-91		FANFARE	Mr Clifford asleep on couch Pamela said had had a drink but was O.K. waiting on new sister arriving. Not in school today vomiting last night and sore stomach today.
With Whom: George Clifford, Pamela Clifford			
20-6-91		FANFARE	Went to shop with Pamela. £5.00 from Paul messages £4.75 gave Pamela change. Not in school today no diary. Had breakfast. Father and not look. well.
With Whom: George Clubford, Pamela Clubford			
21-6-91		FANFARE.	Arranged with Maggie to go on a trip with Bridgend. Pammie not in school No response at home, 10.45 called again about 12 [redacted] answered the door, said he thought Pammie had nipped out the back.
With Whom: Maggie Campbell.			
			[redacted] came out of the downstairs toilet smelling with drink. [redacted] said dad was sleeping never went into house. Came back to office spoke to Stewart, phoned grandmother Pammie was supposed to have called this morning and hadn't.
With Whom: MRS CLIFFORD GRANDMOTHER.			
21-6-91		FANFARE	Accompanied Stewart to Mr Clubbards. No response at front door, I checked back of house Pammie hiding behind fence. Her excuse for not being in school. was dad hadn't wakened her and she'd slept in. Said her dad had taken after +
With Whom: PAMELA CLIFFORD.			

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CLIENT NAME PAMELA CLIFFORD..... Page ....19.....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
21-6-91		FAM AIDE	and Rachael was looking after her, kept asking, are they taking me away from home. Stewart asked who was in and about Carlsberg tins (bin full at back door) said he would see her dad next week, Stewart asked if she had
With Whom: PAMELA CLIFFORD			
24-6-91		FAM AIDE	been fed she said yes and she looked o.k.
With Whom: George Clifford.			Accompanied Bill to Mr Cliffords after call from school that Pammie was not there. Mr Clifford looked unwell, Bill asked where Pammie was Mr
24-6-91		FAM AIDE	Clifford said she was in school, and that he was unable to attend meeting at School later today as he was sick.
With Whom: MARGARET CAMPBELL BRIDGEND.			Attended meeting along with Bill.
25-6-91		FAM AIDE	Mr Clifford not well followed ambulance with Pamela. Left £5.00 with staff Nurse Hills. asked her to return money to Mr Clifford discharged himself then, money was for juice. newspapers etc. Mr Clifford was seen by doctor but was waiting on registrar. Mr Clifford ~~said he was coming out of hospital~~ persuaded him to stay. took Pamela for something to eat, had not eaten anything all day. Returned to hospital Mr Clifford more settled. Delivered Pamela to Rachael's, Rachael said Pamela's brother mark had been down as he's concerned for Pamela.
With Whom: George Clifford. Pamela "			
With Whom			

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Date	Type	Worker	With Whom	Summary and Action
25-6-91		FAM AIDE	Rachael Williamson Pamela Clifford.	Mr Clifford asked that Pamela would not go to her mum and Pamela backed this. Rachael said her husband Tommy Williamson was in flat above and had Mr C's dogs. Asked Pam to be in school tomorrow, she asked if her place was still open after meeting on ~~Monday told her this~~
26-6-91		FAM AIDE.	Mrs Clifford Mr Clifford Pamela Clifford Margaret Campbell	Called at school for Pamela, told Margaret Campbell about Pam's father not being well. Took Mrs Clifford (step mother) and Pamela to hospital. Mr Clifford was shaking badly said he felt awful but had eaten some dinner. Doctor spoke to family ~~before he left. Asked that Mr C~~ would stay until he stopped shaking and that he was on tablets, he could become hooked on and they must take him off them slowly. He told Mr Clifford that his shaking was due to his alcohol problem. Mr Clifford said he was concerned about Pamela.
				went to return Pamela to Rachael's, Rachael was not in, and Pamela refused to go to granny, went back to office. Karen was on duty and spoke to Pamela, she agreed to wait with granny until Karen could put her to Rachael's when she returned.
25.6.91	H/VISIT.	B. Forbes	Dad. Pamela.	Dr Alexander in attendance. Dad taken to hospital. Arrangements made for Pamela to stay c/o Mrs Rachel Williamson

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CLIENT NAME P. Clifford

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
25.6.91	H/VISIT	B. Forbes	27 Rs Kenhside Kilbrae
With Whom: Mrs Williamson c/o Murray Kirkside			Mrs Williamson happy to care for Pamela. However no bedroom with her son William [redacted]. Overnites occasionally staying overnight. Checked records with no difficulties noted. Informed that Mrs Williamson had kept Pamela last night have Dad had discharged himself against Drs advice.
28.6.91	H/VISIT.	B. Forbes	Dad collected from Kenmore and taken home. Pamela seen and okay. To attend office on Monday
With Whom: Dad, Pamela.			
1-7-91		FAM AIDE	Called at house no answer at door.
With Whom: Called at house no answer at door.			
3-7-91		FAM AIDE	Called at Mr Clifford's 12.30 today was aware by noise there was somebody in the house. so kept knocking. Mr Clifford answered the door. his shirt was soaking down the front, and was cut at temple. asked about beer, said he had fallen and hit the coffee table appeared very
With Whom: Mr Clifford.			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
3-7-91		FAM AIDE	drunk, holding onto bannustair for support. I asked where Pam was, said he thought she was down the street, asked where about did he know, said try the coffee shop. He asked me in said I would go and see Pam. so do not know is there was anybody else in the house. Tried both coffee shops in Alness Pam was not there.
With Whom: MR CLIFFORD.			
With Whom			
4-7-91		FAM AIDE	Met Pamela in garden she looked well. She said dad had a drink and don't tell. Told her I could not lie. Mr Clifford was showing abuse. Asked if Mr Clifford was on his own because he wanted to speak to me. Mr Clifford said ~~he was drunk today~~, and to go and repair. Mr Clifford was abusive about Bill said if he tried to take Pamela (not marie) he would kill him. Mr Clifford was drunk but you could have a conversation with him. Arranged for Pamela to be picked up ~~by Janet on Monday for Invergordon~~ Arts Project.
With Whom: MR CLIFFORD. PAMELA.			
With Whom			
3.7.91	HOME VISIT	D. FORBES	Visit made following a phone contact earlier today by Agnes. Dad looked unwell.
With Whom: DAD, PAMELA, POLICE.			

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CLIENT NAME ..... Pamela Clifford ..... Page ..... 23 .....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
3.7.91		B. Forbes (cont)	Appeared under the influence but understood everything and able to discuss situation. Very abusive towards myself and Police.
With Whom			
			Informed that he had taken 6 + 4 tablets when should have taken one + one. Mixed with alcohol. Discussed with Police - not sufficient grounds to pursue charges. Agreed that I'd inform Dr Wrasher re condition. Pamela advised that she would not return to care.
With Whom			
3.7.91	Phone.	B. Forbes	Informed above. Dr to visit later.
With Whom			
Dr Kelleher Innes Group Practice			
10.7.91	Visit	B. Forbes	Dad not at home. Debbie in attendance - Pamela not about. Informed by child that Dad at Papers.
With Whom			
Dad Clifford.			

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CLIENT NAME ....CLIFFORD..... Page ..24.....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
9-7-91		FAM AIDE	Mr Clifford answered door, Pamela at shop, back shortly. Mr Clifford going on about Stewart and Bill going to house with police. and asked me to tell Bill to leave him alone, said I could not do this. Pam returned from shop she said she did not like Art workshop, so arranged to
With Whom: Mr Clifford Pamela.			
			go swimming Friday. She has appointment with doctor for headaches 11.40. Friday.. Mr Clifford apologised for miscalling me the last day I was there. said he had a couple of cans and a few pills today, away and tell Bill Forbes. (Carlsberg cans in bin)
With Whom			
			Mr Clifford said if Bill took Pammie away he would have a sick child, asked him to explain what he mean't, he said Bill's child would suffer. I said he should not make threats like that, he said this was not a threat but a promise. Pammie was quiet but looked O.K. ~~Advised Bill about threats.~~
With Whom			
12-7-91		FAM AIDE.	Went to house with Bill, Pam
With Whom: B. Forbes			not in. She was aware I was
Mr Clifford.			coming for swimming at 10.30.
			Reasoned discussion with Dad Sober. Rationalised drinking Alone is not when confronted
With Whom			of S.W Department. Discussed verbal threats and abusive behaviour towards self and Agnes. Informed that S would be on holiday for next week

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CLIENT NAME ..... Pamela Clifford. Page ..26.....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
		B. Forbes	However would report that another social worker visit. Pamela only to be seen at office by Agnes.
With Whom (cont)			
		B. Forbes	Social Worker on holiday (all dates enclosing)
With Whom			
15th – 19th June 91.			
22.7.91	H/VISIT.	D. Forbes	Dad at home on own. Pamela at Bergius – had been most of last week – enquiry – costing £1.00 per day. Sister – dismissed Children being arranged for
With Whom			
Dad.			
			24.7.91. Agreable to Making Dad founded he is sober. No contact from social worker or Agnes last week.
With Whom			
24.7.91	HEARING	B. Forbes.	Supervision requirement continued without variation. Dad under influence of drugs/drink, taken by myself to hearing in Dor,
With Whom			
Pamela Dad			

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CLIENT NAME .....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
			abusive and intimidating. Apologetic following. Having known this conducted upon a favorable disposal.
With Whom			
2.8.91	H/VISIT	B. Forbes	Both well. 5 puppies born yesterday. Dad evicted because of this. Pamela requesting clothes. Dad
With Whom			
DOD Pamela.			
			nothing assistance with arrears of £1000 owed to D.S.S. for overpayment on Family Allowance.
With Whom			
2.8.91	LETTER.	B. Forbes	Letter sent re. Child Benefit overpayment.
With Whom			
TO D.S.S.			
13-8-91		FAN AIDE.	Had sent note asking Pam to come to office, and go swimming. never turned up. Seeing Stewart.
With Whom			
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CLIENT NAME ..... Page ..27.....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
		B. Forbes	Social Worker on Holiday (all dates)
With Whom: 9th – 15th Aug 91.			
20-8-91		FAM AIDE	Pamela had handed in letter from DSS about their money. Mr Clifford had mentioned this on previous visit with Bill. Asked Pam to tell dad to call at office if he wanted to discuss letter. Pamela is in school today and looks fine. Appearance clean + tidy.
With Whom: PAMELA.			
21-8-91		FAM AIDE	Gill Thompson phoned. Pamela not in school. Called at house. Dad had taken a fit. Pamela stayed to take care of dad. Dad did look unwell, appeared not to have been drinking. He had not contacted doctor said he would be alright. Pamela O.K.
With Whom: Gill Thompson Bridgend (Phone); Mr Clifford; Pamela.			
26-8-91		FAM AIDE	[redacted] was there also [redacted] he appeared sober also. Asked Pamela to call at office, would try to get some clothes for her, from store.
With Whom: PAMELA.			Pamela fine and in school.
2-9-91		FAM AIDE	Pamela not in school Thurs or Friday last week. In school today but looked unwell. Still complaining of headaches doctor had given pain killers and two sleeping pills as Pamela had complained of not being able to sleep.
With Whom: PAMELA.			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
4-9-91		FAM AIDE	Went to Inverness purchased clothing and footwear. Pam's excuse for not being in school was Dad wouldn't let her, she had to wait for Bill to come for meeting at 12.30. Told Pam she should be in school, she said that her sleeping pattern had improved. but still appeared tired. Not eating properly.
With Whom: Pammie.			
			had no tea or breakfast today, Pam said there was no milk, and Dad didn't get money until tomorrow. From what Pam is saying she appears to be eating bread, Pie chips and not much else. Asked if she could take a note of shopping and we could do a budget and extend her diet.
With Whom:			
		B. FORBES	Mental Health Officer
With Whom: 19TH – 23RD Aug 91.			Training - Acc Dates.
29.8.91	W/VISIT.	B. FORBES	Dad and Pamela seen. Dad okay although has other men in house. Dad stated that Pamela had not been at school today because earlier she
With Whom: STUDENT DR. Dad Pamela.			
With Whom:			had been to dentists. Dad appeared to be recovering from after effects of attack, he laying on couch looking very tired.

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
3.9.91	H/VISIT	B. FORBES	Following phone call from Bridgend stating that Pamela had not arrived at school had visit made. Dad answered door appeared under influence, unsteady.
With Whom: Dad.			
			Stated that I had told him to keep Pamela from school until meeting at 12.30 pm. Informed Dad that this not the case, asked if I could take Pamela to school.
With Whom			
			Informed that she was not at home – getting messages. House noisy other persons present. Upon leaving observed child, probably Pamela, walking down back lane away from home.
With Whom			
3.9.91	MEETING	B FORBES	Discussed situation. Agreed to postpone today's meeting until 10.9.91 at 12.15 pm.
With Whom: MRS ENGLISH (PSYCHOLOGIST), MRS THOMPSON (TEACHER)			
3.9.91	H/VISIT	B. FORBES	Informed about postponement and reasons. Requested that Pamela accompany me to school. Dad refused permission for this. Dad verbally abusive and physically threatening.
With Whom: Dad, Pamela.		A. RICHARDS	

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
6.9.91	LETTER.	B. FORBES.	Reply to my letter dated Request Explanation given for overpayment in Child Benefit of £1153.50p.
With Whom: FROM D.S.S. INVERNESS.			
6.9.91	W/VISIT.	B. FORBES.	Visit made at the request of Mr Clifford. Informed that Pamela had yesterday lost £45.00 given to by messages. Pamela confirmed this. Section 12
With Whom: DOD. PAMELA.			
	OFFICE.	B. FORBES.	payment of £10.00 given with agreement made for basis loan with D.S.S. Pamela stated that she had not gone to school because she had had no breakfast.
With Whom			
6.9.91	OFFICE	B. FORBES.	Discussed. Mrs Thomson stated that Pamela has in the past been provided with
With Whom: MRS THOMSON TEACHER			
			breakfast at Bridgend and that todays non attendance not legitimate because.
With Whom			

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CLIENT NAME P. CLIFFORD Page 31

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
10-9-91		FAM AIDE	Meeting at Bridgend. Jane pointed out Pams non attendance. Pam has not had a full week this term. Mr Clifford maintains he does not aware when Pam was not in school, Pam says she is in the house when away from school. At the times we have called Pam has been at home and Mr Clifford aware of her absence.
With Whom: Jane English. Mr Clifford. Gill Thompson. Pammie. Kirsty Logie.			
			Mr Clifford repeated several times that Pam's mother does not want her, don't know what significance this was. Jane English pointed out that it would be good if Pam could attend school on a regular basis as this gives a better indication of how things are going with Pamela. On daup Mr Clifford said he had no food for breakfast
With Whom			
			Gill Thompson explained that she would provide Pam with something to eat. Pamela is still suffering from headaches, explained about her not sleeping and headaches. Pamela has not been wearing her glasses regularly. so this could be part of her headaches, although no further investigation has been made.
With Whom			
With Whom			

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CLIENT NAME Pamela Clifford Page 32

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
12.9.91.	H. Visit	K. hogie	Joint Home Visit with A. Richards S. Worker. Dodd was lying on the Couch. He claims that he was recovering from an epileptic fit. Purpose of the visit was to clarify the reasons Pamela gave for falling asleep in the classroom. Both denied that there had been quarrying or noise in the house the previous evening. Pam said that she had gone to her bedroom between 9 P.M and 10 P.M but had not fallen asleep until 1.30 A.M. During the interview Dodd asked Pam and A. Richards to leave the room. He then went on to say that Pam had begun menstruating and that he would like someone to speak to Pam and explain to her that he understood about such matters. Told Dodd that I would inform Agnes Abarrow (Family Aide) of the situation.
With Whom: Pamela and Dodd Clifford.			
With Whom:			
With Whom:			
With Whom:			
13.9.91		K. hogie	Gave detailed information of yesterday's visit to Pamela and her father
With Whom: Agnes (Family Aide).			K.H.

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CLIENT NAME PAMELA CLIFFORD ..... REFERENCE NUMBER .....

Date 4.11.91

Telephone call from Joyce Gartshore, Coulpark. Pamela states she has had her face scratched by a member of staff.

Telephone call to John Dunlop. Mr Dunlop contacted Jim Erskine. Joyce Gartshore then rang me to arrange for a doctor to look at the scratches. I picked up Pamela from Bridgend Unit where she had repeated the comments.

Appointment with Dr Dolan. Dr Dolan confirmed the scratches could have been caused by fingernails or any other sharp implement. He confirmed they were superficial.

Visit to Coulpark. With Joyce present, I asked Pamela how she came by the scratches. She said she did not know. I felt that unlikely. She said it was probably not the staff member, she said she would definately tell me if it was, she said I could take it from that that it was not the staff member. Pamela also said she had not said she had been scratched.

My initial enquiries gave no clear complaint. Myself, Joyce Gartshore and Dr Dolan gave Pamela several opportunities to describe how she came about the scratches. In view of this I feel there is no information to take for a joint investigation. Furthermore, I am aware Pamela has repeatedly made unsupported allegations followed by retractions concerning her home life. In this sense, today's comments are not out of character.

A Richards

Alan Richards
Social Worker

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CLIENT NAME PAMELA CLIFFORD ..... REFERENCE NUMBER .....

Date **14.10.91**

Went to meet Pam at 10.50 a.m. for doctor's appointment. Waited 5-10 minutes, told reception to tell Pam I had been there in case she was late. Phoned from office to see if Pam had turned up for appointment. She hadn't.

Accompanied John to Mr Clifford's. Pam said she hadn't gone for appointment because her arm was fine. Asked to see her arm. Arm moving easier but still bruised, asked her to come and see if doctor's appointment was still available. [redacted] Dod all in house.

John phoned from office, appointment not available until 4.35 p.m.

Told Pam to meet me at office at 4.20 p.m so I was sure she would turn up. Asked her to be sure she would be there or I would have to look for her again. Pam said okay and I ran her home.

Pam did not turn up at office, waited until appointment time and phoned surgery. Receptionist said Pam had come in, said a social worker should have met her and she would go and get her. Went and looked outside. No sign. Phoned grandmother thinking Pam would have gone there. She hadn't seen Pam since that morning. Went across to surgery and checked waiting room. Receptionist thought she was over at office.

Accompanied Karen to see if we could find Pam. Met her on Obsdale road. She had a baby in a pushchair and another girl, [redacted] (12 yrs) with her. She said she had to take the baby home. Offered that we would run her to the baby's house and then on to Doctors. Pam became extremely agitated and started shouting verbal abuse. No way was she going with us, the baby's mother said she was not allowed near social workers while she had the baby. The mother had enough trouble with social workers. Asked her again to accompany us, threatened to hit Karen and myself. She asked if [redacted] would take the baby home, then said to [redacted] she had better not hit the baby or she was dead. We asked who the baby was and who [redacted] was. [redacted] wouldn't answer and Pam was again abusive and ran off with baby in pushchair. Went back in direction of office as police car passed, pulled into station and explained situation. Karen said she would speak to her supervisor and if action was necessary she would get in touch.

Accompanied John and Karen to Mr Cliffords. Karen spotted Pam running away on bottom car park. Pam ran to [redacted] house. Karen looked for [redacted] who returned as Pam was shouting abuse and threatening to hit John. [redacted] answered door and said to come in. Pam still shouting abuse in house and

threatening to hit me. Mr Clifford arrived with [redacted], both drunk. Mr Clifford shouted at Pam to calm down or he would skelp her arse like he should have done years ago. John asked [redacted] to leave. Pam would not say who the baby was as she would get killed. [redacted] and her son, [redacted] said they did not know who the baby was. Mr Clifford said somebody called [redacted] entered the house again. [redacted] said she would come to doctors with Pam. Went to surgery. Pam a bit calmer but still aggressive, said we would accuse dad of hurting her. Pam saw Doctor. John and Karen accompanied [redacted] and Pam back to [redacted] as [redacted] said she would look after Pam for tonight and see she stayed with her.

Agnes Aburrow
Family Aide

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CLIENT NAME: Pammy Clifford

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Date	Type	Worker	With Whom	Summary and Action
20/11.	Phone.	P.M	Gill Thomson.	Summary of developments to date. Pammy still hardly ever at Mrs Urquharts. Likewise attendance at Work v. poor.
				Continues to pop in & see Gill now & again. Gill advising me that Pammy apparently lost her Job. Some instances when her father had gone to her workplace & Pattersons. This had resulted in arguments. Told Gill that I would rather not make first move with re. Pammy - given difficulties on 7/10. Hopefully if problems exist Pammy will be
25/11	Phone.	P.M.	Careers office Dingwall.	able to come to office for help as she has done before. Advising me that Pammy has now failed to arrive for at least 3 appointments
26/11.	Phone.	P.M	Mrs Urquhart.	Still staying at Mrs Urquharts, however not working, receiving no money. Mrs Urquhart receiving no rent - has spoke to John Divers re. this.

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
10/12.	Phone.	P.M.	Has been approached by Pamany for a placement in caring. Wanting how suitable this would be. Advised that
With Whom: Robert Hess Fyrish.			
			She had done well in past though there had been probs in later stages; nevertheless would not discount possibility of such a placement working. Pamany still staying with
With Whom:			Mrs Urquhart. Mr Hess will keep in touch.
18/12.	Phone.	P.M.	Pamany still next working – likely to start after New Yr. Within house deemed ok, though not always sure if Pamany being truthful
With Whom: Mrs Urquhart.			
18/12	Phone.	P.M.	Situation re. Supplementation of Pamany's rent now with Loan Officer. Unsure what will be agreed.
With Whom: John Burns.			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
17-9-91		FAM AIDE	Pamela went into school, said she had a prescription for tonsilitis. Said to Gill she didn't have to be there. Left without permission.
With Whom: Gill Thompson			
17-9-91		FAM AIDE	Mr Clifford phoned, Pam will not be in school until Thurs not well.
With Whom: Mr. Clifford			
20-9-91		FAM AIDE	Pam uncooperative & truculent. Gill had bad day with Pam.
With Whom: Gill Thompson.			
24-9-91		FAM AIDE	Gill cancelled school Mon-Tues. making new timetable. Having too many problems with all children together.
With Whom: Gill Thompson			
25-9-91	SCHOOL	FAM AIDE	Visited school to deliver books. Pamela refusing to leave and return at 11:00 am. Pamela intimidating (sassing) and defiant,
With Whom: B. Forbes			
Principal Mrs Thomson.			

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CLIENT NAME ..... Pamela Clifford ..... Page 34 .....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
15.9.91	school	H/V. B. Forbes	Visit to school Ref by Agnes. Pamela not at school. H/V made. Did not well looking very pasty. Said believed Pamela
With Whom		A. Arthur	
Gill Thomson. Pamela Dad.			
			at school, Pamela at home, seen at back door by Pamela Agnes. Discussed, Pamela taken to school. During
With Whom			
			discussion between Agnes Gill and Pamela, Pamela left without permission
With Whom			
16-9-91		Fam Disc B. Forbes	Gill phoned suspected Pamela and [redacted] of buzzing or taking something at the interval. Pam whispered something to [redacted] and [redacted] came back and told Gill that Pam had her fathers prescription (long Diazapan)
With Whom			
Gill Thompson. Phone Mr Clifford - Pamela.			view with Bill to Mr Clifford's. Father and Pamela fine. Pamela denied taking anything. No evidence of anything when we were there.
With Whom			Dad stated that Pamela could not have taken any of his medication he counted the tablets in my presence?

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
			make his own way to school. Stated that he would not be going to Netley. Mr C stated very much under influence of alcohol which he accepted. Loud and aggressive – we did not want to discuss matters.
26-9-91		B. Forbes	See detailed Record

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CLIENT NAME ..... PAMELA CLIFFORD. Page 36.....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
			verbally threatening left and returned later with Dogs. Pamela still there - eventually left but refused to return at 11.00 am.
With Whom			
			Discussed situation with Mrs Thomson, concerned that Mrs may be at risk of possible physical assault
With Whom			of accusations stated she place herself in a one-to-one situation. Discussed situation and agreed that Pamela does not return to Bridgend
With Whom			until Tuesday 1st Oct. In reality this means only one day missed because of In-Service Training.
25-9-91	H/VISIT	B. FORBES	Advised Mrs C that no schooling until Mon or Tuesday. Stated that
With Whom			
PAMELA MRS CLIFFORD.			Mrs C. would have to

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CLIENT NAME Pamela Clifford REFERENCE NUMBER

Date

26.9.91 Phone call at 3.00 pm from Gill Hanson. Gill stated that Pamela arrived at class today at 9.45 am, requesting a letter for her father explaining that she was not to attend class until Tuesday 1st October 91.

In discussing this with Pamela, Pamela stated that she had last night been arguing for several hours with [redacted] until abt midnight and that she had said to Gill "you should see my ribs". Gill stated that she was not able pursue this last statement further other children having been present. Pamela had also been talking about "burning" and lighter fuel however again this had not been followed up. Gill discussed with Pamela her feelings about Social Work involvement Pamela becoming very aggressive about my and Regis involvement.

3.45 pm Home Visit. Accompanied by Karen Morrison (Social Worker). Met at door by a gentleman called [redacted]. [redacted] stated that no one was at home, [redacted] appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. Karen and I doubted [redacted] statement we having heard movement and noise from others in house.

4.00 pm. Contacted Harry Yorke. Joint Investigation. Contacted Kilmarnock Police and arranged to visit with W.P.C. [redacted]

4.16 pm Home Visit. Met at door by Pamela.

making meal in kitchen. P appeared to be under influence. Pamela asked him what he was doing in house and asked him to leave, this he did. Entered living room, observed 4 empty cans of Carlsberg Super Lager bottles with 2 empty cans of ordinary lager.

Mr Clifford denied to be having had a bath. He stated that he also had been drinking. Made Mr C. aware of referral and reasons. Pamela denied that she had said anything to teacher about her ribs and that she had not been arguing with [redacted]

Mr Clifford stated that he had been here all night and awake. He had not seen Pamela or Chuck arguing nor heard any disagreement.

Permission given for Pamela Ross to examine Pamelas ribs - no evidence of bruising.

Endeavoured to discuss reference made to banging however again denied that this had been said to teacher. Mr Clifford stated that she had never been a cause for concern.

Cliff.

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STANDBY DUTY REFERRAL FORM

Note: Referrals should be passed by telephone to appropriate team first thing next working day. One written copy of Referral to Area Team concerned, one copy to Principal Fieldwork Officer.

STANDBY WORKER: PAUL MACLEHAN Date of Referral: 5/10/91.
Time on: 7 pm Time off: 7.30 pm

NAME OF CLIENT: SURNAME: CLIFFORD FORENAME: PAMELA
ADDRESS: 24 MILNAFUA, ALNESS. Tel No:

Date of Birth:

Name of Referrer: Father George (Dod) Clifford

NATURE OF PROBLEM PRESENTED:

Mr Clifford had contacted the police stating that he felt Pammy was missing & he would like me to contact him.

As I was on another call for some time, it was later in the evening when I managed to call round to the house.

ACTION TAKEN:

Arrived at the home I was let in by Pammy. Found Mr Clifford V. drunk & in my mind incapable of looking after Pammy. Both Pammy & her dad V annoyed at my visit & my suggestion that Mr Clifford drunk. Asked Pammy if she could go & stay at a friend or relative for tonight. Pammy then fetched a Mrs Annie Devine from [redacted] Fearn. Mrs Devine was there in M'Fie visiting & knows Pammy & Mr CLIFFORD.

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FOLLOW UP ACTION RECOMMENDED:

For Bill Forbes info.

Signature: Paul Maclehan Date: 5/10/91.
(continue overleaf if necessary)

to Fearn. Pammy agreed to this.

Unsure whether this arrangement will have been carried thru.

Informed Bill Forbes of situation.

To Bill for follow up.

Phillips AIR
8/10/91

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
1-10-91		FAM AIDE	At Bridgend. Chris Mackenzie showing a film on alcohol abuse When I spoke to Pam she spoke back aggressively about Bill taking a policewoman to her house. 26-9-91 I didn't respond, felt if I did it would lead to an argument. The girls watched the film and seemed to pay attention.
With Whom: Pam Clifford			
4-10-91		FAM AIDE	Told Pam I had some shirts for dad at office. She said he could pick them up himself and that himself and Bill better stop calling at her friends looking for her. Spoke to Evonne from description of the men. think it was [redacted]
With Whom: Careers officer (Evonne) Pam Clifford.			
			She through they were passing a bottle of alcohol between them, not Pamela.
With Whom:			
10-10-91		FAM AIDE	Met Mr C and Pam asked if I could take him to hospital with his knee. I asked if he had been to the doctor he said yes and it was his cartilage. Pam said the doctor wouldn't put him to the hospital because he had been drinking. Mr C asked if we would look after Pam when he went into hospital ~~to have his knee sorted~~
With Whom: Mr Clifford / Pammie.			
10-10-91		FAM AIDE	Gill said Pam had bruising yesterday on her arm and that Pam had said she was fighting with [redacted]. Then she said she had fallen. Pam came in with [redacted] [redacted] was not due to be there. Pam had been getting Gill to write down her feelings Pam let me read this. Pam showed
With Whom: GILL THOMPSON PAMMIE Bridgend.			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
10-10-91		FAM AIDE	me the bruising and said she would go to the nurse if I would go with her. Pam was impatient waiting for the nurse speaking aggressively about what she would do if they didn't hurry up. Checked the blood test she had done last week it was clear of glandular fever. The nurse looked at Pam's arm and
With Whom			
			got the doctor, the doctor did not think she had damaged any bones Pam told me she fell of a table which is outside the back door of the house and landed on her arm.
With Whom			
11-10-91		FAM AIDE	Pam at school today, seemed fine She never mentioned her dad.
With Whom			
Gill Thompson Pammie.			
With Whom			
With Whom			

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Date	Type	Worker	With Whom	Summary and Action
11/9.	Visit	P.M.	Mr Urquhart.	Penny not in ; left however to be settling better. Getting on well with other girls in house.
17/9.	Phone.	P.M.	John Evans.	Asking him to look into issue of financial assistance — letter already sent. He will speak with Jackie Gerard/Allen & get back in touch
25/9.	Phone.	P.M.	Mrs Urquhart. & Nan Rowden. Y.T. Placement Alwen.	Penny in danger of losing her Y.T. place due to her absences. Need to get sick lines for certain dates & report to Y.T. place on Monday — This message passed to Mrs Urquhart.
			With Whom	
1/10.	Phone	P.M.	Nan Rowden & Mrs Urquhart	Penny now back at her Y.T. Health probs still continuing. Other issues from C'Park shortly to go to Mrs Urquhart this may help Penny to settle.

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
6/10.	Phone.	L.M.	Further concerns re: Pammy not attending Work.
With Whom: Sandra Urquhart.			
9/10.	Phone	L.M.	Pammy not attending Work & rarely at Mrs Urquharts. Believes she is at Debbies – 50 kilomtr Place. Agreed I would visit.
With Whom: Mrs Urquhart & Pammy			
			On way there met Pammy. Had 5 min chat Pammy V. hostile & distrustful not wishing our help which she feels is interference.
With Whom			
2/11.	office	L.M.	Had been spending most of time at mothers/Debbies. Has had a little contact with Dad but this not good. Was wishing birth certificate but does not appear our dept have this.
With Whom: Pammy.			
			Pammy quite easy to speak to – surprising given last contact. Wishing to go to mums to give it a try. Missing Abuss not really getting on great well with people at Mrs Urquharts
With Whom			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
7/8.	Phone	Polk.	Has not heard any. Contact as yet from John Burns. Clarify financial position. Mrs Urquhart takes £8 per wk from residents
With Whom: Mrs Urquhart.			
			This toward cost of B&B. Mrs Urquhart also provides a free evening meal though she is not supposed to. Room available for Pammy.
With Whom:			
11/8.	Office	P.M.	Wishing to know when panel is to be held. V. pleasant during our brief chat. Dad's leg still giving him pain – this following a fall.
With Whom: Dad.			
18/8.	letter	Polk.	Request for extra financial support for Pammy when she leaves care & goes to Mrs Urquhart's.
With Whom: John Burns.			
21/8.	Visit	Polk.	Pammy certain she will not go home to dad but frightened to say this to him. Looking forward to going to Mrs Urquhart's & making further visit this wk.
With Whom: Pammy & Anne at c/ Parks.			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
25/8.	Visit	P.M.	Discussing my report. Dad not happy with this. Advised him that if he wants a lift he should be at office for 9.30
With Whom: Dad at home.			
26/8.	Phone	P.M.	Dad did not arrive. Penny, mother, brother & sister came – V. Upsetting. Penny now off supervision moving to Mrs Urquharts at end of wk.
With Whom:			
2/9	Phone.	P.M.	Penny moved to stay with Mrs Urquhart on Sunday. But since then has spent little time there – mostly then at Alans.
With Whom: Alan – O'Park			
3/9.	Phone.	P.M.	Feels Penny settling a little better but realises it is still early days yet. Will call me if she is concerned.
With Whom: Mrs Urquhart.			
~~9~~ 10/9	Phone	P.M.	Penny next few will last few days – kidney complaint. Getting better now. Perhaps a little more settled with Mrs Urquharts.
With Whom: Mrs Urquhart.			

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CLIENT NAME: Pammy Clifford

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
14/1	Phone.	P.M.	At mums over holiday, not really back since then. Not started work at Tesco's. Has neither been at Careers.
With Whom: Mrs Urquhart			
20/1.	Phone.	P.M.	Pammy failed to keep appointments.
With Whom: Robert Ross.			
29/1.	Office	P.M.	Pammy wishing to leave Mrs Urquhart's – not happy there. Feels Mrs Urquhart telling other people of her background. Pammy wanting to go & stay
With Whom: Pammy.			with her sister Debbie but says that she would have to pay rent money for Debbie. (Checked with council they will not pay rent money for any individual residing with a close
With Whom			relative. Pammy saying she will stay at Mrs Urquhart's, however seems to have been staying at Debbies most of the time so far. Pammy going to see about getting Y.T. placement.
With Whom			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
22/2.	Home.	P.M.	I was wondering how Pammy was getting on. Returned message from Mrs Urquhart. when I was out. Stating Pammy fine – more settled.
With Whom: Mrs. Urquhart. – not in, left message on answer machine			
23/2.	Phone.	P.M.	Had phoned C'Park, where I spoke with her. Pammy feeling she can't stay at Mrs Urquharts much longer.
With Whom: Pammy.			
			Says it is getting her down. Told her to come into office on Friday to discuss more fully with me.
With Whom			
26/2.		P.M.	
With Whom: Pammy did not arrive			
3/3		P.M	Met Pammy in town I arranged to see her again on Friday.
With Whom: Pammy.			

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CLIENT NAME ..... Tammy Clifford ..... Page .....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
5/3.		P.M.	
With Whom			
Tammy arrive again failed to come to the office for appt.			
26/3.	P.M.	Phone.	Tammy to start YTS. in Ilkley on Monday. Unsure what job doing. Sister Debbie still in Ilkley. Still spending
With Whom			
Sandra Urquhart.			
			a lot of time with her & Mum. Not getting on great with other girls. Not as close as used to be. Feels Tammy closer to her than in past. Also speaks
With Whom			
			to Mr Urquhart. Taking greater care of self & room.
With Whom			
25/3.	Phone.	P.M.	Tells me that Tammy has told her that she intends leaving Mrs Urquhart & going back to Mum with Mum. Also told Ann that she had stopped off to see a few friends again.
With Whom			
Ann - Clerk			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
26/3.	Phone	P.M.	Lengthy conversation. Pammy telling me she wishes to go back to Mums. Intends doing this in a few wks.
With Whom: Pammy			
			Starts job on Monday; I think is a bit worried about this. Told me about spending w'end with Dad, but says she has told him she will not stay with him permanently.
With Whom			
			Advised Pammy I would be leaving & that Janet Winchester will take over, Pammy happy with this.
With Whom			
1/4.	Phone.	P.M.	Probs with Pammy at Work. Pammy has taken today off. Told work she has appointment to see me — this not true. This overheard by Sandra who questioned Pammy leading to massive row.
With Whom: Sandra Urquhart, Careers office, Pammy.			
			Spoke with Pammy who said she couldn't go to work as she did not have money for bus fares — unsure if this really the case. Advised Pammy to get in touch with her work, so that she doesn't lose job.
With Whom			

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CLIENT NAME .... Tammy Clifford. Page .....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
14/4.	Phone.	V.M.	Sandra advising me that Tammy has chosen to move back to her mums. Also has not been back at work. Sandra aware I am leaving.
With Whom: Sandra Urquhart.			
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CLIENT NAME ..Pamela Clifford.. Page .....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
13/11.	Visit	P.M.	Introduced myself to Penny as new social worker. (Had already visited Mr Clifford who was pleased to have new social worker. Tells us he has made appeal against Panel decision.) Penny seemingly relatively happy enough within herself.
With Whom: Joint visit with self to see Penny & Anne (keyworker) at C'Park.			
18/11.	Visit	P.M.	Introduced myself to Pennys Mum. She is feeling Penny happier now that she is in C'Park. Penny herself seeming ok.
With Whom: Self & Anne with Penny & Mum at C'Park			
21/11.	Visit	P.M.	Dad just in, (also present indiv who attends day hospital.) Dad had had a few drinks which he admitted to, also had 2 cans of lager in his coat. Had bought shopping also. Dad not sober, but not drunk & incapable. Able to walk & talk fine. V. negative towards Bill Forbes, though I pointed out he may not always like myself. Dad still has not heard anymore with re. his appeal but certain that he has. Asked if Penny could
With Whom: Self & Janet Winchester to Dads house.			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
			Stay overnight Christmas eve to Christmas Day. I said I did not feel that would be good idea. Dad V. upset at this, but still V. civil to myself. Advised him of meeting on Monday – Ed' Review.
With Whom			
21/11.	Visit	P.M.	Introducing myself to Gill. & Bill saying good bye Unable to have proper chat so arranged a time for tomorrow.
With Whom			
Myself & Bill Forbes to see Gill Thompson.			
21/11.	Phone	P.M.	Anne informing me that Dad V. upset on plans to her. Anne also aware that decision at last review – 6th Nov was that with no overnight
With Whom			
Anne – C' Park.			
			access at Xmas, if all was well this would be considered at the time. – Noted decision at review which states that this request would be arranged if all was well.
With Whom			
21/11	Phone.	P.M.	No record of any appeal lodged at either court.
With Whom			
Tain Sheriff Crt & Dingwall Sheriff Crt.			

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CLIENT NAME ... Penny Clifford ... Page .....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
22/11.	Office	PM -	Had intended visiting Mr Clifford, however he arrived at office prior to me doing this. Dad upset about my decision not to let Penny stay over at Xmas & wishing to speak to Stuart. Asked Dad if I could
With Whom: Dad Clifford.			
			Speak to him/self first, which Dad agreed to. Explained I had made mistake & Dad V. happy with this, stressed though that he must be sober enough. Dad then asked if Penny could stay another night if she wished, said no to this & Dad accepted
With Whom			this.
			Visit later that day to see Penny at c'Park. Penny had been at police station as witness to a theft. Penny appeared V. insecure of me & not V. talkative. Stated she wished to go home, I
With Whom			informed her of my feelings that this was not a good idea. Clearly going to be hard work to build up any degree of trust with Penny.
25/11.	Meeting	P.M.	Bd Review, went well,
With Whom: Bd Review re Penny, Mrs Clifford, Betty (c'Park), Jane English, Gill Thompson, Joe McCabe, Mr Meikle & self. (Mr Clifford not at meeting).			Penny stating she is happy with everything. Decision to stay up attendance at Y'end Centre - no plans for Xmas Acc at this moment.

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
28/11.	Phone	P.M.	I had phoned to enquire as to the possibilities of Penny spending a few days at Mr & Mrs Simpsons - Foster Parents home. John feels this not possible. Simpsons worried that in past Penny was hitting their children. He will ask Barnes Mitchell who deals directly with Simpsons to contact me.
With Whom: John Boyle children services Wick.			
With Whom			
28/11.	Visit	P.M.	Visited C'Park, but Penny not in.
With Whom			
3/12.	Visit	P.M.	Penny doing well. Staff V. pleased. On occasions when she has gone to Mrs & Simpsons home she has shown the maturity to leave. Clearly V. fond of her dad & would not wish to feel she is being used as a spy against him. Penny asking again about Simpsons at Barra.
With Whom: Penny at C'Park.			
With Whom			

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CLIENT NAME: Pammy Clifford

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
4/12.	Visit	P.M.	Dad at home with a couple of friends ([redacted] [redacted]) Dad drinking with his friends but not drunk, able to speak easily & in good humour. Seems pleased that Pammy is doing well. Did not mention appealing. Visit went V. well.
With Whom: Dad at home. Visit by myself & Anne C'Park			
5/12.	visit	P.M.	Pammy in good spirits. Again seeming keen to go to Simpsons. Explained I was waiting for call back.
With Whom: Pammy & staff.			
9/12	Phone	P.M.	Explained I was looking for [redacted] Pammy to go to Simpsons for a couple of days. Inness aware of past difficulties but will speak to Simpsons.
With Whom: Inness Mitchell.			
10/12.	Phone	P.M.	Advising me that whilst Simpsons wary about taking Pammy overnight they are happy to take her for a day. Also may make visit on Sunday - Advised Anne at C'Park of this.
With Whom: Inness Mitchell.			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
10/12.	Visit	P.M.	Visited & advised Pammy that Simpsons likely to be able to take her for a day. Pammy quite pleased with this. Took Pammy round to see her dad. Pammy decided not to stay as Dad wasn't there, ~~He~~ only [redacted] There lying drunk. Pammy has not visited for a little while as Dad frequently had a good drink
With Whom: Pammy at C'Park			
13/12.	Phone	P.M.	Pammy telling Gill that she is not keen on visiting dad at moment as he is frequently drunk & she does not feel comfortable in company he has. Pammy though feels pressured into making these visits.
With Whom: Gill Thompson - D'ecnd.			
17/12.	Visit	P.M.	Pammy V. low. Advised her she did not need to see her dad if she did not wish. Pammy had been given a room at school - a bit down
With Whom: Pammy at C'Park			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
19/12.	Visit	P.M.	Pammy not making any allegations. Generally feeling uncomfortable about the visits due to Dads friends. Spoke with Pammy who refused to speak about it.
With Whom: Jim Erskine & Pammy			
			Unsure whether she wished to go to Dads at Xmas. Finds it hard to speak to me - unable to face me. Said I would visit at end of week.
With Whom:			
18/12.	Visit	P.M.	Sale of work at school. Pammy & others had made cakes etc. Pammy proving to be a proper little business woman.
With Whom: Pammy at School & Gill Thompson.			
20/12.	Visit	P.M.	Pammy wishy to go to Dads for Xmas dinner but worried that his drinking friends will be there. Anne wishy to make a visit on Sunday to point out Situation to Dad.
With Whom: Pammy & Terry (Staff) at C'Ford			
23/12.	Phone.	P.M.	Pammy wishy to go to Dads. Anne spoke to Dad & explained what is expected. Dad apparently has no money to buy food for Xmas. Unsure exact reasons for this. & Pammy taken into hospital
With Whom: Charlie (Staff) C'Ford			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
			On Fri night bleeding heavily from ~~sexual organ~~ Rectum. Kept in Roman Ward O'Night for Observation. Passing on 'pill' & not taking this regularly. This caused bleeding.
With Whom			
27/12.	Office	P.M	Has food, but no money to buy xmas, claims rights due to him expecting giro but it not likely to come till after xmas. Food line given. Explained about Passing will be collected on Wed on time for her to go & visit her mother if she wishes to.
With Whom			
Mr Clifford.			
With Whom			
6/1/92.	Phone.	P.M	Passing doing Ok. Visit to dads went well. later went to Mums. Has spent a lot of time at Mums including recent overnight. Decided not to go
With Whom			
Betty (Staff. C'Park)			
			to Xmas but has seen the kiddies. Recently incident at Mums when dad arrived while Passing there. Argument started & Passing asked to go back to C'Park by Mum for her safety. Staff concerned by Passings low weight — blood tests due soon.
With Whom			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
6/1/92	Office	P.M.	Called at office while I was out. Saying that as he is short of cash he would prefer if Pammys visits were postponed till after Thursday Unsure of why this is necessary as Pammy visits are short - no meals etc. As it is Pammy visiting less frequently.
With Whom: Mr Clifford.			
With Whom			
8/1	Phone	P.M.	Pammy doing V. well.
With Whom: Gill Stewart D'end Centre.			
10/1	Visit	P.M	Visit V. difficult. Pammy V. Strroppy. Staff thought have no worries.
With Whom: Pammy.			
16/1	Visit	P.M.	Called into C'Park Pammy there but not saying much.
With Whom: C'Park.			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
20/1	Phone	P.M.	Incidents at W'end with police involved. This due to grp of kids visiting Pammy going missing on Sat & Sun. All returned safely. No charges
With Whom: Charlie - C'Park			
			Difficulties at school with Pammy. Asking if I could visit.
With Whom:			
20/1	Visit	P.M.	Pammy V. difficult. Not willing to discuss anything with me. Did make comment about us all turning her against her dad, however didn't elaborate on this.
With Whom: Pammy at C'Park.			
21/1.	~~Office Visit~~	P.M.	Unhappy that Pammy has it been missing/away twice. Wanting to know wether Pammy wishes to have any further contact.
With Whom: Mr Clifford.			
			Admitting he has been drinking heavily lately.
With Whom:			

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CLIENT NAME Pammy Clifford

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
27/1	Office.	P.M.	Pammy still visiting frequently & things going well. Mrs Henderson aware that Pammy most likely wishing to go & stay with her.
With Whom: Mrs Henderson (Pammy's Mum)			
			Feels she does not have the room to take Pammy at moment but may do in future. Advised her that if Pammy was set on going to her mum I would wish to have a trial period, so as to assess how it would work.
With Whom			
27/1.	Phone	P.M.	Meeting went well. Things fairly positive, though Pammy not wishing to return to Academy.
With Whom: Pammy at C'Bank - unable to attend			
29/1.	Visit	P.M.	In better form. Keen to know that I had been speaking to her mum. Would like to go & stay there.
With Whom: Pammy at C'Bank.			
10/2	Message.	P.M.	Advised that Dad had come to office on 6th V. upset down in drugs. Wanting us to contact C'Bank as he wants to know where he stands. This message passed to Ann - Key worker.
With Whom			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
10/2.	Phone	V.M	Pammy doing well. She & Anne have visited Dad, but he was quite drunk & had company. Ann has spoken to Dad explaining that if he is always drunk Pammy will not wish to visit.
With Whom: Ann - keyworker Clark.			
11/2.	Office	V.M.	Dad at office V. drunk. Speaking about getting Bill Forbes S.W. involved & that it is his fault that Pammy is in care. Upset that Pammy not visiting. Explained that Pammy not likely to wish to visit if he is always drunk. Advised him that Pammy in care because of his drinking not Bill Forbes. Told him that nothing prevents him from taking a walk up to Clark when he is sober. Dad left with a bottle of cider & some cans to get drunk further.
With Whom: M. Clifford.			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
12/2.	Phone	P.M.	Wondering if Ramsay can stay W'end at Mums. Said this would be OK.
With Whom: Kathy - C'Park.			
13/2.	Visit	P.M.	In good enough frame of mind. Had heard that her dad had been at office drunk. Wondering if W'end at Mums still on, as Mark has had a No. of epileptic fits lately. Wanting me to visit Mums.
With Whom: Ramsay at C'Park.			
With Whom:			
13/2.	Visit	P.M.	Spoke at some length. Positive about Ramsay. Feels this W'end would not be good as Mark & Sandra (sister) not well. OK for other W'ends. This info passed to C'Park.
With Whom: Ms. Henderson (Ramsay's Mum)			
21/2.	Visit	P.M.	Doing v. well. Has been doing life history work with Angela V. keen to know as much as possible -- Stayed at Mums last Monday night. This went well.
With Whom: Ramsay at C'Park.			

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Date	Type	Worker	With Whom	Summary and Action
27/2.	Visit	P.M.	Passing at Friend.	Doing fine. No concerns.
4/3.	Office	P.M	Dead at Office.	Seeing more positive as Pammy has been visiting lately. Says that Pammy is wanting to go home, however I feel this may be what Pammy is saying to keep him happy. Wondering if we can help in getting a new settee – old one damaged.
4/3.	Visit	P.M.	Pammy at Coalpark	Pammy doing well. Seems to be keeping in contact with all relatives. One to go on work experience soon at childrens nursery. Will also be helping out at Thursday club for mentally Handicapped adults.

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
17/3.	Visit	P.M.	Doing well. Explained to her that there will be review in approx/maths time. Need for her to think about what she wants.
With Whom: Pammy at C'Park.			
20/3.	Phone	P.M.	Has been in contact with Simpsons (Foster Parents) in Brora. They & are happy for Pammy to go there for W'end. This o/k.
With Whom: Ann Neat - Staff c'Park.			
23/3.	Phone	P.M.	Pammy's W'end went v. well.
With Whom: Kelly - Staff.			
27/3.	Review	P.M.	Pammy doing v. well. Appears keen on working in nursery or with Mentally Handicapped. Everyone v. positive about Pammy
With Whom: Ed. Review at S'end.			
2/4.	Phone	P.M.	Pammy doing v. well. Speaking about going to Supported lodgings rather than Mum or Dad.
With Whom: Ann Neat.			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
6/4.	Visit	P.M.	Penny doing v. well. Behaving more like a normal teenager - showing an interest in boyfriends though still easily embarrassed about her femininity. Ann advising me that
With Whom: Penny at C'Park with Ann Peart (staff).			
			Penny is keen to go to community carers / supported lodgings. Val Taint would not be suitable as Penny associates this with being taken away from home & Cornelet House may be unsuitable as Pennys boyfriend? resides there.
With Whom			
7/4.	Discussion	P.M.	Asking if Paul could check out possibility of community carer / supported lodgings for Penny.
With Whom: Paul Hersee Children Services.			
8/4.	Office	P.M.	Doing well. Seems to be accepting that Penny may not go home though states she wants to. Pleased that she is doing well.
With Whom: Dad Clifford.			
14/4.	office.	P.M	Had had a few drinks & going home to have a few more cans. Looking quite poorly. Upset as he has not been seeing Penny for a few wks. Tells me he has been getting things for his home - TV. etc.
With Whom: Dad.			

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CLIENT NAME ..Tammy Clifford.....

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
16/4.	Visit	P.M.	Tammy not there. Gone for short stay to Simpsons in Brora.
With Whom: Coalgarth.			
27/4	Phone.	P.M.	Advising me that Tammy had gone missing with some other kids from C'Park last night. Now found & will be collected by staff this A.M.
With Whom: Betty – Staff C'Park.			
28/4	Phone	P.M.	Tammy keeping a low profile since antics of W'end. Staff not unsure exactly what they where all up to.
With Whom: Terry – Staff			
28/5.	Visit	P.M.	Explained to her about forthcoming Review. Gave Tammy a form to complete. Tammy sending unsure what she may wish for future.
With Whom: Tammy at C'Park.			
			Believes mum does not have room for her, but not ruling out out going back to dad. I stated that I believe this may not work. Tammy wanting to go to Dads on Sat night.
With Whom:			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
			Whilst I was initially against this, following discussion with Staff decided to allow this. Staff believing she will not go anyway.
With Whom			
11/5.	Office	Pat M.	Discussion over forthcoming review. Dad wishing Pammy to come home. Advised that that I did not think this would work. Dad believing that Pammy to visit next weekend but staying that he does not have a bed for Pammy.
With Whom			
Dad Clifford			
With Whom			
11/5.	Visit	Pat M.	Pammy did not go to dads on Sat as she saw him coming out of Pub earlier. Pammy has consistently displayed this responsibility. Ann believes Pammy would not wish to go to dads but will find this hard to state. Pammy wishing to go to dads this weekend. Staff feel she should be allowed to, but will probably decided against it herself.
With Whom			
Ann (Key Worker) & Pammy at C'Park.			
With Whom			

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CLIENT NAME ....Penny Hibbard.....

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
15/5.	Visit	P.M.	Penny doing well. Discussed review report. Penny seeming happy enough – acknowledges she may find it hard to say to dad she does not want to go home. May write something herself for the review. Wishing to go home this W'end for a night. Agreed to this.
With Whom: Ann (key worker) & Penny at C'Park.			
18/5.	Phone	P.M.	Penny did not go to dads at W'end. Went with Anne this afternoon, but Anne said that dad was not well – did not stay.
With Whom: Alan – Staff C'Park.			
With Whom			Appears that Dad had been drinking & was angry at me for keeping his daughter from him. I had intended visiting Dad to discuss report, but given above info will wait for a day or 2
19/5.	Ed. Review	P.M.	Last Ed Review. Penny leaving school in 2 wks. V. positive reports from work placements. Penny had interview for Y.T. place & handled herself V. well. Hoping for place in St Clements.
With Whom: Jane English, Gill Thomas, Ann Neat, Penny & Self.			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
19/5.	Visit	P.M.	Discussing forthcoming review. Mrs Henderson happy with my recommendation for supported lodgings
With Whom: Mrs Henderson (Pammys Mum).			
19/5.		P.M.	
With Whom: Visit to Dods. Not in. Left message with woman who answered door.			
19/5.	Phone.	P.M.	Message left asking her to contact me re: plans for Pammy.
With Whom: Sandra Urquhart.			
21/5.	Phone.	P.M.	No places available just now. May be place in a few months time. I will get back in touch to arrange for a visit.
With Whom: Sandra Urquhart.			
21/5.	Visit	P.M.	Pammy unhappy, moaning about staff, etc. After long talk with Kathy these appear to be resolved, clear that pressure of review will be large factor.
With Whom: Pammy at clinic			

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Date	Type	Worker	With Whom	Summary and Action
22/5.	Visit	P.M.	Dad Clifford.	Unit to be attending review. Not feeling well following a No. of hits. Discussed my recommendation Dad still visiting planning home.
22/5.	Meeting	P.M.	child care Review.	Good meeting. Everyone positive about Pammy. Recommendation for Supported lodgings. Pammy happy enough with this.
26/5.	Office	P.M.	Dad.	Explained decision of meeting. Dad not happy with this.
26/5.	Phone.	P.M.	Ann. C'Park.	Pammy now formally left Dad. Had gone to see her dad - he was in a state following fight at Wed) & mum (she was all uptight due to difficulties with her sister Sandra) Pammy's excitement v. much dampened as a result. Anne feeling she needs pick me up. Suggested trying to fix visit to Sandra Urquharts room.
			With Whom	

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
15/6.	Phone	P.M.	Arrangements made for Pammy to go to see Mrs Urquharts.
With Whom: Ann Peart - C'Park.			Seems to be getting more pressure placed on her from relatives about not going back to her Dad.
16/6.	Visit	P.M.	Discussion with Mairi, Terri & Betty (Staff).
With Whom: Carlpark			Concerns re Pammy under pressure from people to return to Dad
			Worry that she may do this at some future point.
With Whom			
17/6.	Visit	P.M.	Pammy v. impressed with Mrs Urquharts accommodation
With Whom: Pammy & Alan (Staff) to Mrs Urquharts.			Aware she is may not be a place for a No. of months. Looking forward to the move.
24/6.	Discussion	P.M.	Still some ups & downs ~~with family~~ with Pammy.
With Whom: Mairi & Anne at C'Park			Some pressure still from family but Pammy still appears v. fond of mum to Gordon.

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CLIENT NAME: Penny Clifford

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
10/7.	Phone.	P.M.	Wondering if we can make some enquiries about Penny moving to Mrs Urquhart's house rather than later. Penny continuing to get pressurised by family to go back to Leeds. Ann feels she needs to see some progress in terms of accommodation
With Whom: Ann Leeat.			
15/7.	Phone.	P.M.	Would need house space for Penny. Would be noisy as work going on in house. May be best to wait for Mrs U but if Penny really wished she could be OK.
With Whom: Mrs Urquhart. - 1 Garden.			
16/7.	Visit	P.M.	Explained situation. Penny happy for panel to be called so that she could leave at end of next month.
With Whom: Penny at Clark with Anne (keyworker).			

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Date	Type	Worker	With Whom	Summary and Action
22/7.	Office	P.M.	Dad Clifford. (I was off at this time)	Visiting panel to be called for Pammy. Not wishing me to visit her but to write to him & advise him what is happening.
23/7.	letter.	P.M.	Dad Clifford	letter advising Dad that Panel is arranged for 26th & ground rules for Pammy to go to supported lodgings.
27/7.	Visit	P.M.	Pammy & Anne at Carlpark.	Pammy getting more pressure from Dad, gran, her brother Mark & her aunt Christine. Pammy not wishing me to speak to any of them re. this; feels it would make things worse. Pammy feels she will cope herself. Advising me that her dad is v. angry with me & threatening to hit me at the panel.
			With Whom	
4/8.	Phone	P.M.	Anne Peat. C'Park.	Advising me that there has been a few 'run-ins' between Pammy & her dad these because she is not going home. Pammy appears to have handled these well, though is understandably upset.

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CLIENT NAME PAMELA CLIFFORD REFERENCE NUMBER .....

Date 4/11/93 Clifford, Pamela, unemployed, not getting I.S. Not offered Y.T.S.

12/1/94. £15.00 grant awarded from Aftercare/Emergency Need Fund.

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Dear Mr: Forbes,

DEBORAH AND PAMELA CLIFFORD
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Thank you for your letter of 7th March, 1994 in connection with Debbie and Pamela's application for housing.

The information which you have provided is most helpful and will be taken fully into consideration when looking at their application for any suitable vacancies.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Bill,

MARC CLIFFORD AND PAMELA CLIFFORD

Thank you for your letter of 1st July, 1993 in connection with Marc and Pamela's application for housing.

At present we do not appear to have received a housing application from them. I have written to them c/o 89 Shillinghill enclosing an application for them to complete. Your letter will be tied up with the application when it is received.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Extension No. | Your ref. | Date 1st July, 1993

Anne Evans,
Allocation Officer,
Housing Department,
Ross & Cromarty District council,
High Street,
Dingwall

Dear Anne,

MARC CLIFFORD (14:12:74), NO FIXED ABODE
PAMELA CLIFFORD (23:8:76), C/O HENDERSON, 89 SHILLINGHILL, ALNESS

I write in regard to the above. Both these young adults, brother and sister, were subject to substantial periods in statutory foster care throughout their childhood and early adolescence.

Since leaving care, aged 16 years, neither has managed to establish a satisfactory home base, with neither parent being able to meet the needs of either Marc or Pamela. While Miss Eileen Henderson (mother) would wish to support her children, she cannot do so, this because of her already substantial commitment to her handicapped sister, Sandra Henderson, Sandra having resided at 89 Shillinghill, Alness throughout her life. The circumstances of Marc and Pamela's father, George Clifford, 24 Milnafua, Alness, have been known to this office for many years, with, because of his continued difficulties, neither Marc or Pamela wishing to return to this address..

I trust that, given the above, their housing application shall be considered sympathetically.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Application for Emergency Payment (Section 12 Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968)

Made by BW Fab (Social Worker) on Behalf of –

Name Pamela Clifford

Address 89 Whitebridge Close

Case No. .....

Account No. ..... Date: .....

Order No. ..... Date: .....

Supplier: .....

Cheque Rec. .....

Amount required £3.00

Has this sum already been paid? Yes

Why is an Emergency Payment necessary? –

T.T.S. Interview

Has application been made to any other Statutory Body? (give details) –

No

Has any agreement been made for repayment? (give details) –

No

Brief background to case –

James did not request financial assistance to attend T.T.S. interview

Divisional Officer's comments –

[signature]

Name BW Fab Date 28.6.93

I acknowledge receipt of the sum of £3.00 from the Highland Regional Council Social Work Department which is made available under Section 12 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

Signed Pamela Clifford

I agree to repay the sum of £..... at the rate of £..... per .....

Signed .....

MEMORANDUM

Pamela Clifford

To John Burns
Children's Resources
Dingwall

From Stuart Marquis
Area Team Leader
Alness

Your Ref.

Our Ref. SM/MFR

Date 22:9:92

Please Ask For

MRS. URQUHART, 4 SEABANK ROAD, INVERGORDON

I previously wrote a memo to you re the above lady who provides "supported lodgings" for children leaving care. She has, however, not been 'approved' by the Social Work Department for this task, thus, unlike Cromlet House, receives no supplementation. I am concerned that the situation regarding Pamela Clifford is financially unsound, and we now have the possibility of [redacted] moving to Mrs. Urquhart - Child Care Review scheduled for 24:9:92.

Could we please clarify the situation. Why cannot Mrs. Urquhart be approved as supportive lodgings placement.

Do you need me to to put pressure on Jack Goodfellow, Ian McPhee? What is the problem?

Please advise.

Stuart Marquis
Area Team Leader

To Paul Meehan
Social Worker : Alness SWD

From Innis A S Mitchell
Social Worker (CR) : Golspie SWD

Your ref.

Our ref. IASM/PJT

Date 24.8.92

Please ask for

Re: Mrs E Simpson, Foster Carer
[redacted] Brora, Sutherland

Re: care of Pammy Clifford. Change of Circumstances forms required for two short stays with the above.

20th March to 22nd March
12th August to 15th August

Presumably these dates can be confirmed by Coul Park.

I A S Mitchell
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27/8/92.

MEMORANDUM

To John Burns
Children's Resources
Dingwall

From Paul Meechan
Social Worker
Alness

Your Ref.

Our Ref.

Date 18:8:92

Please Ask For

PAMELA CLIFFORD - D.o.B. - 23:8:76

Current Address - Coulpark Children's Centre, Alness

The above named child has been known to the Social Work Department since birth. The Clifford family has received substantial social work input for many years, as a result of both parents' excessive drinking. Pamela is the youngest of five children, her brothers and sister also spending periods of time in care throughout their childhood.

As I have stated, Social Work input goes back a long time, with Pamela first being admitted into care at the age of three and a half in 1980. Since this time Pamela has been in care on six separate occasions, the length of these placements lasting from a few months to one and a half years. On each occasion both Mr. Clifford and Pamela have always wished to be reunited and under Panel Orders this has been allowed to take place.

Pamela once again was admitted into care in October 1991 and placed at Coulpark Children's Centre where she remains to-day. Her father, who has been largely the sole carer for the children, has a long standing drink problem and whilst there is no doubting his affection for the children and likewise Pamela's affection for him, it is quite clear that he is not able to provide for Pamela in any long term way.

Pamela is now approaching 16 years of age and whilst she has a very strong relationship with Coulpark, and particularly her Keyworker, she herself feels it is time to move on from there. Whilst we have had concerns that Pamela may return to the care of her father, she appears, at this time, to wish to make the move to supported lodgings in Invergordon, this to be with a Mrs. Urquhart at 4 Seabank, Invergordon. I feel this is an ideal base as while Pamela will still be close enough to visit her family and keep links with Coulpark, it will also give her sufficient distance to escape from the pressures her father would place upon her to return home. Pamela also had an older sister, Debbie, who stays in Invergordon.

As our Department has played such a large role in Pamela's life, I feel that further assistance would enable her to settle fully within Invergordon and to gain the skills and confidence necessary to eventually have a home of her own.

Pamela/

Pamela is presently employed on a Youth Training Scheme, working with mentally handicapped children at St. Clements School, Dingwall. I understand that reports from the Placement are excellent. As a YTS Trainee, she is only in receipt of £35 per week. From this she will have to pay £8 per week towards heating and lighting costs and also she will have to buy her own food. Whilst many children who leave home still have their families to whom they can turn for additional support from time to time I do not feel this an option readily available to Pamela and is not one I would wish her to turn towards. As such I feel our Department should be providing some additional financial assistance to Pamela to enable her to take the first steps towards independence.

Hoping you can look upon this request favourably.

Paul Meechan
Social Worker

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Bridgend
Alness IV17 0UD

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Please ask for Paul Meechan

Our ref. PM/MFR

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date 23rd July, 1992

Mr. George Clifford,
24 Milnafua,
Alness

Dear Mr. Clifford,

I believe that you came to the office yesterday, Wednesday, 22nd July, 1992. My apologies for not being able to see you as I was on holiday that day. I believe you are wishing for a Panel to be called after Pamela's 16th birthday. I can advise you that a Panel has indeed been called, this will take place on Wednesday, 26th August, 1992 at 10 a.m. I would seeking at this Panel to terminate Pamela's Supervision Order.

As you are aware, it is our plan that Pammie leave Coulpark and move to supported lodgings in Invergordon. It is my belief that this plan would be in Pammie's best interests. I understand, however, that you do not necessarily agree with me regarding this.

I hope this letter is helpful to you with regards to what is planned. Please feel free to come to the office anytime if you wish to discuss this.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Meechan
Social Worker

Gaidhealtachd Highland

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Wick Area Office
125/127 High Street
Wick
KW1 4LR

Telephone 0955 5040

Please ask for Mrs. L. Martin

Our ref. LM/JHS

Extension No Ext. 18

Your ref.

Date 11.6.92

Mr. G. Clifford,
24, Milnafua,
Alness.

Dear Mr. Clifford,

I write to confirm that a meeting was held(which you attended) on 22nd May to review plans for your daughter Pamela.

The decisions taken were that Pammy would remain at Coull Park for the time being but that a search would be made in the area for suitable lodgings for her. If a place can be found then a recommendation can be made to a Children's Hearing Review that Pammy be discharged from care.

If you have any queries regarding this information please raise them with Paul Meechan, Social Worker or Stuart Marquis, Area Team Leader, at the Alness Social Work Office.

Yours sincerely,

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
ALNESS
RECEIVED
15/6/92

Leslie Martin
Reviewing Officer(Children's Services - North)

c.c. Mr. Paul Meechan, Social Worker, Alness
Mr. Stuart Marquis, Area Team Leader, Alness.

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Please ask for Mrs. L. Martin | Our ref. LM/JHS

Extension No. Ext. 18 | Your ref | Date 11.6.1992

Mrs. E. Henderson,
89, Shillinghill,
Alness.

Dear Mrs. Henderson,

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Yours sincerely,

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ALNESS
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Leslie Martin
Reviewing Officer(Children's Services - North)

c.c. Mr. P. Meechan, Social Worker, Alness
Mr. S. Marquis, Area Team Leader, Alness

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

Perrins Road
ALNESS
Ross shire
IV17 0ST

Friday 13th March

Dear Paul

A review to discuss the progress of Pamela

will be held in the Centre on Thursday 26th March

at 1230.

We look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely 16/3/92

Gill Thompson

= Highland

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

Perrins Road
ALNESS
Ross shire
IV17 0ST

7th January 1992

Dear Paul

A review to discuss the progress of Pamela Clifford

will be held in the Centre on Monday 27th January

at 12.30.

We look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

Gill Thompson

= Highland

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

REVIEW MEETING

NAME: Pamela Clifford **DATE:** 25.11.91.

DECISIONS TAKEN:

(1) Pamela to get some work from the Academy. She is interested in computing/art. Gill will liaise with Lee Guidance teacher.

(2) To remain at Bridgend for a further period of 6-8 weeks.

(3) Pamela is likely to return at Coulport for some time.

(4) Date of next meeting 27th January at 12-30 pm.

(5) Congratulations to Pamela on her improved behaviour.

(6) We were really pleased to see Mrs Henderson at the meeting.

Note - Paul Maclean to Pam's home social worker.

6/11/91

I

IT HAPPEND ON Sunday NIGHT WHE [redacted] JUST 'BOUT CAUGHT MY FINGERS IN The door SO I Said I WAS GOING TO HIT HER THEN [redacted] WENT OFF SHOUTING [redacted] = [redacted] WAS ON The Phone When He Came of the phone he came through to the dinner room and started shouting at me So I answerd him back then he grabed my face three times when I went upstares My face cooz all red then I went to the toilet and came straight down when [redacted] told me my face waz Scratche

PAMELA

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

Perrins Road
ALNESS
Ross shire
IV17 0ST

Monday 14th November

Dear Alan,

Many Thanks for inviting me to the meeting today. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend.

Pam is a changed girl. She is happy and chatty all the time. She attends the Centre every day and was early 4/5 times! She physically looks much better and is taking quite a positive interest in her appearance nowadays. Pam chats a lot about her room and friends at Loirpark and seems especially pleased to be with [redacted]. She has done all the tasks requested of her. Unlike before, she will complete one task before starting the next one. Her concentration is much improved.

Pam is obviously much more settled these days. I'm delighted to see her like this. Long may it last!

Yours sincerely,

Gill Thompson

Highland

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Please ask for Mr. Richards

Our ref. AR/MFR

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date 1 November 1991

Mr. G. Clifford,
24 Milnafua,
Alness

Dear Mr. Clifford,

There is a meeting on Monday, 4th November, 1991 at 3.30 p.m. at Coulpark Children's Centre to discuss arrangements for Pamela's care there. Someone from Coulpark will call for you and I very much hope you will able to come.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Richards

Alan Richards
Social Worker

Gaidhealtachd Highland

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Please ask for Mr Richards

Our ref. AR/LG

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date 1 November 1991

Mrs E Henderson
89 Shillinghill
ALNESS

Dear Mrs Henderson

There is to be a meeting at Coulpark Children's Centre on Monday, 4th November, at 3.30 p.m., to discuss arrangements for Pamela's care.

You are very welcome to come and if you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Alan Richards
Social Worker

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY		CHILDREN		HANDICAPPED		OTHER	
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Day Care	☐	Community Carer	☐			Home Help	☐
		Day Care	☐			.....	☐
Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐
Long Term	☐	Long Term	☑	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐

Full Name ..... PAMELA CLIFFORD .....

Present Address* ..... 24 MILNAFUA ..... New Address* ..... COULPARK CH. Centre

..... ALNESS ....

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Statutory Condition Imposed ..... Sect 44 (1) (b) .....

Name of Doctor ..... Alness Health ..... D.O.B. ..... 23/8/76 .....

..... Centre ..... Case Ref. .....

School Attended (Children only) ..... Bridgend Unit ..... To ..... Same .....

..... Alness ....

Date of Change .....

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete) **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Stop ☐ .....

Start ☐ .....

Amend Register ☐ .....

Reason .....

Name of FP/CC .....

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete) **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Admission ☑ ..... 23/10/91.

Discharge ☐ .....

Temp. Change ☐ .....

Reason ..... CL. Heavy Sup. Regime .....

Establishment ..... Coulpark CL. Centre .....

Financial Assessment Attached ☐ DHSS Supplementation applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken ..... Effective Date .....

Reason .....

Signed ..... Date .....

Authorised ..... ATL Date ..... 29/10/91 .....

OFFICE Action taken .....

Documentation completed by ..... Date .....

While you are staying with us at Coulpark, we want to help you as best we can and hope that this brochure will give you information which will help you to make the most of your stay with us.

We recognise you to be an individual with your own personality, your own likes and dislikes and as a person who is entitled to be heard. You may during your stay here have problems or complaints that you want dealt with.

So who will listen to you and hear what you are saying at Coulpark. Firstly there is your keyworker who will try to resolve your problem or may speak to someone else who may be able to help. If you are not happy with this, you can speak to a senior member of staff. Either of these people may involve the Manager or your social worker. You can of course make any complaint directly to your parents social worker, or the Inspectorate. Whenever a complaint is received, it will be looked at quickly and you will be heard and you will also be involved in any decision which may follow as will your parents.

Like everyone else, you have many rights, but for the moment, lets look at these rights in terms of your stay here at Coulpark:-

As a staff team we respect your right

* to be listened to
* to be involved in decisions made concerning you
* to be given respect and dignity
* to be given privacy
* to handle your finances with guidance
* to participate in activities within and outwith the Centre
* to go to the church of your choice if desired
* to have friends
* to have choices eg in choosing clothes or to have a say in menu planning
* to feel safe within the Centre
* to create you own identity

I am sure you understand that with these rights, go responsibilities. For you, the main part of this responsibility is to recognise that everyone else at Coulpark also has the same rights as you and will also have problems of their own.

Reporter to the Children's Panel
Divisional Reporter
Mrs J S Burns M A , LL.B.
Ross and Cromarty Division

Highland Regional Council
Caledonian House
High Street
Dingwall IV15 9RY

Telephone 0349 65128
Facsimile 0349 65290

Please ask for **Mrs. Burns** Our ref: JB/SJ(lhear.sw)

5 August 1992

Principal Officer
Social Work Department
"Slioch"
Castle Street
DINGWALL IV15 9HU

Dear Sir

Pamela Clifford : dob 23.8.76
24 Milnafua, Alness

I write to advise that I have arranged a Hearing to review the supervision requirement, at your request, in respect of the above named child.

This Hearing will take place on **Wednesday 26 August 1992 at 10.00 am within Caledonian House (above the Caledonian Hotel), High Street, Dingwall (entrance at rear beside the Croft Restaurant)** and I would be grateful if you would advise the Social Worker concerned.

I look forward to receiving a report by Friday 21 August 1992.

Yours faithfully

Janet Burns
Divisional Reporter

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar

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Please ask for Mr. Richards

Our ref. AR/MFR

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date 25 October 1991

Mr. George Clifford,
24 Milnafua,
Alness

Dear Mr. Clifford,

After visiting yesterday I have spoken with Mairi at Coulpark and decided to change my advice regarding Pamela visiting you at home. At the discretion of the staff at Coulpark they will make arrangements for Pamela to visit, if she wishes, for reasonable lengths of time - at present, I think, about one hour.

I know it is very unhelpful when decisions are changed out of the blue, but if you have any objections or comments about this, there will be a meeting soon to make proper access decisions. My advice in this letter lasts until that meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Richards

Alan Richards
Social Worker

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Please ask for Mr. Forbes

Our ref. WF/MFR

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date 22 October 1991

Mr. G. Clifford,
24 Milnafua,
Alness

Delivered By Hand

Dear Mr. Clifford,

I have arranged, on behalf of Mrs. Burns, Children's Reporter, to have yourself and Pamela taken to the Children's Hearing in Dingwall to-morrow at 10.30 a.m.

You shall be collected from your home by taxi at 10 a.m. and transported to and from Dingwall.

I have arranged, on Mrs. Burns' behalf, for the account to be forwarded to her.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Gaidhealtachd Highland

Reporter to the Children's Panel
Divisional Reporter
Mrs. J. S. Burns M.A., LL.B.
Ross and Cromarty Division

Highland Regional Council
Education Centre
Dingwall
IV15 9HU

Telephone Office 0349/63441
Home 0349/62255

Please ask for: Please ask for **Mrs. Burns**

Our ref.: Our ref: JB/**MG**

Extension No.

Your ref.: Your ref:

Date: 26 September 1991

Principal Officer,
Social Work Department,
Education Centre,
Castle Street,
DINGWALL.

Dear Sir,

Pamela Clifford, b.23.8.76.
24 Milnafua, Alness.

I write to advise that I have arranged a Hearing to review, at the request of the Local Authority, the supervision requirement relating to the above named child.

This Hearing will take place on **Wednesday, 30th October, 1991 at 10.30 a.m. at Dingwall** and I would be grateful if you would advise the Social Worker concerned.

I look forward to receiving a report by 25th October, 1991.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Burns
Divisional Reporter

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
ALNESS
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BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

Perrins Road
ALNESS
Ross shire
IV17 0ST

29th August

Dear Bill

A review to discuss the progress of Pamela Clifford

will be held in the Centre on Tuesday 1st October

at 12.30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

Gill Thompson

Highland

MEMORANDUM

To	Bill McEwan Senior Administrator Kinmylies	From	Liz Gould Clerical Assistant Alness

Your Ref. | Our Ref. | Date 5.9.91

Please Ask For

This office received a cheque from B.B.C. Children-in-Need on behalf of Pamela Clifford, 24 Milnafua, Alness, for £50 and this was paid into the bank on 22nd August, 1991. Receipt No. 81266.

On 4.9.91, our new Family Aide took Pamela to Inverness to buy clothes with this money. She was under the impression that the £50 was in cash in our office safe but as it was lunch time the office was locked. To save her waiting until 2 p.m. one of the social workers, John Skinner, gave her £50 of his own money. The Family Aide brought back a receipt from the shop so I can pass this on to B.B.C. Children-in-Need but I have no way of reimbursing John Skinner his £50.

Would it be possible for a cheque to be made out to John Skinner for this amount. Sorry for all the confusion.

L. Gould.

Liz Gould
Clerical Assistant.

INVERNESS, IV3 6SH

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VAT REG No 367 1905 27
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B B C CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL FUND

(SCOTLAND)

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

NAME PAMELA CLIFFORD

ADDRESS 24 MILNAFUA

ACHESS

ROSS-SHIRE

AMOUNT OF MONEY DISBURSED £50

NUMBER OF CHILDREN HELPED 1

UNDERWEAR £1.25

COMMENTS: The money was spent on clothes and footwear as detailed in receipt.

Money was spent under the direct supervision of S.W.D. Family finds who accompanied child to Wholesalers. Many thanks for assistance given.

SIGNED [signature]

(HRC SWD, ACHESS)

THIS REPORT SHOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN FOUR WEEKS OF RECEIPT OF THE GRANT FROM THE FUND AND SENT, TOGETHER WITH SUPPORTING RECEIPTS CONFIRMING PURCHASES MADE, TO THE AREA DISTRIBUTOR:

RAYMOND MOORE, 8 ABERTARFF ROAD, INVERNESS IV2 3NW TEL:221964

PLEASE DO NOT HAND OVER ANY CASH TO FAMILIES ASSISTED TO SPEND THEMSELVES, EXCEPT IN THE MOST EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND WITH THE PRIOR AGREEMENT OF THE AREA DISTRIBUTOR - THANK YOU!

SCOTLAND

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Mr J Forbes
HMC SOCIAL WORK DEPT
Bridgend, Alness, Ross-shire

REPLY TO: Raymond Moore
8 Abertarff Road
INVERNESS IV2 3AJ
Tel: 0463 221264

15th August 1991

Dear Bill,

APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE BBC CHILDREN IN NEED FUND

Thank you for your letter of 8th Aug 1991 **requesting a grant from the BBC Children in Need Fund on behalf of** Pamela Clifford of 24 Milnafua, Alness.
I am now pleased to send you a cheque for £50 (clothing and footwear)

It is your responsibility to ensure that the money granted is used for the purpose for which it is allocated. The enclosed Receipt Form must be signed by yourself, dated and returned to me; the parent or guardian of the child/children concerned must also sign the form to acknowledge that you have received money on their behalf. I also require you to complete the attached report form which should be detailed and have receipts appended where appropriate. This should also be returned to me. The two forms plus receipts must be returned within one month of receiving the cheque. Failure to do so will result in my being unable to assist in any further requests you may have for assistance.

These conditions are required to record how the money has been used and to allow the BBC to account to both auditors and givers for the money raised by the Appeal.

Yours sincerely,

RAYMOND MOORE
Area Distributor

Enclosures;
1. Cheque for £50 made out to you personally.
2. Receipt form for cheque, to be signed by you and the parent and returned to me a.s.a.p.
3. Report form, to be completed and returned within four weeks with supporting receipts etc etc.
NO CASH TO BE GIVEN DIRECT TO THE FAMILY PLEASE!

Gaidhealtachd Highland

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Please ask for Bill Forbes

Our ref. WF/MFR

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date 8 August 1991

Mr. R. Moore,
Administrator,
BBC Children In Need,
8 Abertarff Road,
Inverness

Dear Mr. Moore,

PAMELA CLIFFORD (15), 24 MILNAFUA, ALNESS

Pamela is cared for by her father, a single parent, dependent upon Income Support. Mr. Clifford is a chronic alcoholic, is in arrears in regard to his electricity account and also is required to repay a substantial amount to D.S.S., this in regard to Child Benefit overpayment.

Pamela has been known to this office for many years, this as a consequence of inadequate parenting.

Pamela is badly in need of clothing - a skirt (£15), jacket (£20) and shoes (£15), it being hoped that BBC Children in Need can provide funds for the purchase of same.

I look forward to receiving your reply to due course.

Yours sincerely,

pp Alan Richards

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

Comhairle Sgìre na Gàidhealtachd

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Please ask for: Mr. Forbes
Extension No.

Our ref.: WF/MFR
Your ref.

Date: 26 August, 1991

Mr. R. Moore,
Co'ordinator,
BBC Children in Need Appeal,
8 Abertarff Road,
Inverness

Dear Mr. Moore,

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL

Thank you for your letters and cheques in favour of Pamela Clifford (£50) and James Sutherland (£45). I am most grateful, as are the children concerned, for this financial help.

I enclose your official receipts and ours for these monies and will send off the reports and Invoices as soon as these are to hand.

Again our thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Bill Forbes
Social Worker

B B C CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL FUND

(SCOTLAND)

RECEIPT FORM

I acknowledge receipt of a cheque for the sum of

£ 50 =00

from the BBC Children in Need Appeal Fund and in respect of

PAULA CLIFFORD, 24 MILNAFUA, ALNESS

(FOR CLOTHING + FOOTWEAR)

SIGNED [signature]

ADDRESS HRC SHD

SHOP HOUSE

ALNESS

DATE 22/8/91

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN OF THE CHILD(REN) ASSISTED ACKNOWLEDGING AWARENESS OF THE GRANT

Pamela Clifford

On completion, this receipt form should be returned without delay to the Area Distributor:-

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INVERNESS IV2 3NW
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BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

SCOTLAND

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15th Aug 1991

FROM: RAYMOND MOORE AREA DISTRIBUTOR 8 ABERTARFF ROAD INVERNESS IV2 3NW TEL: 221964

Dear Bill.

PAMELA CLIFFORD 24 MINLNAFUA ALNESS

Thank you for your letter of 8th August regarding the clothing/footwear needs of the above-named 15-year old.

I agree a grant of £50 as you request, and as usual a cheque for that sum will be with you shortly.

Yours sincerely,

RMoore

RAYMOND MOORE

Mr W Forbes
HRC SOCIAL WORK DEPT
ALNESS: Ross-shire

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
ALNESS
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Comhairle na Gaidhealtachd

Department of Social Work
Director
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Highland Regional Council
Area Office
Suie House
Bridgend
Alness IV17 0UD

Telephone 0349 882609
Facsimile 0349 883687

Please ask for

Our ref. AA/LG

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date 6 August 1991

George Clifford
24 Milnafua
ALNESS

Dear Mr Clifford

I am sorry I will be unable to come on Monday, something unavoidable has come up.

Could you please let Pam know and we will go back to arrangement for Tuesday if she will come to the office about 9.45 a.m.

Yours sincerely

Agnes Aburrow
Family Aide

Gaidhealtachd a Highland

65128

Reporter to the Children's Panel
Divisional Reporter
Mrs. J. S. Burns M.A., LL.B.
Ross and Cromarty Division

Highland Regional Council
Education Centre
Dingwall
IV15 9HU

Telephone Office 0349/63441
Home 0349/62255

Please ask for Mrs. Burns | Our ref Our ref:JB/MG (fresults.sw)

Extension No. | Your ref Your ref: | Date

25 July 1991

Principal Officer,
Social Work Department,
Education Centre,
Castle Street,
DINGWALL.

Dear Sir,

Children's Hearing

The case noted below has been considered by a Children's Hearing and disposed of as follows:-

PLACE **DINGWALL** **DATE 24.7.91**

CASE	**RESULT**
Pamela Clifford, b.23.8.76. 24 Milnafua, Alness.	supervision requirement continued without change.

I enclose a copy of the requirement together with a copy of the Reasons for Decision for your confidential information.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Burns
Divisional Reporter

encl.

RECEIVED 29/7/91

Iverson.

The Reasons

Concern is expressed over Pamela's absences from school and performance at school, also over Mr. Clifford's alcohol intake, so that supervision is still necessary.

MEMORANDUM

To Richmond Office Social Work

From Janet Beer Myatt

Your Ref.

Our Ref.

Date 11. 7 94

Please Ask For

Pandora Clifford
~~24 Hilton Ave Aberd~~
Re hearing will now take place on
Wednesday 24th July 1996 at 11 a.m. within
Education Acts. Dingwall

Janet S Beer

Myatt

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
ALNESS
RECEIVED 12/7/91.

MEMORANDUM

To	Principal Officer, Social Work DINGWALL	From	Divisional Reporter, DINGWALL
Your ref.		Our ref.	Date 8-7-91
Please ask for			

Pandora Clifford
24 Milnafua Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on 29-7-91 at 5pm

at the undernoted address.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 25-7-91

EDUCATION CENTRE, CASTLE STREET, DINGWALL

~~HOME STAFF BUILDING, TOMICH, PRIMARY SCHOOL~~ ALNESS

√ and SB

REPORTER

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Bridgend
Alness IV17 0UD

Telephone 0349 882609
Stuart Marquis B.A.,
CQSW, Cert SW Ed.
Area Team Leader

Please ask for

Our ref.

Extension No.

Your ref

Date May 1991

PAMELA CLIFFORD

Highland Regional Council's Social Work Department does not accept liability for any injury which may befall Pamela in the course of her horse-riding lessons.

Stuart Marquis
Area Team Leader

I have read the above statement and accept the contents.

.....

George Clifford (father) Date: 9-5-91

Reporter to the Children's Panel
Divisional Reporter
Mrs J S Burns M.A., LL.B
Ross and Cromarty Division

Highland Regional Council
Education Centre
Dingwall
IV15 9HL

Telephone Office 0349/63441
Home 0349.62255

Please ask for Mrs. Burns

Our ref:

Your ref:

24 October 1991

Principal Officer,
Social Work Department,
Education Centre,
Castle Street,
DINGWALL.

Dear Sir,

Children's Hearing

The case noted below has been considered by a Children's Hearing and disposed of as follows:-

PLACE Dingwall **DATE** 23.1091

CASE	**RESULT**
Pamela Clifford 24 Milnafua ASlness	Supervision requirment varied

I enclose a copy of the requirement together with a copy of the Reasons for Decision for your confidential information.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Burns
Divisional Reporter

encl.

(parents,c,i)

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Notification of a Decision of a Children's Hearing

Pamela Clifford
Coulpark Children's Centre
Alness

The Decision

On 23.1091 a Children's Hearing for Highland Region at Dingwall decided to vary the supervision requirment

(a copy of any Warrant or Supervision Requirement is enclosed)

The Reasons

Pamela and Mr Clifford have failed to accept the support network offered by the social work department,necessary for her to stay at home withe her father. Mr Clifford will not acknowledge that he needs help for his alcohol abuse. The situation at home remains the same despite assurances from Mr Clifford at the last hearing. He has contionued to abusr alcohol and Pamela is slowly beginning to show signs of distress at school. She needs to stay at Coulpark Children's Centre to give her a period of stability

Your Rights

You have the right to appeal against this decision.

Any appeal must be made within SEVEN DAYS of the day the decision was made. It must be lodged with the Sheriff Clerk at the Sheriff Court nearest to the place where the Hearing was held. You are advised to consult a solicitor. You may be entitled to legal aid. You will be notified of when the appeal will be heard. An appeal against a Warrant will be heard within THREE DAYS of it being lodged. Please read carefully any leaflet with this letter. If you do not understand something please contact the Reporter at the CHILDREN'S HEARING CENTRE, 1 WATERLOO PLACE, INVERNESS. (Phone 0463 243377)

Reporter.....

24 October 1991

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND)

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date)

At Dumbarton on 23.10.91

A children's hearing for Kirkland Hughes

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 22.7.91 to which is subject, hereby require him/her* [to reside in Colquhoun Gardens

[to be under the supervision of

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 22.7.91 is hereby revoked.

E. Blackburn
Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.

2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment as to the length of absence from it from time to time.

3. Pauline Clifford is to have contact with John George Clifford + the parents of the natural children in the Local Authority

E Blackburn
Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

*Delete as appropriate

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Application for Emergency Payment (Section 12 Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968)

Made by Bill Yates (Social Worker) on Behalf of –

Name Pamela Clifford

Address 24 Millcroft Close

Case No. .....

Account No. _____ Date: _____

Order No. _____ Date: _____

Supplier: _____

Cheque Rec. _____

Amount required £14.00 (fourteen pounds)

Has this sum already been paid? Yes

Why is an Emergency Payment necessary? –

Has application been made to any other Statutory Body? (give details) –

No

Has any agreement been made for repayment? (give details) –

No

Brief background to case – Child in care 43 (a), residing with father. Presently excluded from school for third time. Recent introduction of 'Family Aide'. Funds required as part of 'getting-to-know-you' process, this in respect to introductory home visiting hours

Divisional Officer's comments –

Name MR GEORGE CLIFFORD Date 9th May 91

I acknowledge receipt of the sum of £14.00 from the Highland Regional Council Social Work Department which is made available under Section 12 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

Signed .....

I agree to repay the sum of £..... at the rate of £..... per .....

Signed .....

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ROSS AND CROMARTY DIVISION

ALNESS ACADEMY,

ALNESS
ROSS-SHIRE IV17 0UY

TELEPHONE 0349 883341/883659

Alness Academy

Ref: RBM/rmp

Mr G Clifford
24 Milnafua
ALNESS
Ross-shire

26 April 1991

R. B. MEIKLE, M.A., Dip.Ed., RECTOR

Dear Mr Clifford

PAMELA A CLIFFORD (D.O.B. 23.08.76)

I write to inform you that I have today excluded your child, Pamela Clifford, from Alness Academy with the recommendation to the Education Authority that she be educated elsewhere.

The decision to exclude has been taken on the following grounds:

> The Education Authority consider that in all the circumstances to allow Pamela Clifford to continue her education at Alness Academy would be likely to be seriously detrimental to order and discipline in the school or the educational well being of the pupils there.

The decision to exclude has been taken because on 23 and 24 April 1991, Pamela's disruptive, aggressive attitude and behaviour, her abusive language, her failure to work normally and her failure to accept instruction from the staff reveal a sudden deterioration in attitude with which the school cannot cope.

I write to advise you that I shall be available to discuss with you the decision to exclude Pamela at any time convenient to you from Tuesday, 30 April 1991 until Friday, 3 May 1991 or at a later date by mutual agreement.

I must advise you that you have the right to refer the decision to exclude to an Appeal Committee set up and maintained under the Education (Scotland) Act, 1989 and that, if you wish to lodge such an appeal, this should be sent to the Divisional Education Officer, Education Centre, Castle Street, Dingwall. A copy of this letter will be held in Pamela's progress record. Decisions on any appeal, including the decision of an appeal to annul the exclusion, will be included in her progress record. If the decision to exclude is annulled no reference in the record to the exclusion will be disclosed.

I/

ALNESS

RECEIVED 1/5/91

I am sad that Pamela cannot cope with normal education in school at this time and even sadder that in spite of considerable counselling and tolerance by the staff she appears unwilling to try to cope. At a later date, after the Education Authority has considered my recommendation, contact will be made with you regarding Pamela's future education.

Yours sincerely

R B MEIKLE
Rector

cc Mr Forsyth, D.E.O.
Child Guidance
Progress Record
Exclusion File
Social Work Dept.

EMORANDUM

To Principal Officer-
Social Work Dept.,
DINGWALL

Your ref.

Re ad. for

From Divisional Reporter,
DINGWALL

Our ref.

Date 23.4.91

PAMELA CLIFFORD 24 Milnafua Alness

This is to inform you that, at a children's hearing on the 22.4.91 supervision requirement/referral(s) relating to the above was CONTINUED/~~VARIED/TERMINATED/DISCHARGED~~.

REPORTER

RECEIVED 24/4/91

PAMELA CLIFFORD

REASONS FOR CONTINUATION OF SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT DATED 22.4.91

In spite of the home circumstances the bond between Pamela and her father is exceptionally strong and to break it now would probably result in a situation which would cause more damage to Pamela than any disciplinary measure she could be given from foster care, supervision should continue. It is hoped a family aide will provide a woman's influence in Pamela's life. With the help of the Social Work Department and other agencies it is hoped Pamela's welfare will improve.

MARGARET I. BELL

Gaidhealtachd Highland

Department of Education
Alan Forsyth
Divisional Education Officer
Ross and Cromarty Division

Highland Regional Council
The Education Centre
Castle Street
Dingwall IV15 9HU

Telephone (0349) 63441

Facsimile (0349) 63994

Please ask for Mrs English

Our ref. JACE/AR

Extension No. 201

Your ref.

Date 18.4.91

HIGHLAND REGIONAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE
ROSS AND CROMARTY DIVISION

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST'S REPORT

THIS REPORT IS INTENDED FOR THE GUIDANCE OF PANEL MEMBERS AND IT IS ASSUMED THAT DISCRETION WILL BE USED IN THE REPORTING OF ITS CONTENTS

Mrs Burns
Reporter to the Children's Panel
Social Work Department
DINGWALL

The responsibility for the confidentiality of this document passes to the recipient. No copy may be made without the written consent of the originator.

Dear Mrs Burns

PAMELA CLIFFORD
(13.8.76)
24 MILNAFUA, ALNESS

Pamela has been known to this service since April 1998 when she was in primary seven at Obsdale Primary School. It was reported then by the head teacher that Pamela had recently returned to the school after about three years away. She had previously been away in foster placements but had always returned in good form. However, on this occasion the school reported a great change in her. She seemed to be extremely unhappy, and her behaviour fluctuated between curling up on her seat next to the radiator sucking her thumb to wandering around the classroom being very loud and generally disruptive. Pamela had certainly not always been a behaviour problem at school, one previous school reporting that Pamela was "Very settled, pleasant and cooperative. A shame to uproot her again!" However, by the time she left Obsdale she was described as "a law unto herself".

When/

When Pamela transferred to Alness Academy in August 1988 she was described as "lippy" but not a serious problem. However, by December she was giving cause for concern. Mr Clifford was said to be trying his best to cooperate with the school,. Shortly after this, in January 1989, I began an intellectual assessment of Pamela. This was not completed, as Pamela was unwell on the day I returned to complete the assessment. (Her grandfather had been taken ill and died shortly afterwards). Pamela was, however, very cooperative during the testing session and seemed to enjoy those sub-tests which were completed. The pattern beginning to emerge was of a girl with well below average verbal skills (vocabulary, general knowledge etc) but average performance skills (visual/motor and spatial activities). This pattern often reflects an educationally unstimulating home background, and can also be indicative of emotional disturbance.

By June 1989 the school reported to me that Pamela was doing well since being placed in foster care, and no further referrals were made to me until this request for a report for the Children's Hearing.

For the purpose of this report I saw Pamela in school on 11th April 1991. I had also invited Mr Clifford to meet me, but he sent a message that he would be unable to come.

Pamela presented, as always, as a rather tired looking pale-faced girl, who was extremely pleasant and cooperative in a one-to-one setting. She admitted that she had been in a little trouble at school recently, although the incidents she described were very minor ones. Pamela was quite open about her Dad's drink problem, but was adamant that it didn't bother her, and that her Dad always put her up to his friend Liz Morgan if he had been drinking heavily. When asked about her own Mum she reported that she felt her drink problem was worse than Dad's. She summed up "I get on better with Dad than other people."

Pamela's fondness for and strong bond with her father has never been in question. On previous occasions I noted her extreme defensiveness of her father and inability to admit that he had any faults. The fact that she was now able to openly acknowledge his drink problem perhaps indicated a more open and realistic basis to our discussions. Pamela's descriptions of her feelings over the years showed a clear perception of life as much happier with Dad than away from Dad. Only her placement in Brora and briefly with her "Granda" went any way towards equalling the times with Dad in terms of positive feelings. When I asked Pamela the kinds of situation which made her feel afraid she described two - when she is under threat of physical attack, and when she thinks she is going to be put into care. In short Pamela was stating very clearly indeed that she wishes to remain in the care of her father.

The/

The objective evidence in this case would clearly suggest that Pamela should be placed in care. When she has been in care on previous occasions, the external signs have indicated that she was doing well. On the other hand, she has now been returned to her father's care on so many occasions that an unacceptable pattern of settling and uprooting Pamela has become established. The subjective evidence, namely Pamela's feelings, would clearly indicate that she should be left with her father who wants her, and with whom she wants to be. She feels at home with her father in spite of everything, and he seems to meet one very basic psychological need in Pamela (and any other child) - that of unconditional acceptance.

My conclusion is that, while not forgetting that Mr Clifford will undoubtedly continue to drink and to allow Pamela almost unlimited freedom, the panel should seriously consider this heart over head option. The bond between Pamela and her father is not in dispute, and it is in Pamela's favour that she has not found herself in trouble in the community. However, she has found it difficult in the past while living at home, to fit in with normal school routine and discipline. I would therefore be prepared to reserve a place for Pamela at Bridgend Centre as a support to her continued placement at home. I would also suggest that other support systems such as the offer of appropriate I.T., a family aide and possibly life story work (I found Pamela very confused about her own life history) as well as continued social work supervision would be required. I intend to offer to keep in touch with Pamela myself, and have invited her to possibly take part in a girls' group.

Finally, I would respectfully suggest that if the panel do decide to leave Pamela with her father, it should be made clear to him that extra support is considered necessary for Pamela's well being. Perhaps a future review date to check that this is happening would be a good idea.

Yours sincerely

Jane A C English

JANE A C ENGLISH
SENIOR EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST

Gaidhealtachd Highland

Department of Social Work
Director
J. Dick B.A., D.M.S.

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Please ask for Mr Dunlop | Our ref. AJD/MWM

Extension No. 129 | Your ref. | Date 10.04.1991

Senior Medical Officer, Maywood, Ferry Road, Dingwall
Senior Educational Psychologist, Education Centre, Dingwall
The Rector, Alness Academy
Mr J Goodfellow, Ferintosh House Children's Centre, Conon Bridge
Dr K Brightley, Child Psychiatrist, Raigmore Hospital, Inverness
Mr S Marquis, Area Team Leader, Social Work Department, Alness
Mr B Forbes, Social Worker, Social Work Department, Alness

DOMICILIARY ASSESSMENT

Pamela Clifford (b. 13.08.1976)
24 Milnafua, Alness

Following my letter to you on 14.03.1991, the above meeting will now take place on Tuesday 16 April 1991 at **9.30 am** and NOT 10.30 am as previously arranged.

I hope that you will be able to come to the meeting at this new time, and I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

AJ Dunlop

A J Dunlop
Principal Fieldwork Officer

ALNESS
RECEIVED 11/4/91.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

RECEPTION OF CHILDREN INTO CARE

Information Compiled by ..... Designation .....

Date .....

Reason for Admission: Details .....

Statute .....

Likely Duration of Care .....

Any Current Medication .....

Facts about Child/ren

	ONE	TWO	THREE
Legal Surname			
First Names			
Sex			
Date of Birth			
Religion			
Date and Place of Baptism			
Date of Present Admission			
Address at time of present Admission			
Number of previous periods in care			
Date & address of last admission			
General Practitioner's Name and Telephone No.			
Case Number			

Personal Information on Child/ren

What is the child usually called?	Penny		
With whom has the child been living?	Father		
Which address does the child regard as 'Home'?	24 Kilnghurst		
Any Special Friends?			
School/Nursery/Play-group attended			
Club or Youth Organisation			

Information on personal functioning – sleeping and eating habits, fears, temper tantrums, relationships, special toys, bowel and bladder control, etc.

Family Information

	Natural Mother	Natural Father	Other, e.g. Co-Habitee, Step-parent.
Full-name (include Maiden Name of Mother)		[illegible]	
Address and Telephone Number		24 Kilnghurst	
Date of Birth		40yrs	
Occupation		—	
Employer (for emergency contact)		—	
Religion		—	
Date of Marriage		—	
Date of Separation or Divorce		—	

Brothers or Sisters not shown elsewhere on this form.

Name	Age	Address

Close relatives or persons interested in child.

Name and Relationship	Age	Address

Parental Undertaking (to be signed by parents, when available, in Section 15 Cases Only)

I .....

being the parent/guardian of .....
hereby request the Highland Regional Council to receive the above child/ren into care, under Section 15, Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, and hereby agree that the child/ren may receive such medical, surgical or dental treatment as may be deemed necessary by a registered medical or dental practitioner. I further agree that the child/ren may be given a general anaesthetic if in the opinion of a medical practitioner this is felt to be necessary.

(i) I understand that I am liable to contribute towards the cost and maintenance of the children.

(ii) I understand the law requires me to keep the Social Work Department informed of any changes in my circumstances, including change of address, and undertake to co-operate with the Highland Regional Council in formulating future plans for the care of the child/ren.

(iii) The contents of the leaflet — "A Child in Care" — have been fully explained to me by the Highland Regional Council Social Work Department.

Signed .....
Father/Mother/Legal Guardian

Address .....

Relationship to Child/ren .....

Date .....

Witness .....

Designation .....

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES FORM

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY		CHILDREN		HANDICAPPED		OTHER	
Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Residential	☐	Probation	☐
Community	☐	Foster Care	☑	Day Care	☐	Supervision	☐
Day Care	☐	Community Carer	☐			Home Help	☐
		Day Care	☐			.....	☐
Short Term	☐	Short Term	☑	Short Term	☐	Short Term	☐
Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐	Long Term	☐

Full Name ..... PAMELA CLIFFORD .....

Present Address* ..... 24 MILNAFUA ..... New Address* ..... C/O SIMPSON .....

..... INNES .... [redacted] .....

.... ISLEA .....

Statutory Condition Imposed ..... SECTION 15 ..... Social Work (Scot) Act 1968 .....

Name of Doctor ..... INNES GROUP PRACTICE ..... D.O.B. ..... 23.6.76 .....

Case Ref. ..... 2200299801 .....

School Attended (Children only) ..... To .....

Date of Change ..... 2.4.91 .....

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete)

		EFFECTIVE DATE
Stop	☑	4.4.91
Start	☑	2.4.91
Amend Register	☐	

Reason ..... RESPITE CARE .....

Name of FP/CC ..... MR + MRS SIMPSON .....

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete)

		EFFECTIVE DATE
Admission	☐	
Discharge	☐	
Temp. Change	☐	

Reason .....

Establishment .....

Financial Assessment Attached ☐ DHSS Supplement applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken ..... Effective Date .....

Reason .....

Signed ..... Date ..... 4.4.91 .....

Authorised ..... AT ..... Date ..... 4/4/91 .....

OFFICE Action taken .....

Documentation completed by ..... Date .....

MEMORANDUM

16/4/91 Have call Johnstone to fix time for absent 10.30

To SOCIAL WORK DEPT., DINGWALL
~~FERINTOSH, CONON BRIDGE~~
~~EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST, DINGWALL~~

From Divisional Reporter
DINGWALL

Your ref. DR. ~~Brightly RAIGMORE HOSPITAL INVERNESS~~

Our ref.

Please ask for

Date 12.3.91

Dandling Assessment Team DB

PAMELA CLIFFORD 24 Milnafua Alness

I enclose herewith a requirement under sec. 43(4) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 which a hearing made for the above named.

The hearing was continued until Monday 22.4.91 at 7 p.m. and I shall be obliged to have your report by 18.4.91

I enclose herewith copies of the background reports.

The social worker in this case is Bill Forbes

The hearing will take place in the Community Education Unit Bridgend School Alness

REPORTER.

The father is George Clifford 24 Milnafua Alness
The mother is Ms Eileen Henderson 89 Shillinghill Alness
Her sister is Deborah clifford 50 Kilmuir Place Invergordon

All wish to be involved in this assessment.

RECEIVED 13/3/91

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Requirement under section 43(4) of the Act

(Place and date)

At Dingwall 11.3.91.

A children's hearing for Highland Region

in exercise ~~of~~ the powers conferred on them by section 43(4) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968,

require Paula Clifford 24 Mitchell Place Alness

to [attend]* [~~reside at~~]* Dingwall during Assessment Year for the purpose of

further investigation in relation to ~~him~~/her* and ~~his~~/her* history. To include a Educational Psychologist Report + Psychiatric Report

Margaret I Bell

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

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MEMORANDUM

To Divisional Office Social Work

From Janet Beer, Registrar

Your Ref.

Our Ref.

Date 1.B.91

Please Ask For

Pamela Clifford
24 Milnafua Place

This hearing will now take place on Monday 11.3.91 at 7.45pm. within the Community Education Office. I shall require your report by 3.3.91

Janet Beer
Registrar

FILED 4/2/91

MEMORANDUM

To	Principal Officer, Social Work DINGWALL	**From**	Divisional Reporter, DINGWALL
Your ref.		**Our ref.**	**Date** 26.2.90
Please ask for			

PAMELA CLIFFORD 24 Milnafua Alness

I have fixed a children's hearing for the review of the supervision requirement of the above named on

Monday ~~25~~ 11.3.91 at ~~7.30~~ 4.45 p.m.

at the undermoted address.

I shall require background reports to send to the hearing by 21.3.91

~~EDUCATION CENTRE, CASTLE STREET, DINGWALL~~

COMMUNITY EDUCATION DEPT. BRIDGEND SCHOOL ALNESS

REPORTER

SOCIAL WORK DEPT.
ALNESS
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Alness Academy

Ref: RBM/rmp

Mr G Clifford
24 Milnafua
ALNESS
Ross-shire

19 March 1991

R. B. MEIKLE, M.A., Dip.Ed., RECTOR

ALNESS
RECEIVED 21/3/91.

Dear Mr Clifford

PAMELA A CLIFFORD (D.O.B. 23.08.76)

I write to inform you that I have today excluded your child, Pamela Clifford, from Alness Academy from Wednesday 20 March until Tuesday 26 March 1991, both dates being inclusive.

The decision to exclude has been taken on the following grounds:

> The Education Authority consider that in all the circumstances to allow Pamela Clifford to continue her education at Alness Academy would be likely to be seriously detrimental to order and discipline in the school or the educational well being of the pupils there.

The decision to exclude has been taken because:

Pamela has broken her agreement with the school by truanting from a Geography class and by failing to attend Detention given to her for this offence, this attendance at Detention being a prerequisite of her recent re-enrolment in Alness Academy.

I write to advise you that I shall be available to discuss with you the decision to exclude Pamela at 10am on Wednesday 27 March 1991 within my office and I should be obliged if you would confirm that you wish to take up this offer. If you wish to discuss this matter before the date specified I should be obliged if you could contact me to ascertain whether a mutually convenient day and time may be arranged. Please bring Pamela with you to this meeting.

I would confirm that I am prepared to re-admit Pamela to Alness Academy if a firm guarantee which Pamela will stick to can be given of her good behaviour in the future.

I must advise you that you have the right to refer the decision to exclude to an Appeal Committee set up and maintained under the Education (Scotland) Act, 1980 and that, if you wish to lodge such an appeal, this should be sent to the Divisional Education Officer, Education Centre, Castle Street, Dingwall. A copy of this letter will be held in Pamela's progress record. Decisions on any appeal, including the decision of an appeal to annul the exclusion, will be included in her progress record. If the decision to exclude is annulled no reference in the record to the exclusion will be disclosed.

I am disappointed that Pamela has broken her agreement with the school, although she claims not to have done so, and it must be made clear to her and to yourself that such agreements must be stuck to or I cannot guarantee her future as a pupil in Alness Academy. Please discuss her recent behaviour very seriously with her during her exclusion and I trust we can reach a satisfactory conclusion at our meeting on the 27th.

Yours sincerely

R Meikle

R B MEIKLE
Rector

cc Mr Forsyth, DEO
Child Guidance
Progress Record
Exclusion File
Social Work Dept ✓

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ROSS AND CROMARTY DIVISION

ALNESS ACADEMY,

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Mr G Clifford
24 Milnafua
ALNESS
Ross-shire

19 March 1991

R. B. MEIKLE, M.A., Dip.Ed., RECTOR

Dear Mr Clifford

PAMELA CLIFFORD D.O.B. 23.08.76

On Friday 15 March, your daughter Pamela truanted her Geography class. We understand that she spent this time in the toilets and whilst there would not allow another girl to leave.

Pamela was given Interval detention for this and was reminded as late as 10 am to-day that she had detention at 10.45 am. Pamela failed to turn up. The detentions have not been carried out.

Pamela is also causing difficulties in the PE department where she consistently turns up without PE kit. I am led to understand that there is no reason for Pamela not to be taking part in PE lessons and that she has PE kit at home.

Mr Meikle has decided to formally exclude Pamela from school for 5 school days and will write to you explaining his reasons and giving dates of the exclusion. In the meantime you should keep Pamela off school.

Yours sincerely

W D LIPP
Assistant Rector

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cc Social Work Department

Gaidhealtachd Highland

Department of Social Work
Director
J. Dick B.A., D.M.S.

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Dingwall
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Please ask for Mr Dunlop | Our ref. AJD/MM

Extension No. 129 | Your ref. | Date 14.03.1991

Senior Medical Officer, Maywood, Ferry Road, Dingwall
Senior Educational Psychologist, Education Centre, Dingwall
The Rector, Alness Academy
Mr J Goodfellow, Ferintosh House Children's Centre, Conon Bridge
Dr K Brightley, Child Psychiatrist, Raigmore Hospital, Inverness
Mr S Marquis, Area Team Leader, Social Work Department, Alness
Mr B Forbes, Social Worker, Social Work Department, Alness

DOMICILIARY ASSESSMENT

Pamela Clifford (b. 13.08.1976)
24 Milnafua, Alness

I have been asked for a Domiciliary Assessment on the above-named child.

Following this request, I will be obliged if you will participate in this Assessment and take part in a Case Conference, which will be held at the Social Work Department, Suie House, Bridgend, Alness on Tuesday 16 March 1991 at 10.30 am.

A written report on your findings will be appreciated.

Further details of the case may be obtained from Mr Bill Forbes, Social Worker, Alness - Tel No: Alness 882609.

18/3/91

AJ Dunlop
A J Dunlop
Principal Fieldwork Officer

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Ref: RBM/rmp

Mr G Clifford
24 Milnafua
ALNESS
Ross-shire

8 February 1991

R. B. MEIKLE, M.A., Dip.Ed., RECTOR

Dear Mr Clifford

PAMELA A CLIFFORD (D.O.B. 23.08.76)

I write to inform you that I have today excluded your child, Pamela Clifford, from Alness Academy from Friday, 8 February until Thursday, 14 February 1991, that is for 5 school days.

The decision to exclude has been taken on the following grounds:

> The Education Authority consider that in all the circumstances to allow Pamela Clifford to continue her education at Alness Academy would be likely to be seriously detrimental to order and discipline in the school or the educational well being of the pupils there.

The decision to exclude has been taken because:

(1) Pamela has on a number of occasions ignored school rules and has disobeyed instructions given to her by failing to attend detention.

(2) On Wednesday, 6 February 1991, in the Art Department she very seriously threatened a fellow pupil with physical violence, intimidating her with a Stanley knife in her hand and threatening to slit this girl's throat. This action and threat were witnessed.

I write to advise you that I shall be available to discuss with you the decision to exclude Pamela at 2 p.m. on Thursday, 14 February 1991 within my office and I should be obliged if you would confirm that you wish to take up this offer. If you wish to discuss this matter before the date specified I should be obliged if you could contact me to ascertain whether a mutually convenient day and time may be arranged. Please bring Pamela with you to this meeting.

I would confirm that I am prepared to re-admit Pamela to Alness Academy if Pamela obeys all instructions given to her, observes school rules, completes her detention immediately and acts in school with due regard for the well being of others.

I must advise you that you have the right to refer the decision to exclude to an Appeal Committee set up and maintained under the Education (Scotland) Act, 1980 and that, if you wish to lodge such an appeal, this should be sent to the Divisional Education Officer, Education Centre, Castle Street, Dingwall. A copy of this letter will be held in Pamela's progress record. Decisions on any appeal, including the decision of an appeal to annul the exclusion, will be included in her progress record. If the decision to exclude is annulled no reference in the record to the exclusion will be disclosed.

As you are aware, Pamela's behaviour has most certainly taken a turn for the worse at this time. She must act and behave responsibly in school and on no account take any reprisal following this incident. If she does I shall again exclude her, possibly permanently if circumstances warrant it. I am confident that you will help Pamela to understand the very serious nature of her offence and that she is fortunate that I choose not to involve the Police on this occasion.

Yours sincerely

R B MEIKLE
Rector

cc Mr Forsyth, D.E.O.
Child Guidance
Progress Record
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Mr G Clifford
24 Milnafua
ALNESS
Ross-shire

4 February 1991

R. B. MEIKLE, M.A., Dip.Ed., RECTOR

Dear Mr Clifford

PAMELA CLIFFORD
DOB: 23/8/76

Further to my letter of 1 February 1991, I have interviewed Pamela this morning and have found her a very truculent and unhelpful lass who is very adept at not telling the truth.

She was not at the swing park at Shillinghill as I had been informed. Her movements were as follows. She attended afternoon registration and instead of going to class she went to the toilets with 2 others. Some time later the cleaner found them and told them to go to class. This the girls failed to do and hid in another part of the school until 2.40pm when they left the building and followed the path down the river to the 'shakin' bridge, crossed it and walked up through the Industrial Estate.

Pamela has complained to me about "all staff always picking on me". She must try to understand that it is Pamela herself through her deviousness, impertinence, lies and truancy that staff have to deal with. No member of staff wishes to experience the confrontational style which Pamela imposes upon a situation and I fear that she has a long way to go in improving her relationships with the people she meets in school.

As a result of her non-attendance at morning detention and her truancy I have given Pamela a Final Warning. Any further serious transgression and she may be excluded from school. I now consider it a matter of some urgency that we meet to discuss her future here. Please contact the school to arrange a suitable time on Thursday or Friday of this week.

Yours sincerely

W D Lipp

V D LIPP
Assistant Rector

cc S Marquis, Social Work

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Mr G Clifford
24 Milnafua
ALNESS
Ross-shire

1 February 1991

R. B. MEIKLE, M.A., Dip.Ed., RECTOR

Dear Mr Clifford

PAMELA CLIFFORD
DOB: 23/8/75

I write to inform you that Pamela's behaviour in school is giving us cause for concern. She is frequently late in the mornings and is now causing disruption in classes by her defiant and impertinent behaviour. This week she twice failed to turn up for Interval Detention after having been reminded. Pamela has been given Lunchtime Detention for her behaviour in the Computing class. This is to be carried out on Tuesday 5 February.

Today she has deliberately arrived late for classes and this afternoon after presenting herself for registration she left the school. I have been informed that she was playing on the swings at the Shillinghill play area.

This defiance of the school's attempts to keep her on the right path and her blatant lies which fool no-one here must be checked. Pamela must not be allowed to continue in this way. I ask that you take this matter up with her and act accordingly. A copy of this letter will be sent to the Social Work Department.

If you wish to discuss these incidents please contact the school.

Yours sincerely

V Dlipp

V DLIPP
Assistant Rector

cc Mr S Marquis

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THE ROBERTSON HEALTH CENTRE, ALNESS IV17 0TL
THE HEALTH CENTRE, INVERGORDON IV18 0DH

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14 January 1991

Social Work Department
Suie House
ALNESS

To FFI Medical on Pamela Clifford (DOB 23.08.76), 69 Coulpark, Alness by Dr Campbell at Alness Health Centre on 29.12.90 - £15.00.

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Social Work Department
Kinmylies Building
Leachkin Road
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MEMORANDUM

To: John Dunlop
Principal Fieldwork Officer
Dingwall Office

From: Dr Avril Osborne
Assistant Director
Fieldwork Services

Your ref:

Our ref: AO/JF SW4/2 **Date:** 6 12 90

Please ask for: Ext 352

MR GEORGE CLIFFORD
24 MILNAFUA, ALNESS

The attached letter is self-explanatory. Please draft a reply on behalf of the Director and return to me as soon as possible.

Avril Osborne

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PO Box 1 Newcastle upon Tyne
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3 September 1991

Mr B Forbes
Department of Social Work
Suie House
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Ross-shire
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our ref CHB 93593913 WM
your ref WF/MER

Dear Sir

RE: MR GEORGE CLIFFORD
24 MILNAFUA
ALNESS
ROSS-SHIRE

I am writing in reply to your letter of 2 August 1991 regarding overpayments of Child Benefit in respect of the above named.

When a child is taken into the care of a local authority under prescribed circumstances payment of benefit ceases for that child after that child has been in such care for 8 weeks. As the children Vincent, Mark and Pamela were taken into care of the local authority on 11 May 1984 entitlement in respect of these three children ceased as from and including 2 July 1984. However Mr Clifford continued to cash benefit in respect of these children up to and including 14 April 1985 giving rise to an overpayment of benefit amounting to £820.50. In addition the child Deborah took up residence with her grandfather, Mr A Henderson, and consequently Mr Clifford's entitlement in respect of this child ceased as from and including 8 October 1984. As Mr Clifford contineud to cash benefit up to and including 14 April 1985 a further overpayment arose amounting to £182.50. The Adjudication Officer decided that payment of these two amounts was required from Mr Clifford on the grounds that it had not been shown that he had throughout used due care and diligence in the obtaining and receipt of benefit to avoid overpayment. Mr Clifford was advised as to the Adjudication Officer's decision on 3 November 1986 and a copy of the letter is enclosed for your perusal.

On 10 March 1989 Pamela, who had subsequently been re-included in Mr Clifford's award was taken into care of the local authority, once again. Consequently entitlement in respect of this child ceased as from and including 1 May 1989 and as Mr Clifford continued to cash benefit up to and including 9 July 1989 a further overpayment arose amounting to £72.50. The Adjudication Officer decided that this amount was repayable by Mr Clifford on the grounds that he failed to disclose the material fact that Pamela was in the care of the local authority. Mr Clifford was advised of the Adjudication Officer's decision on 21 November 1989 and a copy of the appropriate letter is enclosed.

A further examination of our file has revealed that there is an earlier overpayment amounting to £78.00 in respect of the period from 30 January 1984 to 26 February 1984. This overpayment arose because the child Deborah, Pamela and Mark were in the care of the local authority under prescribed circumstances. A copy of our letter of 27 June 1984 in respect of this overpayment is enclosed.

At the time the aforementioned overpayments decisions were conveyed to Mr Clifford it was accepted, at those points in time, that owing to his financial position, he was unable to repay the overpayments. However the Department reserved the right, at any future date, to recover the money as a debt or by deduction from any future payments of Child Benefit to which Mr Clifford became entitled.

The situation was reviewed in January 1991 and it was decided to effect recovery of the overpayments by deduction of £1.70 per week from Mr Clifford's Child Benefit payments. The total sum outstanding amounts to £1153.50 and recovery is currently being effected by deduction of the aforementioned sum of £1.70 from Mr Clifford's current entitlement rate of £8.25 as from and including 15 July 1991.

I trust that this letter will outline the situation for you.

Yours faithfully

E H Curry

E H CURRY

SOCIAL WORK DEPT
ALNESS.

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

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TEACHER'S ASSESSMENT

PUPIL'S NAME: Pamela Clifford

DATE OF ADMISSION: 4th June 1991

DATE OF REVIEW: 27th January 1992

1. PUPIL'S GENERAL ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOUR. Pam is so much more positive and relaxed nowadays. She seeks and is more likely to listen to advice. There are still bad times when she shouts and swears. But they are less frequent and blow over quickly. I was very pleased with her when she kept out of the problems another pupil was having, actually giving advice. Previously, Pam got involved too. Pam is showing a much more affectionate side to her nature.

2. DIFFICULTIES NOTED AND STRATEGIES UNDERTAKEN:

Pam still reacts to worry and upset by shouting etc. It blows over quickly if she is left in peace. She can be quite bossy still. Pam has had spells of feeling sick, not eating etc recently. She can look very pale when she comes in not feeling well. She will settle to work, while we talk a lot these days. She has opened up more and discusses her moods.

3. SPECIAL AREAS OF INTEREST, ENJOYMENT OR ABILITY.

Pam has always displayed a very mature, caring way of dealing with young children. She has recently been helping at the Bridgend Playgroup and loves it. Her face was a picture the first day she went over. Chuffed!

She still enjoys baking, eating it almost at once.

4. **PUPIL'S ABILITY TO RELATE TO OTHERS.** Pam is generally more relaxed and at ease with life and this shows in her relationships with other people. She now has a boyfriend too! Pam still loses her temper with me or Gillian if something has upset or worried her. She needs to learn to control it and cope with worries etc in a more sociable manner!

5. **TICK IF PUPIL HAS MANAGED TO:**

- ✓ Attend regularly
- ✓ Be on time
- Get on with teacher — most of the time. We have our moments!
- Get on with other pupils — Pam gets on well with the other Academy pupils but can be quite intolerant of Gillian. Can also be extremely kind to her
- ✓ Be easy to get on with — much more so than before.
- Be generally helpful — Pam will only do something on her own terms. She leaves a trail behind her and does not always want to tidy it up.
- ✓ Usually do best possible work
- Accept criticism — Again, much more so than before
- ✓ Earn fair amount of praise — Pam is easy to praise these days as she is showing more positive attitudes.
- ✓ Gain confidence — Pam would never have had the confidence to stay at the Playground on her own before.
- Enjoy education — has little interest in Academy work
- ✓ Concentrate — does not flit from task to task as she used to.
- ✓ Feel happier with himself/herself

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6. IS PUPIL ATTENDING HOST SCHOOL? NO

If yes, to what extent and how is she managing?

If no, what are his/her feelings about it?

Pam has no wish to return to the Academy, wanting to see her time at school out at Bridgend. She plans to leave school as soon as she can.

7. COMMENTS ON SUPPORT FROM HOME.

Pam obviously gets on very well with Mum now, seeing her every day if possible she does not see her Dad as much nowadays. But Pam, as always, caring and supportive.

8. NOTE OF WORK COVERED. Enjoys craft work and baking and computer. Will occasionally do work from Real Life Reading, Real Life Maths, Finding Out Worksheets. Pam has been inspired by her visits to the playgroup and has been keeping a file full of notes etc.

Attendance :- Pam has only been absent twice since the last Review - both times with a legitimate excuse.
Always on time, sometimes early.

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

PUPIL'S ASSESSMENT

1. How have I done in my last 6 weeks at Bridgend?

Tick the circle if you think you have managed to

- O Attend regularly ✓
- O Be on time ✓
- O Get on with teacher ✓
- O Get on with other pupils ✓
- O Be easy to get on with (most of the time)
- O Be generally helpful some times.
- O Usually do best possible work ✓
- O Accept criticism some times
- O Feel that you get your fair share of praise ✓
- O Gain confidence ✓
- O Enjoy education ✓
- O Concentrate ✓
- O Feel happier with yourself ✓

PUPIL'S ASSESSMENT
(CONTD)

2. Do you feel ready to go back to your old school?

Some of the time _____

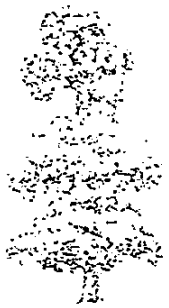
Full time /

3. Would you like 6 more weeks at Bridgend? Yes

If not, what would you prefer?

4. Any other comments?

I want to stay at Bridgend for another 6 weeks.



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Pamela Clifford

Perrins Road
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MONDAY: 9.30 - 12.30

TUESDAY: 10 - 12.30

WEDNESDAY: 10 - 12.30

THURSDAY: 10 - 12.30

FRIDAY: 9.15 - 12

GILL THOMPSON
TEACHER

Highland

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE

TEACHER'S ASSESSMENT

PUPIL'S NAME: Pamela Clifford

DATE OF ADMISSION: 4.6.91

DATE OF REVIEW: Thursday 26th March at 12.30 pm

1. PUPIL'S GENERAL ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOUR.

Pam is much quieter and well-behaved these days. Her attendance is excellent and she is never late. She generally follows her time-table each day and is much less argumentative than before. On the infrequent occasion that she is in a mood she comes out of it much more quickly. A definite all round improvement.

2. DIFFICULTIES NOTED AND STRATEGIES UNDERTAKEN.

Pam is quite unwilling to do any Academy work, now that she has a leaving date of May 29th. She now accepts that work must be done but will only do it when she is ready. Pam is strong willed and has a definite mind of her own.

Pam is extremely untidy, dropping litter, etc and needs frequent reminders to tidy up. Hopefully working in a nursery and the need to tidy up each day will help her!

Leaving her in peace when in a temper works

3. SPECIAL AREAS OF INTEREST, ENJOYMENT OR ABILITY.

Pams main interest is obviously children. She thoroughly enjoys her weekly visit to Bridgend nursery and is keen to learn more about children.

She enjoys working at the computer, perhaps too much at times, so her times are limited!

Pam likes to bake and eat it up afterwards!

She likes to spend time on art work but does not always finish it.

4. PUPIL'S ABILITY TO RELATE TO OTHERS.

Pam generally relates well to us all She is friendly and chatty to people she knows but can be hesitant and shy with strangers. She likes us to accompany her to the nursery on Monday mornings occasionally.

At the moment Pam is out on work experience at Coulhill nursery. I am sure I will be able to add a glowing report to this assessment. She is working with 6 adults and over 20 children.

5. TICK IF PUPIL HAS MANAGED TO:-

✓ Attend regularly 46/47

✓ Be on time Always - often early

✓ Get on with teacher Most of the time nowadays, Pam has been very pleasant. There are still occasions when we fall out but we get over it quickly!

✓ Get on with other pupils
Pam relates well to all of the pupils, although she tends to boss them.

✓ Be easy to get on with Very much better than before.

O Be generally helpful Pam needs pushing to tidy up etc. She will eventually do what is asked but in her time. She can be quite helpful to other pupils too.

✓ Usually do best possible work
In a hurry Though

O Accept criticism Not always - depending on her mood.

✓ Earn fair amount of praise
Pam is enjoying all the positive comments about her behaviour etc.

✓ Gain confidence
Pam still has moments of insecurity but she is confident in a known situation

✓ Enjoy time at the Centre

O Concentrate Depending on the task in hand

✓ Feel happier with him/herself
Pam is more settled as the weeks go by. There are ups and downs with her boyfriend, she falls out with Mum, is unsure where Dad should figure, but in general she is more relaxed and smiles much more!

6. INDIVIDUAL WORK PROGRAMME

One to one session: Pam usually chooses to use the computer. Occasionally we go to Gateway for baking provisions. She enjoys the time on her own.

Maths: Real Life Maths

English: Real Life Reading

Personal/Social Development: Pam goes to The Bracknell Nursery every Monday morning to help for an hour. She enjoys this very much, and is doing very well. (See attached)

Art: Pam is making a coil pot with clay. She has also started a nail and thread picture

Cookery/Baking: Pam has made chocolate fudge, peppermint creams, sponge cakes, coconut fingers, lentil soup, pizza, top hats, and toast frequently!

Health Education: Pam is writing up notes on child care - illnesses, development, safety issues etc. She listens to the others' projects about theirs

Other subjects:

Finding Out Worksheets
Money Worksheets
About The House
} School leaving topics

Hunt The Hazard Worksheets (covering safety with children)

Planting a seed

7. IS PUPIL ATTENDING HOST SCHOOL? No

COMMENTS:

Pam leaves school on May 29th and has no wish to return to The Academy before then.

8. COMMENTS ON SUPPORT FROM HOME:

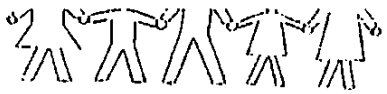
Pam sees Mum very regularly and obviously enjoys that. She has visited Dad recently too.

Coulpark as supportive and caring as ever.

9. AIMS FOR THE NEXT SIX WEEK PERIOD.

Pam has just completed a week at Coulhill Nursery (see attached). She has one more week of work experience and has to decide where she would like to go. Perhaps The Isobel Rhind Centre.

Pam is applying for the I.T. course attached. If Pam could continue as she has been recently, improve her tidiness and try to be more accomodating of other peoples wishes. She



ALNESS PRE-SCHOOL PILOT PROJECT

18.3.92.

Pam Clifford has attended the Pilot Project in Bridgend school observing and helping for an hour every Monday. She has been attending for approximately 8 - 10 weeks.

She has a pleasant manner and the children relate well to her. She is quiet but seems to observe what is happening.

She is very willing to help when asked and helps staff in various activities with the children.

At no time have we had any cause for concern about her behaviour and I feel she has enjoyed her spell with us.

Isobel J. Wilson
Project leader.

BRIDGEND EDUCATION CENTRE
PUPIL'S ASSESSMENT

1. How have you done in your last 6 weeks at Bridgend?

Tick the circle if you think you have managed to .....

- 0 Attend regularly ✓
- 0 Be on time ✓
- 0 Get on with teacher Sometime's
- 0 Get on with other pupils ✓
- 0 Be easy to get on with Sometimes
- 0 Be generally helpful NOT ALWAYS.
- 0 Usually do best possible work ✓
- 0 Accept criticism ✓
- 0 Feel that you get your fair share of praise ✓
- 0 Gain confidence ✓
- 0 Enjoy time at the Centre ✓
- 0 Concentrate Sometimes
- 0 Feel happier with yourself ✓

PUPIL'S ASSESSMENT (CONTD)

2. **Do you feel ready to go back to your old school?** No

If so for what subjects?

3. **Would you like 6 more weeks at Bridgend?** yes.

If so what are your aims for the next six weeks?

Tidy up ~~to~~ behind me.
do some more work exp.
Stop being Bossie
accept criticism.

4. **Any other comments?**

Just do six more weeks at Bridgend and then join the YTS or find a Job.

WORK EXPERIENCE REPORT

NAME: PAMELA CLIFFORD

FIRM: COULHILL NURSERY

PERIOD OF PLACEMENT: 16th – 20th MARCH.

No. OF TIMES LATE: NONE
No. OF TIMES ABSENT: NONE

TASKS PERFORMED: (INCLUDE PARTICULAR EQUIPMENT USED eg. COMPUTERS, PHOTOCOPIERS, TELEPHONES, WORKSHOP MACHINES etc)

Pamela helped set out the nursery, she helped prepare + serve snack, also wash dishes + general tidying up. Pamela also played games + read stories to small groups of children.

SIGNATURE: L. Robertson

EMPLOYERS COMMENTS:

When given a specific task Pamela carried it out well. She appeared happiest when she ~~was~~ was asked to prepare + serve snack. She communicated fairly well with the staff but I feel she found this more difficult when it came to the children.

SIGNATURE: L Robertson

STUDENTS COMMENTS:

I enjoyed myself Working with the children at coulhill Nursery. I am still wanting to work with kids when I leave school But I would like to work at Isabel Hind center in inverurie.

St Clements Dundee :)

SIGNATURE: Pamela Clifford

27/4/89

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Youth Training in Action

Training

with

Easter Ross Youth Training Agency

What will I be doing?

That depends a lot on you! Maybe you're thinking about Initial Training because you don't know what you want to do, right? Then Initial Training will give you a chance to work at 3 or even 4 different types of jobs, to see what you are able to tackle long-term.

Or, maybe you've had a job or a Scheme and it hasn't worked out? You could probably do with some help in working out what's right for you - the next step. You would spend time talking with your Initial Training Tutor, agreeing what programme you would follow; making contact with employers and maybe spending short work experience spells locally and/or at the Agency's base in Alness.

Where will I be working?

Again, that depends on YOU! because the course aims to meet your needs, and everybody's needs are different. Usually, you can expect to work within the Easter Ross area (Tain to Dingwall); could be Inverness - could be Ullapool! You do need to be prepared to travel to get the experience you want. Sometimes it helps to go into lodgings, to try out certain types of job.

Initial Training - then what?

YOU decide! Go for a job; apply for College; try for a full-length YTS programme.

Interested?

Contact the Manager, Anne Sutherland at Alness (0349) 882545 or your local Careers Officer.

Highland Regional Council

EASTER ROSS YOUTH TRAINING AGENCY

Bill

HIGHLAND HEALTH BOARD
KMB/JW DEPARTMENT OF CHILD & FAMILY PSYCHIATRY
Tel.: Inverness 234151
RAIGMORE HOSPITAL
INVERNESS
IV2 3UJ

20th March 1991

Mr Bill Forbes
Social Worker
Social Work Area Office
Suie House
Bridgend
ALNESS

Dear Mr Forbes

PAMELA CLIFFORD, (13.8.76), 24 MILNAFUA, ALNESS

As I am on annual leave for two weeks I am unable to offer this family an appointment before Tuesday, 16th April at 9.30 a.m. I hope to then come along to the Case Conference at the Social Work Department.

Yours sincerely

Kay Brightley
Consultant Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist

[illegible] 25/3/91

W. Forbes - info! Please file

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ROSS AND CROMARTY DIVISION

ALNESS ACADEMY
ALNESS
ROSS-SHIRE IV17 0UY

TELEPHONE (03491) 883341

Alness Academy

Ref: RBM/rmp

26 March 1991

Mr G Clifford
24 Milnafua
ALNESS
Ross-shire

R. B. MEIKLE, M.A., Dip.Ed., RECTOR

Dear Mr Clifford

PAMELA A CLIFFORD (D.O.B. 23.08.76)

Thank you for your letter of this morning explaining your illness. Given the uncertainty of your state of health, I think it better that you discuss Pamela's re-enrolment with me and Mr Forbes at 10.30 a.m. on 9 April 1991. I look forward to seeing you both then.

Yours sincerely

R B MEIKLE
Rector

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RECEIVED 22/3/91.

Bill

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27th October 1993

Mr Bill Forbes
Social Work Department
Suie House
Bridgend
Alness
IV17 OUD

[illegible] DEPT.
ALNESS
RECEIVED 29/10/93.

Dear Mr Forbes

Re : Pamela Clifford, c/o 89 Shillinghill, Alness

I am sorry that, from the information you give, it seems unlikely that we can assist this girl as she is, presumably, in receipt of Income Support.

The Buttle Trust assists young people in the 16-19 years age group only when they are estranged from their parents and living in their own accommodation.

I am sorry to have to write to you in these terms.

Yours sincerely

Catherine Scott

Catherine Scott (Mrs)
Scottish Secretary

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
REFERRAL FORM

Client No

Referral Point Abross

Home Area (for Hospital use)

Surname Clifford

Forename Pamela

Address c/o 89 Shillingfull, Abross

Postcode

Telephone

Sex Male ☐ Female ☑ D.O.B. 23/8/76

Marital Status	Married 1	Single 2	Widowed 3 ✓	Divorced 4	Separated 5	Co-Hab 6

Occupational Status	Employed 1	Self-Employed 2	Unemployed 3	LG Term Sick Disabled 4
	Retired 5	Home/Family 6	Student 7 ✓	Other 8

Referral Date 13/12/93 Referral Time ..... am/pm

Referral Method	Letter 1	Phone 2	Caller 3	Stand-by 4 ✓

Referral Agent Name Self

Address

GP/Practice ..... Consultant/Ward .....

Problem/Action

Pamela not in receipt of Y.T.S or I.S payments. Destitute but staying with mother.

Contacted Mrs Gould D.S.S with Pamela to register with Careers, collect B1 from Job Centre and arrange appointment with Mrs Gould.

Pamela may then be entitled to hardship payment of £26.45p per week, dependant upon her mothers circumstances.

Client Aware of Referral Yes ☑

No ☐

Client Information Continued

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Reg. Blind	26	Fine Supervision	19	Other	28

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Drug Problem	4	Benefits Advice	12	School Problem	20
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Surname	Forename	Address (if Different) Telephone	Relationship	D.O.B.	Client Assoc 28	Next of Kin 53

Reports Requested (SC09)					
Mental Wel Comm	91	Means Enq D - Court	98	Resps Med Officer	105
Home Background	92	Freeing for Adoption	99	Parental Rights	106
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Review Date — Allocated Cases	Passed To — No Further Action Cases				Resource Assessment(s) Requested	
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None (N)	Housing	2	Health(Comm)	7	Elderly Services	51
Specify (SC 77)	C.A.B.	3	Vol. Agency	8	Childrens Services	52
/ /	School	4	WRVS Cloth. Line	9	Hospital SW	53
	Educ Psy	5	Other	10	Specialist SW	54

COMPLETED BY ..... CODE 224 DATE 13.12.93

Allocate to SW Number		Allocation Plus Assessment	
No Further Action		Resource Assessment Only	

AUTHORISED BY ..... DESIGNATION ..... DATE .....

Computer Operator Only Entered ☐ Returned to SW ☐
Signed ..... Date .....

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
REFERRAL FORM

Client No 8200299801

Referral Point Aberdeen

Home Area (for Hospital use)

Surname Clifford

Forename Paula

Address c/o Anderson, 87 Hillhead, Aberdeen

Postcode

Telephone

Sex Male ☐ Female ☑ D.O.B. 23.8.76

Marital Status

Married 1	Single 2	Widowed 3	Divorced 4	Separated 5	Co-Hab 6
		✓			

Occupational Status

Employed 1	Self-Employed 2	Unemployed 3	LG Term Sick Disabled 4
			✓

Retired 5	Home/Family 6	Student 7	Other 8

Referral Date 18.8.93 Referral Time am/pm

Referral Method

Letter 1	Phone 2	Caller 3	Stand-by 4
			✓

Referral Agent Name Staff

Address

GP/Practice Consultant/Ward

Problem/Action

Paula to office regarding assistance with clothes.

Staying c/o mother, however receiving no benefit or Y.T.S. payment having refused placement and had last placement terminated. Ineligible for Budgeting Allowance.

Requested permission to contact Social Worker but this refused by Paula.

Clothing required:- shoes, jacket, jeans, tops, underwear. At present Paula is wearing clothing borrowed from relatives.

25/10/93 Letter sent to Butler Clinic re referral.

Client Aware of Referral Yes ☑ No ☐

Client Information Continued

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/ /	School	4	WRVS Cloth. Line 9	Hospital SW	53
	Educ Psy	5	Other 10	Specialist SW	54

COMPLETED BY ..... CODE ..... 224 ..... DATE 18.8.93

Allocate to SW Number	224	Allocation Plus Assessment	
No Further Action		Resource Assessment Only	

AUTHORISED BY ..... DESIGNATION ..... ATL ..... DATE 18/8/93

Computer Operator Only	Entered ☐	Returned to SW ☐
Signed	Date	

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CLIENT NAME ..... REF.

DATE OF BIRTH / /

CONTINUATION/INFORMATION

21.6.93 Office Rec and Pamela Parada ad seeking suitable lodgings. Unable to make joint housing application with Rec. To collect letter of support from [redacted] S.W.D on 24.6.93.

1.7.93. Letter of support sending to Housing Dept.

M.F.D.

Please close. Thankyou 1/7/93

COMPLETED BY..... CODE ...224.... DATE 1/7/93.

VDU OPERATOR ..... DATE .....

ACTION TAKEN: ENTERED ☐ RETURNED TO SW ☐

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
REFERRAL FORM

Client No 2 2 0 0 2 9 9 8 0 1

Referral Point Abern

Home Area (for Hospital use)

Surname Bellfield

Forename Pamela

Address 89 Stillingfield, Abern

Postcode

Telephone

Sex Male ☐ Female ☑ D.O.B. 23/8/76

Marital Status

Married 1	Single 2	Widowed 3	Divorced 4	Separated 5	Co-Hab 6
		✓			

Occupational Status

Employed 1	Self-Employed 2	Unemployed 3	LG Term Sick Disabled 4
			✓

Retired 5	Home/Family 6	Student 7	Other 8

Referral Date 17/6/93 Referral Time ... am/pm

Referral Method

Letter 1	Phone 2	Caller 3	Stand-by 4
			✓

Referral Agent Name Self

Address

GP/Practice ..... Consultant/Ward .....

Problem/Action

Pamela has been staying with mother for last 3/4 months. Mother wishes Pamela to leave. Pamela resided Bellfield until 16 yrs → sheltered accom, Mrs Urquhart, Invergordon 3/4 months. Pamela is not on Y.T.S. and is not receiving any benefit. Is being supported by mother.

Contacted Abern. 29.3.93 should have commenced Y.T.S. in Inverness - not contact since (left after 3 days) Appointment made with Yvonne Anderson (Abern) re requests should be entitled to benefit from D.S.S. until Y.T.S. secured.

Contacted Sandra Urquhart (852682) no immediate vacancy but possibly placement in 2 weeks.

Client Aware of Referral Yes ☐ No ☐

Client Information Continued

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COMPLETED BY ..... CODE ..... DATE .....

Allocate to SW Number		Allocation Plus Assessment	
No Further Action		Resource Assessment Only	

AUTHORISED BY ..... DESIGNATION ATT DATE 17/2/93

Computer Operator Only Entered ☐ Returned to SW ☐
Signed ..... Date 6/7/93

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
REFERRAL FORM

Client No 2200002101

Referral Point .....

Home Area (for Hospital use) .....

Surname CLIFFORD

Forename George.

Address 24 Millbuie

Postcode .....

Telephone .....

Sex Male ☑ Female ☐

D.O.B. ...../...../.....

Marital Status

Married 1	Single 2	Widowed 3	Divorced 4	Separated 5	Co-Hab 6

Occupational Status

Employed 1	Self-Employed 2	Unemployed 3	LG Term Sick Disabled 4
Retired 5	Home/Family 6	Student 7	Other 8

Referral Date 30/11/95

Referral Time .....am/pm

Referral Method

Letter 1	Phone 2	Caller 3	Stand-by 4 ✓

Referral Agent Name .....

Address .....

GP/Practice ..... Consultant/Ward .....

Problem/Action

See admission SIB by Nurse NFA.

Client Aware of Referral Yes ☐

No ☐

Client Information Continued

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	Educ Psy	5	Other	10	Specialist SW	54

COMPLETED BY ..... CODE 820 DATE 4/12/95

Allocate to SW Number		Allocation Plus Assessment	
No Further Action	✓	Resource Assessment Only	

AUTHORISED BY ..... DESIGNATION ATM DATE 4/12/95

Computer Operator Only	Entered ☑	Returned to SW ☐
Signed		Date 8/12/95

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OU RICHARD - INFO
PART MARQUIS

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL : SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
EMERGENCY SERVICES REFERRAL FORM

SOSCIS NO: [2200002101] **CLIENT NO: []**

CLIENT NAME: GEORGE CLIFFORD **DOB: [01.03.50]**

Address: 24 MILNAFUA
ALNESS

Tel No: []

Marital Status: [] **Occupational Status: []**

CLIENT GROUP: [14] REASON FOR REFERRAL: [2] DATE: 25.11.95 TIME: 10.20 hrs

Referral Agent: INSPECTOR WATT

Address: S.S.P.C.A.

PROBLEM/ACTION

Mr. Clifford who is believed to have a problem with alcohol abus was admitted to C.D.H. yesterday and the ambulance crew reported that he had left three dogs locked in the house.

T/C Ward 12 C.D.H. and learned that Mr Clifford had discharged himself last night against medical advice.

T/C Inspector Watt and advised him that mr C. now home.

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30 NOV 1995
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Morag Brown.

Completed By: Morag Brown 703

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
REFERRAL FORM

Client No 220000 21101

Referral Point Aviemore

Home Area (for Hospital use)

Surname CLIFFORD

Forename GEORGE

Address 24 Milton
Aviemore

Postcode

Telephone

Sex Male ☑ Female ☐

D.O.B. ../../..

Marital Status												
	Married	1	Single	2	Widowed	3	Divorced	4	Separated	5	Co-Hab	6

Occupational Status								
Employed	1	Self-Employed	2	Unemployed	3	LG Term Sick Disabled	4	
Retired	5	Home/Family	6	Student	7	Other	8	

Referral Date 27/11/95

Referral Time ..... am/pm

Referral Method								
Letter	1	Phone	2	Caller	3	Stand-by	4	✓

Referral Agent Name

Address

GP/Practice Consultant/Ward

Problem/Action

Dr allocated SI/Bge Referral
For info only
NKA.

Client Aware of Referral Yes ☐
No ☐

Client Information Continued

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COMPLETED BY ..... CODE 220 ..... DATE 27/4/95

Allocate to SW Number		Allocation Plus Assessment	
No Further Action	✓	Resource Assessment Only	

AUTHORISED BY ..... DESIGNATION ASM DATE 27/11/95

Computer Operator Only	Entered ☐	Returned to SW ☐
Signed		Date 28/11/95

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
REFERRAL FORM

Client No 22,00,00,02,(,01,

Referral Point ALNESS

Home Area (for Hospital use)

Surname CLIFFORD

Forename GEORGE

Address 2H MILNAFUA
ALNESS

Postcode

Telephone —

Sex Male ☑ Female ☐

D.O.B. ...../...../.....

Marital Status

Married 1	Single 2	Widowed 3	Divorced 4	Separated 5	✓ Co-Hab 6

Occupational Status

Employed 1	Self-Employed 2	Unemployed 3	✓ LG Term Sick Disabled 4
Retired 5	Home/Family 6	Student 7	Other 8

Referral Date 30/7/93.

Referral Time .....am/pm

Referral Method

Letter 1	Phone 2	Caller 3	✓ Stand-by 4

Referral Agent Name SELF

Address

GP/Practice ALNESS H.C.

Consultant/Ward

Problem/Action

DSS query - dealt with by Helen McLeod, Social Fund Officer, Inverness.

No further action required.

Client Aware of Referral Yes ☑

No ☐

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