



SCOTTISH

CHILDREN'S REPORTER
ADMINISTRATION

**YOU HAVE TO COME TO A
CHILDREN'S HEARING**

Darren Downie
c/o Ballikinrain School
Balfron

Dear Darren

I have arranged a children's hearing to review your supervision requirement dated 9th October 2000 because it has been nearly one year since the last review.

You must be there on Friday, 28th September, 2001 at 1.30 p.m.
 at The Reporter's Office, 55 Church Court, Dumbarton, G82

If there is a good reason why you cannot attend on this date, contact me immediately at the telephone number printed below.

Yours sincerely

John Harris

Reporter

Date: 18 September 2001

Remember

- You can bring someone with you to the hearing, *a representative*, to help you talk to the hearing members
- The cost of travelling to the hearing will be paid to you and your representative. Ask me about that after the hearing. *Please remember to keep any tickets or receipts and bring them with you.*
- You have the right to tell the hearing what you think would be best for you. If you do want to, you can tell me before the hearing starts or you can say it at the hearing. You can write to me on the page that is attached or on another piece of paper. Whatever you tell me or write to me will be passed on to your parent(s), the panel members and also to the safeguarder if one is appointed by the hearing.

The law says that you must attend the hearing. If you do not and you do not have a good reason, then a warrant for your arrest may issued. You may be kept in a place of safety until the next hearing can be arranged.

If you do not understand this form, or if you want independent advice, you may get free help from a solicitor or you may contact the Scottish Child Care Law Centre between 9.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m., Monday to Thursday on their advice line on 0800 328 8970. Some local authorities have Children's Representations/Rights Officers who specialise in helping young people who come to a hearing. You should contact your local authority and ask whether they have such people to advise you.

West Dunbartonshire team, 55 Church Court, Dumbarton, G82 1SU

Tel: 01389 764268

Fax: 01389 742131

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To the Panel Members from : Darren Downie, d.o.b. (26.7.90)

For the Children's Hearing on: 28 September 2001

I would like you to know what I think before you make a decision at the children's hearing.

(Write what you want to say here and remember that a copy will be given to your parent and any safeguarder. You can say as much as you like but you do not have to fill the page. If you want, you can ask someone to help you write down what you want to say.)

You may want to say what you think about: school: your home: your friends: your parents and most importantly - what should happen to you.

I WANT TO GO TO THE SAME FOSTER FAMILY
AS MY BROTHER STUART AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
STAYING AT BALLIKIRKIN
IN THE MEANTIME UNTIL THIS IS POSSIBLE
MORE OFTEN, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE STUART

Please bring this to the children's hearing or send it to the reporter at the address below.

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18 September 2001

The Headteacher
Ballikinrain School
Balfron

Authority Reporter
West Dunbartonshire
Chris Docherty

If calling please ask for:
John Harris

Telephone:
01389 764268

Dear Sir/Madam

Notification of Hearing

Please note that a children's hearing will take place for Darren Downie, (26.7.90), 9 Jean Armour Drive, Clydebank

on Friday, 28th September, 2001
at 1.30 p.m.
at The Reporter's Office, 55 Church Court, Dumbarton, G82 1SU

The hearing will review his supervision requirement dated 9th October 2000 because it has been nearly one year since the last review.

Yours faithfully

John Harris
Reporter

Convener:
Rev Jim Cowie

Director of Social Work:
Ian D. Baillie CBE

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OF SCOTLAND



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Darren Downie,
9 Jean Armour Drive,
Clydebank.

D.O.B. 26.07.90.

D.O.A. 01.11.99.

Monday 13th August, 2001

Key Worker: Gary Hawick

Placement:

Darren was admitted to Ballikinrain School on Monday 1st November 1999 after his children's hearing. He had previously resided in Craigellachie Children's Home for almost a year after his foster placement had broken down. Darren was placed in Blane Unit as his brother Stuart has resided there for 2½ years prior to his admission. Initially Darren was allocated the same key worker but due to staff reorganisation I took over as key worker in February this year. Darren had formed a very good relationship with his old key worker, and found the change difficult at first, but has accepted the change well.

Unit:

Darren has no apparent problems with the structure and boundaries operated within the unit, but requires continual staff guidance in his interaction with other boys. Darrens verbal insults and provocation of other boys requires repeated staff physical intervention with Darren having to be removed from situations for his own safety.

Darren would continue to verbally abuse the other resident as he was being escorted away and at times could become aggressive towards the staff involved. He seems to quickly grasp how to set a negative reaction from other residents passing comment on their family or situation such as "at least I get home to see my mum for a cuddle."

Health & Hobbies:

Darren is a very fussy eater and requires a lot of encouragement at mealtimes preferring to eat sweet things if staff do not monitor his eating habits. He keeps his room relatively neat and tidy. His self care skills are age appropriate. Darren has his hearing monitored at Yorkhill Hospital, at his last hearing test there had been no change. His next test is due on 18th September.

Over the past year Darren's top lip has flared up periodically requiring treatment with hydrocortisone cream. Darren participates in various activities around the school such as football and kayaking.

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He also went on a water sports holiday to France with the school for a week in June and enjoyed it, although he did find it very tiring at times.

Leave:

Initially Darren would have access at the family home every Saturday. He also had a Friday overnight every second week with Chrissie McEwan, respite carer. At Darren's review on 8th August this year Darren requested that his overnights with Chrissie be stopped. His last visit was on the 10th August. Darren also asked that his day visits to his other be every Saturday and Sunday with Darren being transported by taxi both ways.

Conclusion:

Darren continues to enjoy his placement in Ballikinrain and this is evident in his interactions and conversations with staff. He continues to have problems with other boys but hopefully with continued staff encouragement and guidance Darren will be able to improve in this area. It was decided at Darren's review on the 8th August that a place with foster carers should be found for Darren.



Gary Hawick,
Key Worker.


Jim Lawn,
Unit Manager.

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CHILDREN'S REPORTER
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30 August 2001

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Authority Reporter
West Dunbartonshire
Chris Docherty

If calling please ask for:
John Harris

Telephone:
01389 764268

Dear Sir/Madam

Notification of Hearing

Please note that a children's hearing will take place for Darren Downie, (26.7.90), 9 Jean Armour Drive, Clydebank

on Monday, 10th September, 2001
at 2.00 p.m.
at The Hearing Rooms, 235 Dumbarton Road, Clydebank, G81

The hearing will review his supervision requirement dated 9th October 2001 because it has been nearly a year since the last review.

Yours faithfully

John Harris
Reporter

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CHILDREN'S REPORTER
ADMINISTRATION

REQUEST FOR REVIEW REPORT/REPORTS - SOCIAL WORK
SECTION 73 CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995

To: Ballikinrain School
Balfon

From: Authority Reporter
West Dunbartonshire
Chris Docherty

Please provide a report by 14 August 2001
(20 working days after date of receipt of request)

Name, date of birth & address of child

Darren Downie, (26.7.90),
9 Jean Armour Drive,
Clydebank

Reason for review

Annual review - s73(8)

The above noted child is subject to a supervision requirement which it is now necessary to review.

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Date: 17 July 2001

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The Headteacher
Ballikinrain School
Balfron
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Scottish Children's Reporter Administration
55 Church Court, DUMBARTON, G82 1SU

Authority Reporter: Mr C. J. Docherty

Tel: Direct Line (01389) 764268
Date: 27 September, 2000



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Authority Reporter: Mr C. J. Docherty

Tel: Direct Line (01389) 764268

Fax No. (01389) 742131

Our Ref: MR/CMcG

Your Ref: -

Date: 21 September 2000

If phoning or calling please ask for: Marie Reid

The Headteacher
Ballikinrain School
Balfron

Dear Sir/Madam

Darren Downie (26.7.90) 9 Jean Armour Drive, Clydebank
c/o Ballikinrain School, Balfron

The above named child resides outwith the family home with you under a supervision requirement made by a Children's Hearing on 1st November 1999.

A Children's Hearing has been arranged to review the existing requirement on Monday, 9th October, 2000 at 2.50 p.m. within The Hearing Rooms, 235 Dumbarton Road, Clydebank and I would be grateful if you would liaise with the Social Work Department to ensure the child's attendance.

Your attendance or the attendance of a member of staff on this day would be helpful to the discussion.

Yours faithfully

M. Reid

Mrs M. Reid
Reporter

Darren Downie,
9 Jean Armour Drive,
Clydebank.

D.O.B. 26.07.90.
D.O.A. 01.11.99.

Tuesday, 12 September

2000

Key Worker: Billy Murdoch

Placement:

Darren was admitted to Ballikinrain School on Monday 1st November 1999 after his children's hearing. He had previously resided in Craigellachie Children's Home for almost a year after his foster placement had broken down. Darren was placed in Blane unit as his brother Stuart had resided there for 2½ years prior to his admission. He was allocated the same key worker as Mrs. Downie felt comfortable with these arrangements, as she was slightly concerned that Darren would be the youngest boy in the school.

Unit:

Darren settled into Blane very quickly and had no apparent problems with the structure and boundaries operated within the unit. He enjoyed the daily routines, although he required staff guidance in his interaction with other boys.

It was clearly evident that this was an area which caused Darren some difficulty and he encountered numerous problems with his verbal provocation of others. Darren was the youngest boy in the unit and at times attempted to manipulate and use this within his peer group. This was not accepted by the other boys and staff intervention became more frequent to remove Darren from situations for his own safety.

Darren would continue to shout verbal abuse as he was being escorted away and at times could become abusive towards the staff involved. He will generally sulk for a short time before apologising and rejoining the group.

Darren is still the youngest boy in the unit and at times will resort to baby noises and childish behaviour in an attempt to gain staff attention. He has recently become more relaxed and affectionate with adults and seeks reassurance through cuddles, although he sometimes uses this as a way of attention seeking when staff are dealing with other boys.

On Thursday 1st June 2000, there was an incident whereby Darren's head was banged against the wall by another resident. This occurred in the Blane tunnel area on returning from activities and was witnessed by staff. Darren requested that the police were called and that the boy was charged with assault. This boy has now been moved to another unit within the school.

Health & Hobbies:

Darren requires a lot of encouragement at mealtimes preferring to eat sweet things if staff do not monitor his eating habits. He keeps his room relatively neat and tidy but needs constant reminders to put his dirty clothes into the laundry on a daily basis.

Darren attended Yorkhill hospital on Thursday 13th July, 2000 to have grommets inserted in his ears. Unfortunately his right ear has a perforated ear drum which will require an operation at a future date. He is to attend Yorkhill Hospital for a check up on Tuesday 31st October 2000 at 14:25hrs.

Over the past year Darren's top lip has flared up periodically requiring treatment with hydrocortisone cream. He has also been prescribed glasses after having his eyes tested by the local optician.

Darren participates in various activities around the school and has recently played football which is encouraging in that he is now attempting things of a more physically challenging nature. He went on a hill walking holiday to Fort William with the school from May 8th - 12th and enjoyed it, although he found it very tiring.

Darren was also included in a 'bucket & spade' holiday to Caister, Great Yarmouth from June 3rd - June 10th. This was a positive experience for Darren although he encountered several problems due to not listening to staff's requests.

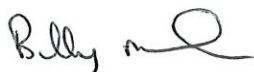
Leave:

Access with Mrs. Downie has taken place on a weekly basis since Darren's admission to the school. Darren goes to the family home every fortnight leaving Ballikinrain at 11:30hrs and returning to school at 17:00hrs. Mrs. Downie has given positive feedback about his home access, and has commented that she has noticed a significant change in Darren's attitude and behaviour.

On alternate Sunday's Mrs. Downie visits Darren within the school from 12:00hrs - 14:00hrs to enable her to spend some quality time with her son. Darren also receives leave to Chrissie McEwan, respite carer. This commenced on 10th March, 2000 and is every fortnight with a Friday/Saturday overnight. Darren spent some time with his older brother Stuart on his first overnight with Chrissie as he had visited to collect his roller blades while on a home visit to Mrs. Downie. Chrissie also offered extra leave for Darren over the Easter period and the May weekend. She was also willing to offer Darren a midweek overnight during the summer holidays but he chose not to accept, preferring to remain in the school.

Conclusion:

Darren is enjoying his placement in Ballikinrain and this is evident in his interactions and conversations with staff. He continues to have problems with other boys, but hopefully with staff encouragement and guidance Darren will be able to improve in this area. Darren's future care will obviously involve the possibility of a return home to his mum with the option of foster carers if this is not achievable.



Billy Murdoch,
Key Worker.

Jim Lawn,
Unit Manager.

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The Headteacher
Ballikinrain School
Balfron



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Scottish Children's Reporter Administration
55 Church Court, DUMBARTON, G82 1SU

Authority Reporter: Mr C. J. Docherty

Tel: Direct Line (01389) 764268
Date: 25 October, 2000



SCOTTISH
CHILDREN'S REPORTER
ADMINISTRATION

Authority Reporter: Mr C. J. Docherty
MEMORANDUM

From: Reporter's Department
55 Church Court
DUMBARTON G82 1SU

To: The Headteacher
Ballikinrain School
Balfron

SUBJECT: CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1996, RULE 21(1)(2)(3)

In accordance with instruction contained in Rule 21 of the above Statutory Instrument the decision(s) made by a Children's Hearing is/are undernoted.

Annexed herewith copy requirement where appropriate.

Date of Hearing: 09.10.00

Name:

Details of result:

Darren Downie

Supervision requirement continued at Ballikinrain School, Balfron

Date: 25 October, 2000

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Reporter



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CHILDREN'S REPORTER
ADMINISTRATION

CONTINUATION UNDER SECTION 73(9)(e) OF THE ACT OF
SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

At 235 Dumbarton Road, Clydebank Date: 9/10/00

A children's hearing for West Dumbartonshire considered the case of

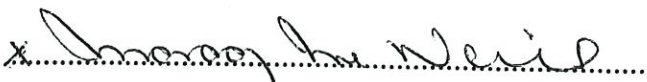
Name: Darren Downie (26/7/90)
Address: 9 Jean Armour Drive
Clydebank

and the supervision requirement (a copy of which is attached), and in exercise of its powers under section 73(9)(e) of the Act, continues the said requirement [in force] ~~[subject to the variations of that requirement noted below] [with the insertions in the requirement noted below]~~

~~[The children's hearing in [varying] [imposing] a requirement order that the place where the child is to reside shall not be disclosed to]~~

~~[VARIATION[S] REFERRED TO]~~

~~[INSERTION[S] REFERRED TO]~~


Chairman of the Children's Hearing

Darren Downie
c/o Ballikinrain School
Balfron



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Scottish Children's Reporter Administration
55 Church Court, DUMBARTON, G82 1SU

Authority Reporter: Mr C. J. Docherty

Tel: Direct Line (01389) 764268
Date: 25 October, 2000



SCOTTISH
CHILDREN'S REPORTER
ADMINISTRATION

To
Darren Downie
c/o Ballikinrain School
Balfron

Dear Darren

At your last children's hearing which took place on 9 October 2000 the hearing thought again about the supervision requirement and decided to continue it.

I have enclosed a copy of the written reasons for the hearing's decision.

If you do not agree with this decision, you can appeal against it to a sheriff. You must do this within 21 days of the hearing. If you do want to appeal, you should see a solicitor as soon as possible.

Finally, you can contact me if you need any more information - my telephone number and my address are printed at the bottom of this letter.

Date 25 October, 2000


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Reporter

55 Church Court, Dumbarton, G82 1SU
(01389) 764268



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CHILDREN'S REPORTER
ADMINISTRATION

CONTINUATION UNDER SECTION 73(9)(e) OF THE ACT OF
SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

At 235 Dombarton Road, Cledebank Date: 9/10/00

A children's hearing for West Dombartonshire considered the case of

Name: Darren Downie (26/7/90)
Address: 9 Jean Armour Drive
Cledebank

and the supervision requirement (a copy of which is attached), and in exercise of its powers under section 73(9)(e) of the Act, continues the said requirement [in force] [subject to the variations of that requirement noted below] [with the insertions in the requirement noted below]—

~~[The children's hearing in [varying] [imposing] a requirement order that the place where the child is to reside shall not be disclosed to]~~

~~[VARIATION[S] REFERRED TO]~~

~~[INSERTION[S] REFERRED TO]~~

x Monica M. Neil

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

F. REASONS FOR DECISION

CHILD'S NAME Darren DownieDATE OF BIRTH 26/1/90

The Children's Hearing made the decision(s) for the following reasons:

Darren was accompanied to the hearing by his mother, who had reviewed and read her papers. He heard just of all from Billy Murdoch from Ballikinrain. Darren is very well settled in the School but he does present some problems with the use of sexualised language and in his relationships with other boys. Work is being done on these issues and he is responding quite well. Darren has been bullwalking with the School and enjoyed this. He enjoyed a holiday in Yarmouth and attended discos and played on the beach.

He did not always listen to staff requests and this meant he could not enjoy the holiday as much as he might have. However, all in all, the experience was a positive one for him.

We discussed Darren's eating habits and Mr. Murdoch assured us that his diet is being closely monitored. Darren has had gromets placed in his ears and hopefully this will assist him. He is due to have these checked at the hospital soon.

Contact between Darren and his mother did not prove to be profitable at the School. He now has respite care fortnightly at Mrs. M. E. Wan's and on the alternate weekends, he has a home visit to his mother. He also visits his mum for a few hours during the weekend he is at Mrs. M. E. Wan.

The Looked after child review has considered Darren's future but no definite plans have been made.

Mrs. Downie is happy with Darren in Ballikinrain and with the level of contact she has with him.

Darren says he is happy at Ballikinrain. We recognise the progress Darren is making at the School and are pleased to note it. He still has a number of needs which can be

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(Signed) x

(Chairman)



(Date)

9/10/00

met by school staff. The stability and security Dallen enjoys at Ballekinrain is clearly benefitting him. The indications at the moment are very positive and we feel that Dallen needs to remain in Ballekinrain to ensure the current progress continues and indeed further progress is made. No Safeguarding Report is required.

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

(Signed)

Margaret Downie
(Chairman)

(Date)

9/10/00



SCOTTISH
CHILDREN'S REPORTER

ADMINISTRATION

Authority Reporter: Mr C.J. Docherty

MEMORANDUM

From: Reporter's Department
55 Church Court
DUMBARTON G82 1SU

To: The Headteacher, Ballikinrain School
Balfron, Stirlingshire.

**SUBJECT: CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995 -
REQUEST FOR REVIEW REPORT(S)**

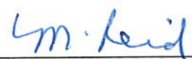
The undernoted child is subject to a supervision requirement which it is now necessary to review, in terms of Section 73(8)(a)(v).

Please submit social background reports not later than 12th September 2000.

Where applicable, background reports should also be requested from residential establishments. The purpose of this report is to assess information relating to the child's welfare.

	Name	Address	Date of Birth	Provisional Hrg Date
276/94	Darren Downie	9 Jean Armour Drive, Clydebank.	26.7.90	9.10.00

Date: 16 August, 2000



Mrs M. Reid, Reporter

Done
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The Headteacher
Ballikinrain School
Balfon



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Scottish Children's Reporter Administration
55 Church Court, DUMBARTON, G82 1SU

Authority Reporter: Mr C. J. Docherty

Tel: Direct Line (01389) 764268

Date: 4 November, 1999

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SCOTTISH
CHILDREN'S REPORTER
ADMINISTRATION

Authority Reporter: Mr C. J. Docherty
MEMORANDUM

From: Reporter's Department
55 Church Court
DUMBARTON G82 1SU

To: The Headteacher
Ballikinrain School
Balfron

SUBJECT: CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1996, RULE 21(1)(2)(3)

In accordance with instruction contained in Rule 21 of the above Statutory Instrument the decision(s) made by a Children's Hearing is/are undernoted.

Annexed herewith copy requirement where appropriate.

Date of Hearing: 01.11.99

Name:

Details of result:

Darren Downie Supervision requirement continued with variation to Ballikinrain School, Balfron.

Reporter

Date: 2 November, 1999



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CONTINUATION UNDER SECTION 73(9)(e) OF THE ACT OF
SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

At The Reporter office, Church Date: 1.3.99
Centre, Dundee

A children's hearing for West Dundee considered the case of

Name: Dawn Dinnie

Address: 9 Jean Arman Dr
Cyprus

and the supervision requirement (a copy of which is attached), and in exercise of its powers under section 73(9)(e) of the Act, continues the said requirement [in force] [subject to the variations of that requirement noted below] [~~with the insertions in the requirement noted below~~]

~~[The children's hearing in [varying] [imposing] a requirement order that the place where the child is to reside shall not be disclosed to~~

[VARIATION[S] REFERRED TO] Dawn must reside at

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Baelkinn School, Belfair

Ann W Greenwood

Chairman of the Children's Hearing



SCOTTISH
CHILDREN'S REPORTER
ADMINISTRATION

To
Darren Downie
c/o Ballikinrain School
Balfron

Dear Darren

At your last children's hearing which took place on 1 November 1999 the hearing thought again about the supervision requirement and decided to change it.

I have enclosed a copy of the written reasons for the hearing's decision.

If you do not agree with this decision, you can appeal against it to a sheriff. You must do this within 21 days of the hearing. If you do want to appeal, you should see a solicitor as soon as possible.

Finally, you can contact me if you need any more information - my telephone number and my address are printed at the bottom of this letter.

Date 2 November, 1999


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Reporter

55 Church Court, Dumbarton, G82 1SU
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CONTINUATION UNDER SECTION 73(9)(e) OF THE ACT OF
SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

At The Reporter office, Church Date: 1.05 Nov. 99
Centre, Dundee

A children's hearing for West Dundee considered the case of

Name: Dawn Denise

Address: 9 Jean Aron Rd
Cyprus

and the supervision requirement (a copy of which is attached), and in exercise of its powers under section 73(9)(e) of the Act, continues the said requirement [in force] [subject to the variations of that requirement noted below] [~~with the insertions in the requirement noted below~~]

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Dawn must reside at

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Ballekinn School, Belfast

Ann W. Greenwood

Chairman of the Children's Hearing

The Children's Hearing made the decision(s) for the following reasons:

Ms Dianne had received & read the paper & there was no objection to the presence of the observer.

Since the last Hearing Miss Dianne had known up & downs at Craigellachie & at school for Dawn but there is no identifiable pattern to this.

There were occasions when he was unsettled when he returned from visits to the hospital care & centre with his brother Stuart & he takes a few days to settle again.

It was noted that Craigellachie is not really the place for Dawn in terms of the level of structure & control overseen there & Ballinacan is still

felt to be a more appropriate situation.

A place has now been identified at Ballinacan & this is available immediately.

This is felt to be a more suitable location to meet all of Dawn's needs as there is a Primary Group educational & residential placement available there.

Ms Dianne indicated that she is happy with the proposed placement at Ballinacan & that she hopes this will be a short term placement & that he will learn how to live thereafter. She says that she has

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(Signed) Ch. W. Greenman
(Chairman)

(Date) 1.11.99

already lost one son to long term foster care & does not want to lose another one.

She is however happy for him to go there for the immediate future.

The SWS indicate that there will be regular contact between Doreen & her mother both at Bodelvoss & at home. This should be approx 4 times per month but ultimately it will be up to Ms Dume whether she wants such a level of contact. There will also be the opportunity for Doreen to continue to have contact with Stuart.

After discussion the panel noted that there was sufficient information as at present to base a decision whether the need for a Safeguards Report.

The panel noted that having heard the notes that Doreen continued to require continuing supervision but given Congleton is no longer appropriate to his needs, the requirement was changed for Doreen to Bodelvoss & Bodelvoss ^{the placement} ~~which~~ ^{is} most his educational, social & emotional needs in a more appropriate environment. Doreen was now the happy man his dream.

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(Signed) Ann W. Greenwood
(Chairman)

(Date) 1. 11. 99.

CRAIGELLACHIE
CHILDRENS HOME

CHILDRENS HEARING REPORT

subject: DARREN DOWNIE

d.o.b.: 26 / 07 / 90

home address: MRS JANET DOWNIE
9 JEAN ARMOUR DRIVE
DRUMRY
CLYDEBANK

legal status: SECTION 70 CHILDREN(SCOTLAND)ACT 1995

present placement: CRAIGELLACHIE
16 COCHNO STREET
WHITECROOK
CLYDEBANK
G81 1QX

d.o.a.: 18 / 11 / 98

school/employer: CUNARD UNIT
WHITECROOK PRIMARY
COCHNO STREET
WHITECROOK
CLYDEBANK

reason for report: REVIEW OF SUPERVISION

prepared by: STEPHEN DONNELLY

date of report: 27 / 09 / 99

date of hearing: ~~11 / 11 / 99~~ (PROV) 11/11/99

signed:

Stephen Donnelly

counter-signed:

INTRODUCTION

Darren Downie has been a resident in Craigellachie since his admission on 18 / 11 / 98 . He came here following the breakdown of his fostering placement with Mr & Mrs King in Bonhill , Alexandria . This had been due to the family being unable to cope any longer with Darren and the increasingly difficult behaviour he was exhibiting . It had been planned that Darren would remain in Craigellachie for a very short period whilst awaiting a placement in Ballikinrain School , and it was felt that he would benefit from the structure and routine in Craigellachie before moving on .

However ten months later Darren is still in Craigellachie and as yet there is no definite date for his moving on . It appears that Darren's placement in Ballikinrain hinges on his brother Stuart being transferred from there and placed in foster care ? However this is taking an unacceptably long time to happen and the uncertainty has not been good for Darren or for Craigellachie . It is also clear that despite some temporary periods of improvement , Darren's behaviour is a real concern at home , in school , and in the community , and he continues to require high levels of supervision and guidance in all of these areas , all of the time . Craigellachie never was the ideal placement for a small child who is affected by the problems and needs Darren most obviously has and nothing has really changed in these respects .

CLIENT

Darren is a small slightly built nine year old boy . Generally speaking he has kept in good health in the time that he has been in Craigellachie . He can be a "picky", fussy eater but he sleeps well and regularly . He is a typically boisterous boy and as such can be accident prone (bumps , bruises , cuts , etc.). He suffered a dislocated elbow whilst on holiday with the unit in Whitley Bay during the summer holidays . He had jumped off a swing whilst it was still moving , and landed heavily on his arm ! He has also suffered from Chicken Pox in recent months which meant an enforced absence from school . Following a visit to the Optician he has begun to wear glasses for watching T.V. etc . It has also been noted by staff that his hearing may be down and this is still being investigated at the present time

Initially Darren gives the impression of being quite immature and will act in a manner which is childish and designed to meet his need for attention and affection . He can be very demanding and manipulative in terms of the

attention he wants / needs and will quickly become abusive if he doesn't get his way . Similarly he does not like to be challenged about his inappropriate behaviour and he can again very quickly become abusive (both verbally and physically) . At these times his language can become extremely foul , abusive and provocative , almost as though he is saying the worst he can to provoke the worst reaction possible ? It is also a concern that there is very often a "sexual" element to the insults that he will use no matter who he is in conflict with . It also has to be said that if staff get too close at these times then they are liable to be slapped , kicked or bitten although in recent times this is happening far less frequently but the verbal elements remain .

Darren seems to require a high level of supervision and structure to his free time as he has low levels of concentration , becomes easily bored , and can act impulsively , often getting up to mischief and behaving inappropriately . This often leads to conflict . Darren responds far better in one to one situations with staff where he does not have to compete for attention with other young people . Even then he has to be closely supervised and appropriate limits set in place or he will act up .

CRAIGELLACHIE

Within the unit , Darren is the youngest resident , by far . He gets on fairly well with staff up to the point where he is either not getting his own way , or when he is challenged about his inappropriate behaviour (bad language verbal and physical abuse , "winding up" other young people etc) . Staff are sensitive to his age abilities and needs and are aware of how he will often attempt to manipulate people in order to get his own way . When he finds this is not successful he will often react by using bad language and when told off for this he might escalate the situation one way or another . He does not like to be told off for misbehaviour . It is fair to say that his "bad" periods seem to have lessened at times but this is as much to do with staff becoming more adept at being able to divert him . There is also maybe an element of acceptance among staff of his behaviour and perhaps we do not react with the same disapproval as in the past ? Have we perhaps become so used to it from him ? It is hard to say .

It is also a concern that Darren seems to become strongly attached to the younger female members of staff . His behaviour towards them at times indicates more than seeking attention and affection from them and which is wholly inappropriate for a boy who is only nine years old . This has been

confirmed by the sexual comments he has been overheard making about some and ultimately resulted in a change to a male keyworker .

It is fair to say that he does not get on well with most of the other residents who are all a good bit older than him . They show great patience and tolerance towards his impulsive and often annoying behaviour , and of the amount of time and attention he seeks from staff and from them . Darren has a knack of finding out which things really anger the other young people and he will exploit these to the full . This often results in staff removing Darren from the vicinity to his room , for his own safety as the other residents can become extremely upset by him . Again there are occasions where he will respond well to some of the older residents and they give him time and patience , but all too often he abuses this . It is fair to say that the other residents resent Darren and the amount of time staff have to spend with him to their cost .

Outwith the unit Darren has to be supervised at all times due to the fact that all too often he will get up to mischief or behave in a manner that is either potentially dangerous or wholly inappropriate . In the months he has been here he has become involved in various incidents outside of Craigellachie which could be described by the above , even at times when staff have been there but unable to prevent him from behaving in this way . These have included absconding , exposing himself , damaging property , being verbally abusive , attempting to steal , and putting himself in danger by his actions .

FAMILY

On the whole , throughout the time he has spent in Craigellachie , Darren has had access with his mum once a month on a Saturday afternoon . These visits appear to go well and Darren looks forward to and enjoys seeing his mum and big brother Kevin . Mrs Downey has visited Darren on a few occasions at the unit , although not as often as Darren would like .

Darren has continued to visit Mrs Chrissy Mc Ewan (respite carer) at weekends on a fortnightly basis . Again these visits seem to go well although having said this there have been occasions when Chrissy has reported that they have not , or when Darren has been sent home due to his behaviour . It is also clear that Chrissy is well used to Darrens behaviour and able to manage him , but she has also reported an incident , the nature of which , highlighted the concern around Darrens sexualised behaviour .

Darren sees his brother Stuart at these visits . Again he looks forward to and enjoys seeing him . Darren seems to look up to him and it appears that he copies his behaviour and language at times which is not good . Staff and other residents have mentioned that Darrens behaviour seems to deteriorate for a time after he has contact with Stuart .

SCHOOL

Throughout the time he has been in Craigellachie , Darren has continued to attend the Cunard Unit at Whitecrook Primary School . It would appear that his behaviour continues to be problematic although the incidents here appear to be happening less frequently than before . Indeed since the start of the new term he has been getting a lot more good reports from school in his daily diary than previously . There have however been occasions where he has been sent home due to his behaviour . Again this usually consists of foul abusive language , aggressive or violent behaviour , and often occurs following his being challenged for his misbehaving in the class or in the playground . It has to be said that he will also treat peers in a similar way , if he feels threatened or challenged by them .

OTHER AGENCIES

Whilst absent from school Darren was visited by Isobel Dolan who is a behaviour / learning support teacher in one of the new posts liasing with the Childrens Units in the district . She spent some time with him each day doing some school work whilst he was off . Again it has to be said that partly due to his behaviour , each day did not always go well . It also must be remembered that Darren was not too familiar with Isobel and our previous experience would indicate that he would test new people out .

ISSUES OF CONCERN/ GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL

The forthcoming Hearing is to review the Supervision Requirement and as such there are no grounds for referral at this time , however there are several issues of concern in relation to Darren and his situation at present .

Darren came to Craigellachie in November 1998 . This was to be a short term placement while awaiting a place in Ballikinrain . Now ten months later he is still with us and there does not appear to be a clear plan in place

It was hoped that Darren would respond to the structure in the unit . However there has been very limited success in this respect and his behaviour continues to be a problem both inside and outwith the unit . As stated he can be manipulative , aggressive , verbally and physically abusive , and , has exhibited inappropriate sexual language and behaviour which is a real concern . He continues to put himself in dangerous situations and behave in inappropriate ways with no regard for the consequences .

Darren demands a high level of attention and supervision . This is not always available to the degree which is required by him , in Craigellachie given the kind of community based unit we are , the staffing levels we have and the fact that it is mostly teenagers we deal with who on the whole don't need the same level of attention . It is also fair to say that , despite their age the other residents often resent the amount of attention he receives and see it as being to their detriment .

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Darren has been in Craigellachie for over ten months now and although there have been some small temporary improvements , these are always short lived . Craigellachie was never an ideal placement and meant to be very short term as moving to Ballikinrain was the plan . Darren is still here and so are many of the previous concerns and problems . There is still no definite date as yet for his proposed move nor any alternative plan or placement identified should Ballikinrain no longer be an option . There is a Child Care Review , scheduled for 13 / 10 / 99 . These issues will be addressed at this meeting , then hopefully all involved will be able to come to the hearing with a clear and appropriate plan in place , designed to meet Darrens needs . Craigellachie has tried hard to contain Darrens situation but it has been difficult to achieve any success as we are not geared to deal with someone like Darren . He needs more than we are able to offer . It is my hope that by the time of the hearing , an appropriate plan and placement will be identified and that the panel members will be able to agree and confirm this on the day .

STEPHEN DONNELLY
(KEYWORKER)
CRAIGELLACHIE



SCOTTISH
CHILDREN'S REPORTER
ADMINISTRATION

To
Darren Downie
c/o Craigellachie Children's Home
Cochno Street
Clydebank

Dear Darren

I have arranged a children's hearing to consider your case to review the supervision requirement dated 21 December 1998 because it has been nearly a year since the last review.

The hearing will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 1 November 1999 at The Reporter's Office, 55 Church Court, Dumbarton

You have the right to attend the hearing, and it is very important for you to be there. If you do not come the hearing may arrange for you to be brought. You may be kept in a place of safety until the next hearing can be arranged. If there is a good reason why you cannot come to the hearing, such as illness, please contact my office. My address and telephone number are printed at the bottom of this letter.

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55 Church Court, Dumbarton
(01389) 764268

Date 22 October, 1999

Reporter

To the Panel Members from Darren Downie, D.O.B. 26.07.90

I would like you to know what I think before you make a decision at the children's hearing.

(Write what you want to say here and remember that a copy will be given to your parents or main carers and any safeguarder. You can say as much as you like but you do not have to fill the page. If you want, you can ask someone to help you write down what you want to say.)

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55 Church Court
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SCOTTISH
CHILDREN'S REPORTER
ADMINISTRATION

To

Darren Downie
C/o Craigellachie Children's Home
Cochno Street
Clydebank

Dear Darren

At your last children's hearing which took place on 21st December, 1998 the hearing thought again about your supervision requirement and decided to change it.

I have enclosed a copy of the legal form which says this.

I have enclosed a copy of the written reasons for the hearing's decision.

If you do not agree with this decision, you can appeal against it to a sheriff. You must do this within 21 days of the hearing. If you do want to appeal, you should see a solicitor as soon as possible.

If you do not understand this form you may get free help from a solicitor or you may contact the Scottish Child Law Centre on their free advice line on 0800 317 500.

Finally, you can contact me if you need any more information - my telephone number and my address are printed at the bottom of this letter.

55 Church Court
Dumbarton
Tel. 01389 764268 Fax. 01389 742131

Date 20th January, 1999


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Mr Douglas Hill, Reporter

REASONS FOR DECISION

CHILD'S NAME: Darren Downie
DATE OF BIRTH: 26.7.90

The Children's Hearing made the decision for the following reasons:

Ms Downie had received and read the relevant papers.

Colette Marsland from Craigellachie reported that Darren has settled well into his new placement. He continues to have regular access with his brother and he has monthly contact with his mum. Ms Downie stated that this access seems to be going well.

Anne Gilchrist, Senior Social Worker, stated that the original intention had been for Darren to be placed in a long term foster placement. However, his behaviour at his previous carers become extremely problematic resulting in the emergency move into Craigellachie last months. Social work feel a period of time in residential care will provide Darren with the guidance and structure he needs, in preparation for a move to a long-term foster parent. Ideally, a place at Ballikinrain is being sought, but no places are available. Social Work, therefore hope to use Darren's time in Craigellachie as a period of time where some structure can be put in place in Darren's life in preparation for a move to Ballikinrain. It is hoped a move to Ballikinrain will be in the not too distant future.

It was noted that Darren is experiencing a number of problems at Cunard School with him being sent home on a regular basis and it is clear alternative residential schooling now needs to be sought.

Ms Downie indicated that she is in agreement with the plans for Darren's care. She does not feel that, given his behaviour, he can move to another foster placement.

Therefore, given the agreement of all concerned, the members agreed to vary Darren's supervision requirement to name Craigellachie Children's Home. Darren's behaviour is extremely problematic but, for the moment, Craigellachie can provide Darren with all the support, guidance, structure and assistance he needs. The appointment of a safeguarder was not considered appropriate or necessary.

Signed: Mr D Beveridge
(Chairman)

Date: 21.12.98

Miss Menzies Mrs Kinns

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SCOTTISH
CHILDREN'S REPORTER
ADMINISTRATION

CONTINUATION UNDER SECTION 73(9)(e) OF THE ACT OF
SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

At 55 Church Court, Dumbarton

Date: 21st December 1998

A children's hearing for West Dunbartonshire, considered the case of

Name Darren Downie (d.o.b. 26/7/90)

Address 9 Teer Armour Drive,

Clydebank

Currently 1/2 Craigellachie Children's Home

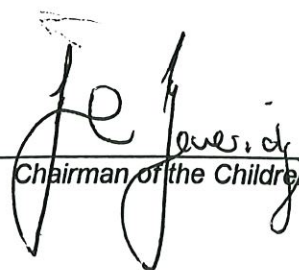
and the supervision requirement (a copy of which is attached), and in exercise of its powers under section 73(9)(e) of the Act, continues the said requirement [in force] [subject to the variations of that requirement noted below] [with the insertions in the requirement noted below]

[The children's hearing in [varying] [imposing] a requirement order that the place where the child is to reside shall not be disclosed to]

[VARIATION[S] REFERRED TO]

[INSERTION[S] REFERRED TO]

1/ The child is now required to reside within Craigellachie Children's Home, Clydebank, the previous condition requiring the child to reside with Mr and Mrs King, fosterparents, being deleted.


Chairman of the Children's Hearing



SCOTTISH
CHILDREN'S REPORTER
ADMINISTRATION

To

Darren Downie
C/o Craigellachie Children's Home
Cochno Street
Clydebank

Dear Darren

I have arranged a children's hearing to consider a case continued from 23rd November, 1998.

The hearing will be held at 2.00pm on Monday 21st December, 1998 at The Reporter's Office, 55 Church Court, Dumbarton.

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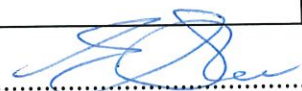
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Date 9th December, 1998
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To the Panel Members fro Darren Downie, d.o.b. 26.7.90


Mrs Eileen Sheer, Reporter

To the Panel Members fro Darren Downie, d.o.b. 26.7.90

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CRAIGELLACHIE
CHILDRENS HOME

CHILDRENS HEARING REPORT

SUBJECT: DARREN DOWNIE

D.O.B.: 26/7/90

HOME ADDRESS: 9 JEAN ARMOUR DR., DRUMRY.

LEGAL STATUS: SECT 72(1)

PRESENT PLACEMENT: CRAIGELLICHIE
D.O.A.: 18/11/98

SCHOOL/EMPLOYER: CUNARD SCHOOL, CLYDEBANK.

REASON FOR REPORT: PANEL REQUEST

PREPARED BY: COLETTE MARSLAND (RESIDENTIAL WORKER)

DATE OF REPORT: 14/12/98

DATE OF HEARING: 21/12/98

SIGNED:

COUNTER-SIGNED:

CLIENT

Generally Darren is a very pleasant young boy with a bright and inquisitive nature. He is very loving, at times overly so, particularly towards female staff. His behaviour is either very good or very bad and during his badly behaved episodes he can be very destructive and abusive.

CRAIGELLACHIE

Darren has settled well at Craigellichie and staff have found that through consistency his behaviour is better managed. He has good relationships with all staff and is happy in one to one situations amongst the young people, although his demanding personality can cause friction amongst his peers.

FAMILY

Darren continues to have access with his mum on the last Saturday of each month at home and, more recently introduced, every second Sunday at Craigellichie. These visits appear to go very well and Darren looks forward to seeing his mum. Darren also see's his brother, Stuart, every second weekend at his respite carers and regularly phones his Aunt Sharon.

SCHOOL

It was hoped that Darrens move to Craigellichie would have a settling effect on his schooling but unfortunately this has not been the case and school for Darren at the moment is not going

particular well with his behaviour being extremely abusive and more recently very sexualised. Darren has been sent home early from school several times due to his behaviour and has been excluded once, for one day.

OTHER AGENCIES

Darren keeps in regular contact with his foster carers, Mr and Mrs King, on the telephone and while in Craigellichie has had two access weekends with Chrissie Mc Ewan, his respite carer, the second of which was troublesome and from which Darren returned early.

ISSUES OF CONCERN/GROUNDS FOR REFERRAL

Darrens behaviour and school problems.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Due to the influences of the older young people in Craigellichie I would recommend that Darrens placement within Craigellichie be short term, with a view to long term fostering.



SCOTTISH
CHILDREN'S REPORTER
ADMINISTRATION

Authority Reporter: Mr C. J. Docherty
MEMORANDUM

From: Reporter's Department
55 Church Court
DUMBARTON G82 1SU

To: The Officer in Charge
Craigellachie Children's Home
Clydebank

SUBJECT: CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1996, RULE 21(1)(2)(3)

In accordance with instruction contained in Rule 21 of the above Statutory Instrument the decision(s) made by a Children's Hearing is undernoted.

Annexed herewith copy requirement where appropriate.

Date of Hearing: 21st December, 1998

Name:

Darren Downie

Details of result:

Supervision Requirement changed to reside in
Craigellachie Children's Home, Clydebank

Date: 20th January, 1999


Mr Douglas Hill, Reporter



SCOTTISH
CHILDREN'S REPORTER
ADMINISTRATION

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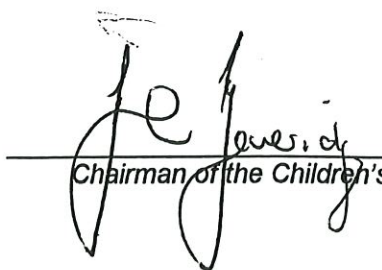
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Chairman of the Children's Hearing



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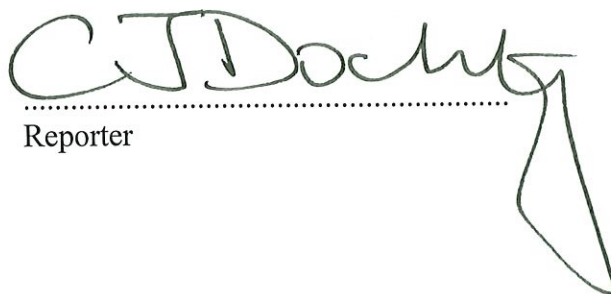
The children's hearing which was held on 23rd November 1998 for you was continued to another day. You will receive notification of the next hearing about one week before it is going to take place.

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Date: 26 November 1998
55 Church Court, Dumbarton
Tel: 01389 764268


Reporter

REASONS FOR DECISION**CHILD'S NAME: Darren Downie****DATE OF BIRTH: 26.7.90****DECISION:** Continue hearing without warrant.

The Children's Hearing made the decision(s) for the following reasons:

Darren was moved on an emergency basis from Mr and Mrs King last Wednesday and was placed in Craigellachie Children's Home, as the foster parents felt they could not cope anymore.

Ms Downie is clearly unhappy about Darren being moved about on an emergency basis although she stated she prefers Craigellachie to Blairvadach. Ms Downie would prefer a placement in Ballikinrain rather than another foster-placement.

We are unable to make a substantive decision today and having heard from the social worker we agreed to continue the hearing to a later date without warrant, as this would be less restrictive for Darren, with Darren remaining meantime in Craigellachie. We did not consider a safeguarder to be necessary or appropriate.

(Signed) Mr Phillips
Mrs Greer
Mr Graham

(Date) 23.11.98

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SCOTTISH
CHILDREN'S REPORTER
ADMINISTRATION

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Date: 20 November 1998

If phoning or calling please ask for: Mrs E. Sheer

The Officer in Charge
Craigellachie Children's Home
Cochno Street
Clydebank

Dear Sir/Madam

Darren Downie (26.7.90) 9 Jean Armour Drive, Clydebank

The above named child, who presently resides with you, is scheduled to appear before a Children's Hearing on Monday, 23rd November, 1998 at 4.30 p.m. within The Reporter's Office, 55 Church Court, Dumbarton and I would be grateful if you would liaise with the Social Work Department to ensure the child's attendance.

Your attendance or the attendance of a member of staff on this day would be helpful to the discussion.

Yours faithfully

Mrs E. Sheer
Reporter



SCOTTISH
CHILDREN'S REPORTER
ADMINISTRATION

To

Darren Downie
c/o Craigellachie Children's Home
Cochno Street
Clydebank

Dear Darren

I have arranged a children's hearing to review your supervision requirement dated 8th September 1998 because you were moved on an emergency basis from the place the last children's hearing said you were to stay.

The hearing will be held at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 23rd November, 1998 at The Reporter's Office, 55 Church Court, Dumbarton.

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