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Dear Hazel

Re LEWIS DUNCAN (22.10.84), 65 PORTLAND STREET, TROON

A Planning Meeting in respect of Lewis was convened today (13.12.99) to address the issue of his school attendance. In attendance at the meeting were representatives from Kibble and the Area Team. Allan Mackie, Principal Psychologist, could not attend and Ms Duncan, Mr Cameron and Lewis called on the day to say they would not be in attendance.

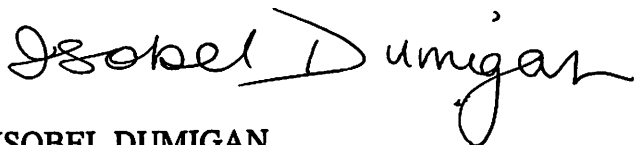
Discussion revolved around Lewis' school attendance and ways in which this could be addressed. The consensus was that there were no issues either at home or in the community in respect of Lewis and that the difficulties revolved around school attendance.

Lewis has been attending Kibble as a day pupil since the beginning of 1999 and there has been a progressive deterioration in his attendance since July/August 1999 which has now culminated in, what would appear to be, complete refusal to attend school.

The staff group at Kibble have endeavoured to engage with Lewis to draw up various strategies but he has refused to engage in any sense. A suggestion was made to Psychological Services to introduce a part time timetable with a view to working towards full time attendance at Kibble but this was refused and, as such, Social Services can impose no real change given that the issues in respect of Lewis are education based.

A Children's Hearing will be convened on 11th January 2000 in respect of Lewis when the issue of school will be addressed. However, I am of the opinion that this matter should be looked at via an Education Review and as such would recommend that the panel decide to continue the case to enable an Education Review to take place to draw up a plan which would be in Lewis' best interests in terms of him receiving educational input.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isobel Dumigan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'D' and a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

ISOBEL DUMIGAN
SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

cc Ann Johnston, Social Worker
Alan Mackie, Principal Psychologist
Anita Carval, Kibble
Susan Smith, Student Social Worker, Kibble
Carrie Duncan, Mother
John Cameron, Father
Lewis Duncan, Subject

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