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Isabel Dumigan
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Dear Isabel

Lewis Duncan (22.10.84) 65 Portland Street, Troon

Thank you for a copy of the letter sent to the Reporter. Unfortunately my verbal comments have either been misrepresented or misunderstood.

I indicated that I had misgivings about moving to a part-time placement as I had concerns that this was simply stepping back under pressure from Lewis. In that context the prediction would be that Lewis would not improve towards full time attendance and indeed that attendance would in fact continue to reduce. As a result I indicated that part time attendance would have to focus on elements of the curriculum which he would respond to and hence attend. However and very importantly, this part time attendance would have to be agreed with Lewis as part of an action plan to ensure full time attendance.

I do not see this as 'part time timetable.....refused' although I have major doubts that Lewis - who manipulates situations very well - will respond particularly constructively to this.

Finally please note that Lewis has an extended day placement which is part underwritten by Social Work. One reason for having such a placement relates to wider issues beyond schooling but which affect schooling. The notion that Lewis' non-attendance issues are education based is simply not supportable as this behaviour is related to his way of dealing with family and the world in general. Please note that recently he was cautioned for possession of cannabis.

Given continuing concerns I will be happy to arrange with Kibble a review of provision on the basis that there remain issues concerning Lewis which at the moment are most visibly reflected in his non-attendance for education.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Mackie', written in a cursive style.

Alan Mackie
Principal Psychologist

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