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Reporter to the Children's Panel

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JOHNSTONE AREA OFFICE

SUBJECT: REPORTER'S DUTIES, ETC. (SCOTLAND) RULES 1973

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on.....Wednesday 17th February 1993
 at.....5.30 pm.....within.....10 Glen Lane, Paisley

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A full list of those cited is undernoted, along with timing of each case.

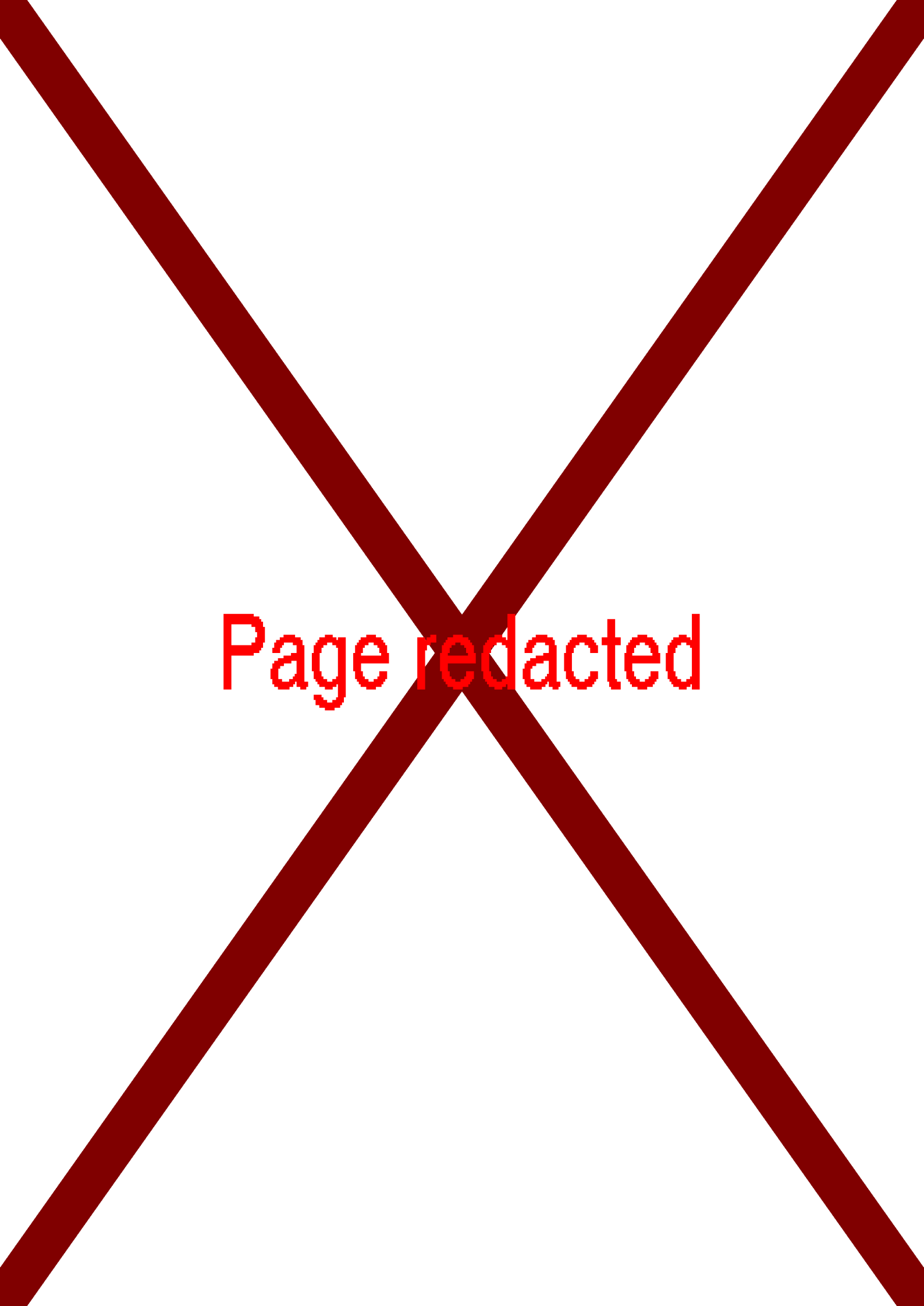
NameTime of CaseReason for Appearance

444/91	Scott Burgess	6.00 pm	All: Continued Grounds and Review 48(3)
445/91	Chris. Burgess		
446/91	Lorna Burgess		
447/91	Harry Burgess		
	14 Southview Crescent		
	Bridge of Weir		

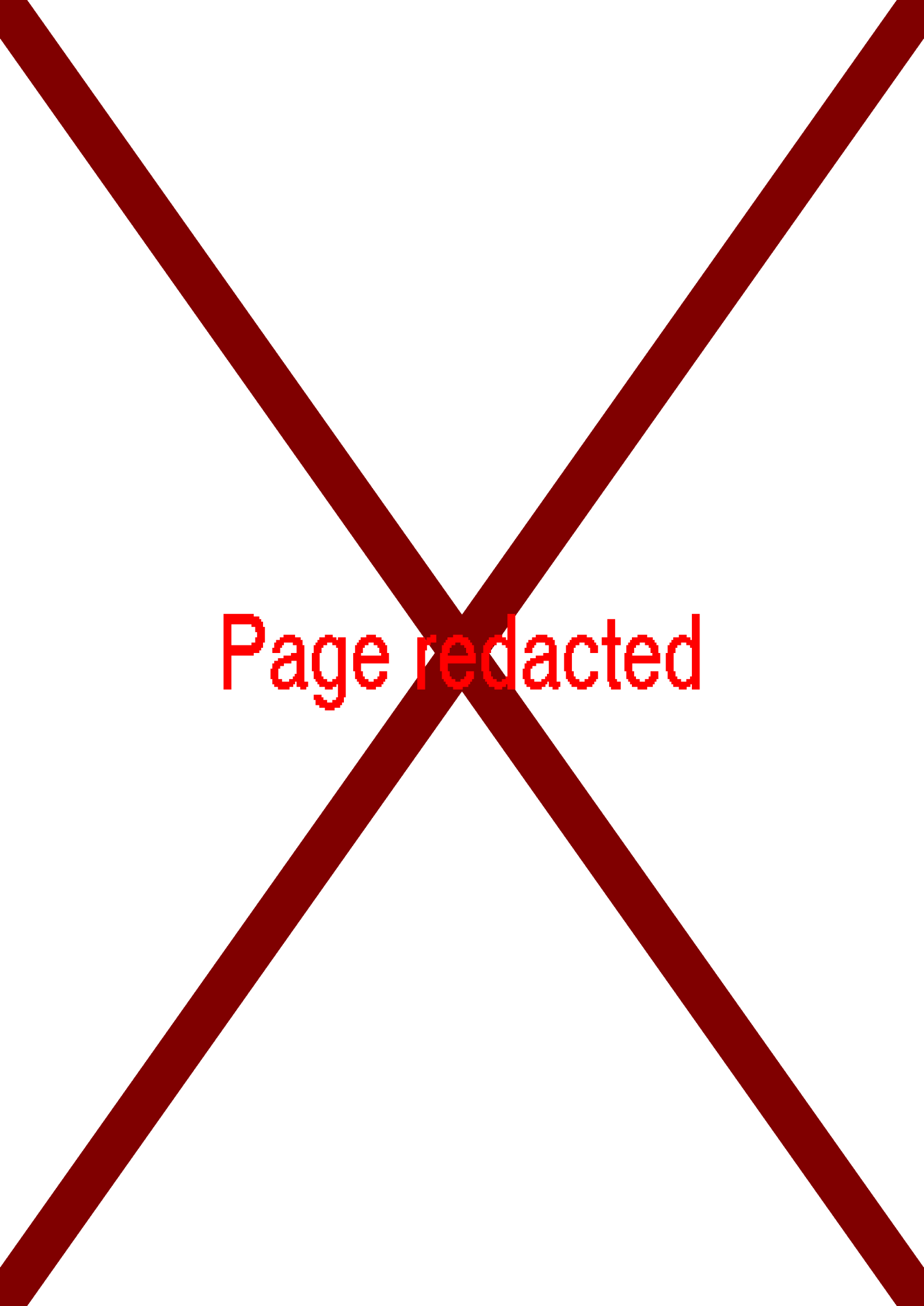
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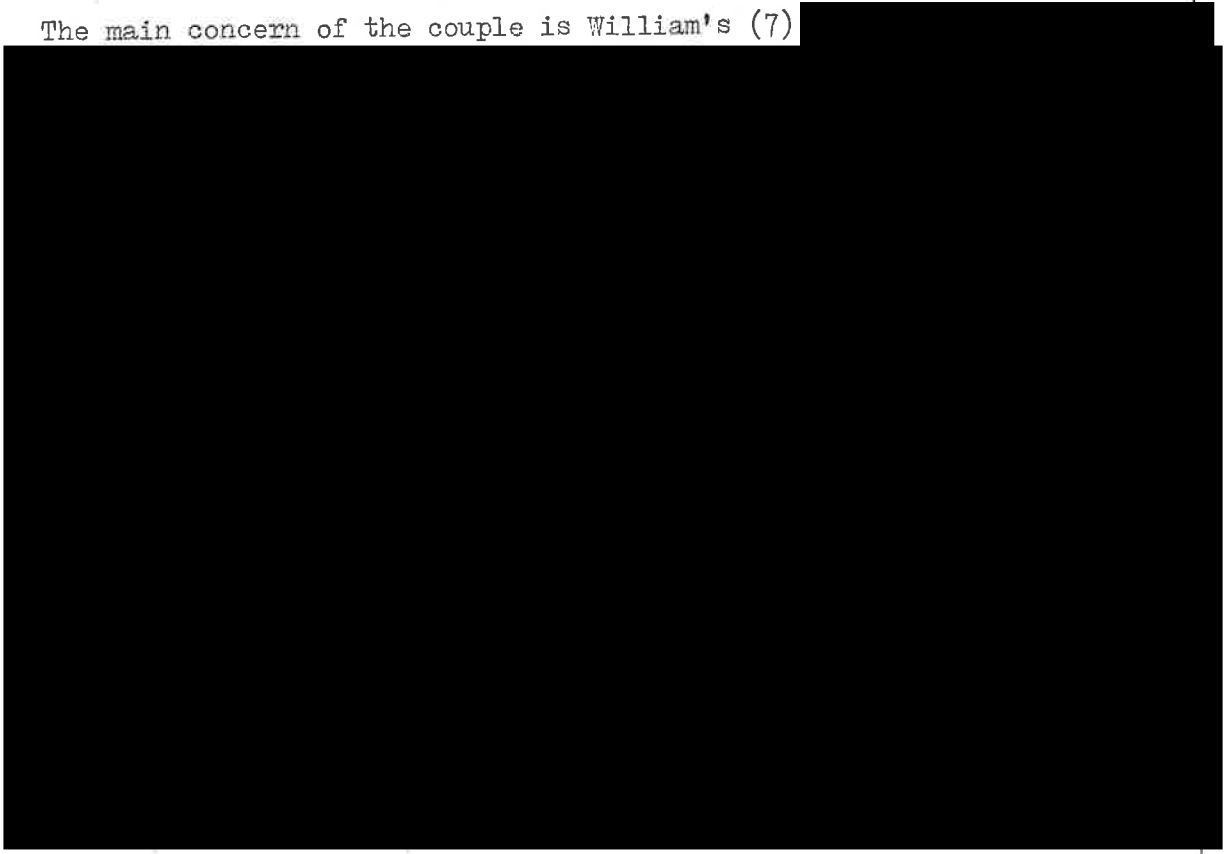
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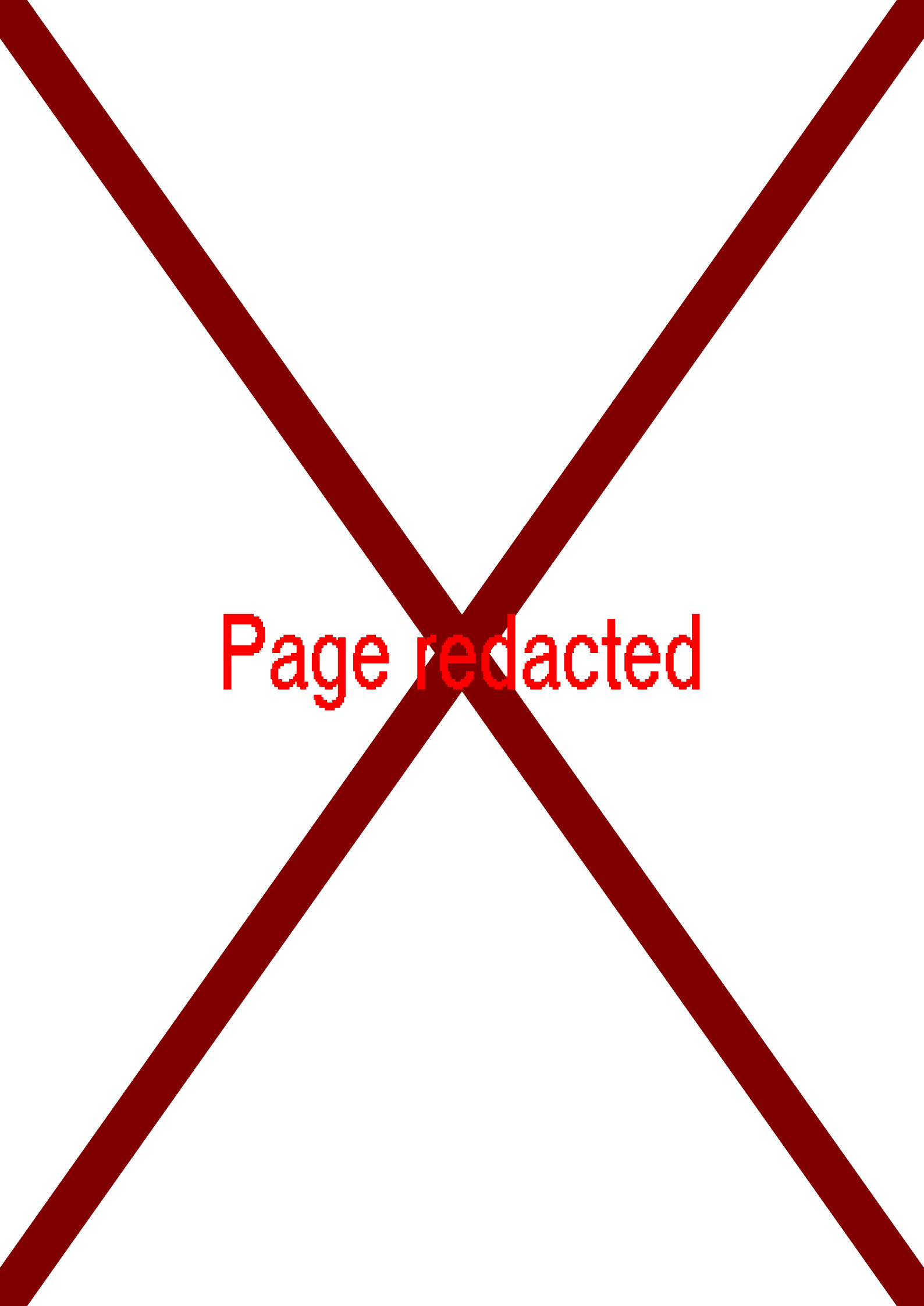
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HOME VISIT: Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, four year old Harry, three year old Lorna and the baby were present.

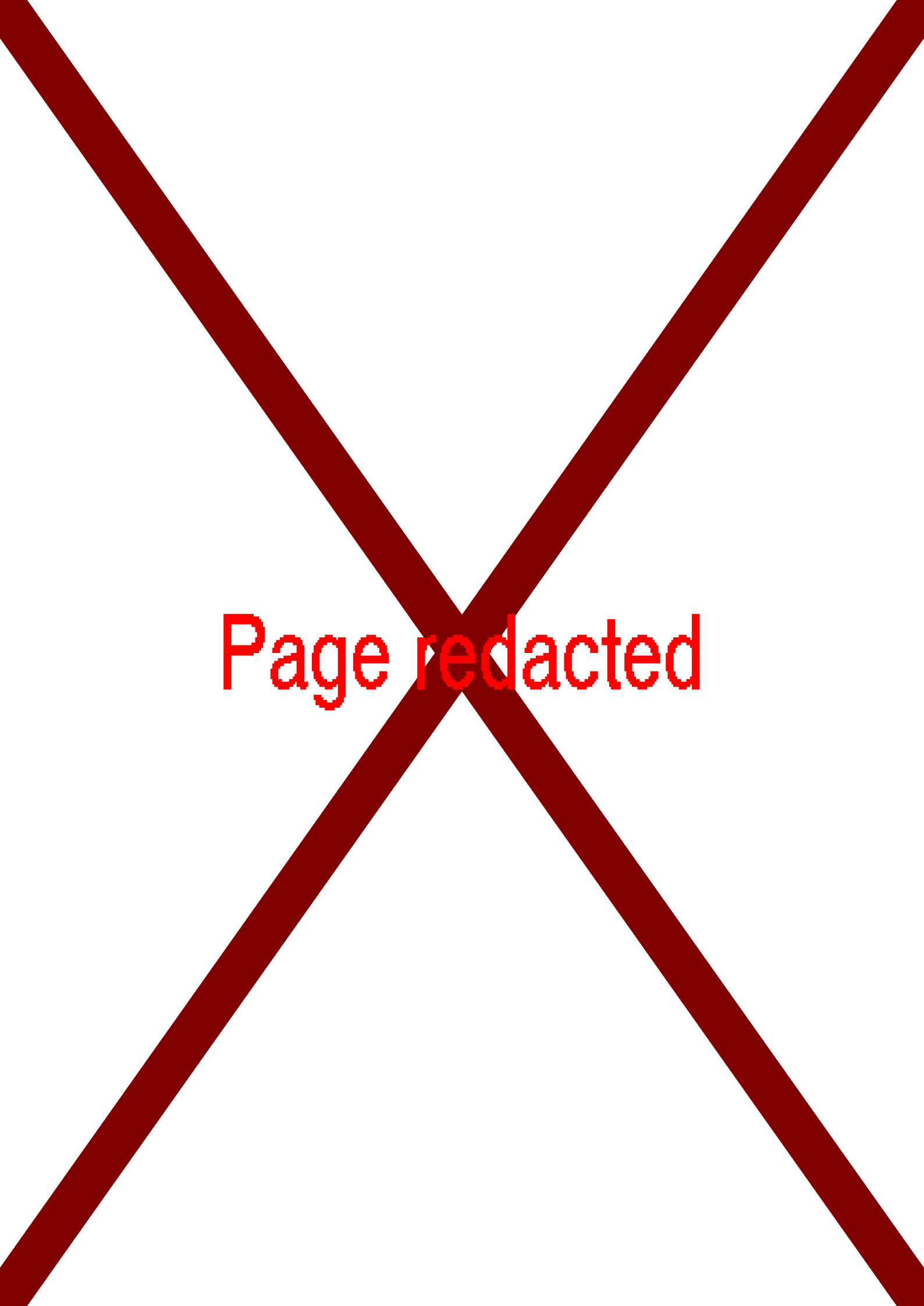
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Ann Burgess

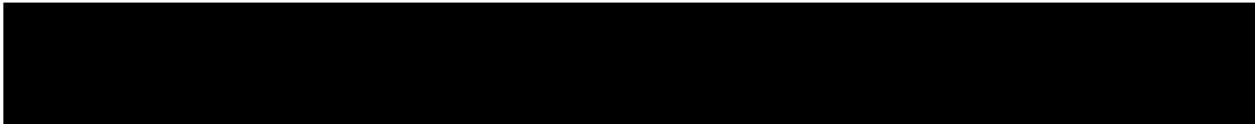
16.5.84 Phone call from Mrs Burgess stating she had left her husband and children after a row and asked if I could accompany her back home as she was afraid to return on her own. She was not concerned for the safety of the children but was anxious to get back home. I advised her to contact the police which she refused to do. I explained to her that I had no authority to gain entry to her house on her behalf but asked her to come in to the office next day 17.5.84 to discuss the situation and her plans for the future. Mrs Burgess did not keep the appointment nor did she respond to my home visit on 24th May when she was not at home.

EFF/GC

25.6.84 Home visit. The problems of 16th May have resolved themselves although Mrs Burgess stated that her husband has repeatedly struck her in the past and she feels he is incapable of change despite numerous promises on his part. She stated she had left him in the past and has recently thought seriously of leaving again but was wary of leaving without having alternative accommodation and because her husband would not let her take the children.

I advised her to go to Housing Advice and explain her circumstances. I also advised her to go to the Homeless Unit if her husband physically assaults her and ask to be rehoused.

It was agreed that I would visit after my return from holiday (4.7.84 - 31.7.84) and we will discuss this problem further.



EFF/GC

18.7.84 Mrs Burgess phoned (884 3172). She was in tears, bedroom, kitchen, bathroom flooded by family upstairs leaving taps on. Mrs Burgess has phoned Renfrew District Council so someone will visit today. I also advised Mrs Burgess about DHSS application for redecoration and possibly floorcovering. Mrs Burgess asked about out department helping her to get house transfer. I advised her to think about medical cases.

AMB/GC

26.7.84 Mrs Burgess called again re flooding. Has not requested DHSS visit yet, they thought we were going to do that. Advised her I would phone today but that she should now phone and then write to confirm immediately.

JLD/GC

26.9.84 Case record inspected.

AN/GC

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DATE	Name	MRS. BURGESS	S.W's Initials
15.10.84:	<u>HOME VISIT:</u>	Mrs. Burgess was looking well. Her relationship with her husband is good at present probably partly because he is working part time at present.	
29.1.85	Home Visit.	It was agreed that there does not appear to be any need for Social Work Involvement as the family appear to be coping well with their problems. I assured Mrs. Burgess that she should contact this office if she feels in need of support in the future. The purpose of the visit was to assess the present situation in relation to William's behaviour at home and at school and how this was affecting inter family relationships.	EFF/MGM EFF/IP
		Mr. & Mrs. Burgess and the writer discussed William's problems in relation to the rest of the family. William seems to bully Lorna who is 4 and sometime annoy the baby he has also been seen deliberately tripping him as he toddles past. Harry who is 5 has a better relationship with William as he is able to defend himself and very often gets the better of William when they quarrel. The relationship between Mr. & Mrs. Burgess seems stable at present and we discussed the role of a social worker in such circumstances. We all agreed that it may be appropriate for a social worker to co-ordinate what other agencies are doing as there is a vagueness about what is going to happen to William.	

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	Mr. Burgess appears to be fairly punitive towards the children. In the past he has rough handled at least one of the children [REDACTED] and was unaware that this type of behaviour is unacceptable. At the time he justified his action by stating he had to keep control of the children and they had to understand and accept his authority. He felt that as the father he had a right to smack the children if he felt they had to be disciplined.	
	[REDACTED]	
	At this stage it is difficult to identify the possible role of a social worker in the family. Although there has been violence in the home and Mrs. Burgess has been forced to flee from the house the relationship between Mr. & Mrs. Burgess seems stable and amicable at the present time. As in many households in this area Mr. Burgess leaves most of the child care to Mrs. Burgess, she appears to be totally responsible for household chores although Mr. Burgess may help a little with cooking. Mrs. Burgess appears to accept this arrangement and did not express any wish for change. At the present time they appear to be coping but if William's behaviour deteriorates further the family may be affected by the added pressure.	

[REDACTED]

Case notes on

Mrs. Burgess

Social worker

Liz Ferrie

9.9.85

Phone call from Mrs Burgess. William and Harry have both been in considerable trouble over the past few weeks particularly with one boy whose mother phoned the police on 6.9.85.

EFF/GC

9.9.85

Visit to Bushes School. Mr Martin is very concerned about William and Harry.

We discussed the proposal of the last meeting of relevant agencies when it was agreed that the situation should be reviewed and it was felt that a follow up meeting should be arranged as soon as possible.

EFF/GC

10.9.85 Home visit. Mrs Burgess expressed her concern about her twon sons' behaviour and feels that they should not attend the same school. Dr Ireland had previously mentioned the possibility of William being a likely candidate for Underwood School and it was agreed that this proposal should be put to the meeting when it takes place.

EFF/GC

17.9.85 Joint visit with Sheena Gault who will be taking over the case from 20.9.85.

EFF/GC

Case Transferred 3/5/89

14 Southview Crescent, Bridge of Weir

Family Details

Ann Burgess	Mother	7/12/60	Home Parent
Eddy Graham	Mothers Co-hab	33 years	Unemployed
William Burgess	Son	19/9/77	Hunterhill Tutorial
Harry Burgess	Son	22/8/79	Bridge of Weir Primary
Lorna Burgess	Daughter	25/9/80	Bridge of Weir Primary
Scott Burgess	Son	23/6/83	Bridge of Weir Primary
Christopher Burgess/Graham	Son	4/5/89	

Harry Burgess Father 11 Ferguslie Park Avenue.

G.P. Bridge of Weir Surgery

Child guidance - Bill O'Hara
Home Support Worker Basil

Relationship with Eddy (Co-hab). Met in 1987, Eddy is presently on Community Service, he appears quite a sullen man. However Ann states he is helpful in the house and does help with cooking. She says he takes little to do with the children.

Ann appears to be a young woman who keeps her feeling very much under control and is reluctant to divulge much information about her relationship with William.

All of the children are always clean and tidy as is the family home (Ann obviously works very hard in her home). They are lovely children and are obedient and well mannered in the home.

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3. Encourage Ann to open up more
4. Assess Eddy's role

7. Liase with other professional agencies
8. Follow up group work

Ann in at office Eddy has left again. Harry very upset. Hates Eddy. Ann says she won't be taking him back. Sorted out DSS problems arranged Section 12 payment of £7.00.

[REDACTED]

Related this info to Ann. Eddy had been listening in another room, he became very abusive towards me, Ann looked frightened. I advised him that there was no need for abusive language especially in front of the children. However for Ann's sake I left the home.

JULY

[REDACTED]

Last Week in July

Home Visit - Eddy away again. She was very upset about Eddy's behaviour and language on my last visit, ~~he~~ assured her that it did not worry me. Eddy apparently got employment, he cleared £120.00 and drank the lot leaving her with nothing. He became abusive to her when she had no money to give to him. He cut into bits the new clothes she had bought him. She said she had enough and put him out, threatened him with the Police.

She has been spending time with her family in Ferguslie and states she wants to move there.

[REDACTED]

August

Ann phoned and cancelled Home Visit. Eddy is back. She will try and call into the office without Eddy knowing she got school grant. She states she does not want Eddy in the house, but states she cannot do anything about him.

[REDACTED]

Summary

Ann is so confused herself. She is under a lot of stress and unfortunately I can only wait and pick up the pieces when Eddy takes off again.

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29.8.89

Anne called into the office. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Now Eddy is away she only remembers the good bits about him.
Regular monthly contact maintained with Balrossie.

September 1989

Eddy back at home - Anne saying everything fine. However, the children are not behaving. Went over again with Anne that the pattern of behaviour manifested by the children is only a problem when Eddy is about. She must realise that the children see Eddy doing what he pleases and in return for spending all of the money on drink or verbally abusing her she buys him presents and demonstrates love toward him. Explained to her that maybe the children are thinking only bad behaviour gets rewards. Phoned Balrossie re situation.

14.11.89

[REDACTED]
The other kids are staying with their father and Christopher is staying with a neighbour. Christopher not well.

16.11.89

Home visit. No-one at home.

20.11.89

Margaret Watford from Balrossie phoned, not very happy. Apparently Anne did not go into hospital because she had no-one to watch the children. When asked why she did not inform Balrossie she stated all the phones were out of order. Staff at Balrossie not happy about Anne's attitude over this. Eddy is on scene again. Advised Margaret I would have to tread carefully given we are in on a voluntary basis.

24.11.89

HV Burgess.

Saw William. He is looking well. Very happy at school.

Helped Anne complete CCG form for a washing machine. She got over £300 for the last application we made for clothes and bedding for William.

[REDACTED]
Eddy is back in the house. They say they have talked things through and Eddy has had a talk with the kids and all are getting on well.

27.10.89

[REDACTED]
Phone call from Anne. Eddy away. Anne very emotional. Agreed to make a home visit. Eddy causing all sorts of problems, stealing, drinking etc. HV. Anne frightened re Eddy. He has smashed ornaments, tore up clothes etc and threatened her with violence. Anne agreed for me to contact District re Carsewood.

Phoned F Miller re Carsewood - this OK. Arranged taxi. Phoned Carsewood Bill Brydson not available. Spoke to Jean Crane, Depute. Advised her of pending admission.

HV Advised Anne of arrangements. She is now having second thoughts and says she will go to her family in Paisley. She also wants to move house. William's situation reported to Balrossie. Offered support from Womens Aid. Anne does not want police involvement.

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November 1989

Eddy is back. William doing OK at Balrossie. Advised them of Eddy's return.

18.12.89

Phoned Balrossie - M Watford still off ill.

20.12.89

Home visit. Eddy away again. Children in Need monies and toys given out.

January 1990

Eddy broke into the house. Stole food, TV and electric fire. Police involved. All this happened whilst Anne was with her family over the New Year.

11.1.90

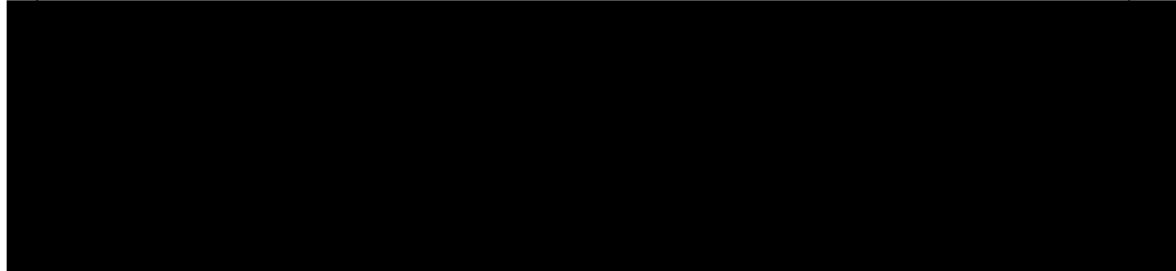
Phone call to Balrossie to advise them of situation. Margaret Watford moving to another unit; she had not informed staff of problems within family. New keyworker yet to be identified.

Summary

Anne is a very insecure young woman who on her own admission needs a man about even though he is a rotter. My work is to encourage Anne to meet the needs of her children and not to make Eddy the priority.

I am also trying to get Anne to view her situation more clearly and when she only sees the positives in Eddy I highlight the unhappiness and disruption he causes to her and her children. I also point out the positive aspects of her as a mother both when she is on her own and when Eddy is about. When Eddy is not about Anne copes well. When he is on the scene she is so concerned with meeting his needs the children appear to be scapegoated for missing items or monies from the home when underneath Anne knows it's Eddy.

I think Anne is a very nice young woman and a very caring woman. However, in her desperation to be loved and approved of she chooses men who abuse her. This too could be interpreted as Anne feeling that is all she is worth.



CD/SC

26 October 1990

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Feb, March, April 1990 - Summary

Monthly visits - situation remains the same. When Ann has problems with Eddy she contacts the department. William doing well at Balrossie. Maintaining regular contact with Balrossie and letting staff know of any problems at home.

Letter to D.S.S. re: budget loan repayments request for same to be reduced from £13 weekly to £6 weekly.

D.S.S. Phoned agreed to above.

Community Care Grant applied for - £350 awarded.

14.3.90

Case discussion with Senior Social Worker.

Present situation and issues raised:

Family situation - Eddie out again - supposedly for good. Willie hadn't told the school and he is doing better at school. William responds to Social Worker visiting school. Key worker Jean Smith.

Review at school held. Ann expressed a lot of anger at the suitable home situation, not prepared to accept her responsibility to protect her children, much too self centred to give children's needs priority. Emotionally Ann cannot give to her children. Befriender now finished, stopped by Ann.

Planned work:

1. Liaise with Balrossie fortnightly.
2. Monthly visit.
3. Visit the school.

May/June/July

Kids all fine, Eddie still back and forth like a yo-yo. Ann spending time with her family - older kids don't want Eddie back.

As usual when Eddie boozes the money away Ann is left destitute, however, she has had only minimal financial help from the department. I tend usually to: a) encourage her to seek help from her family or b) D.S.S.

5.7.90

Case discussion with Senior Social Worker.

Planned work:

Monthly visit.

August/

21.8.90

Case discussion with Senior Social Worker.

Present situation and issues raised:

[REDACTED] Eddie is back on the scene.

Ann has viewed a house in Dunn Street, Paisley, and is looking to exchange this for her present house.

Planned work:

1. Monthly visit.
2. Balrossie contact.

27.9.90

Case discussion with senior Social Worker.

Present situation and issues raised:

Eddie is home again, therefore Ann does not co-operate. Have been refused access to monthly visit. Ann only works to a limited degree with the department when Eddie's away or she wants money.

William doing very well at Balrossie - although keyworker is leaving soon.

Planned work:

1. Visit Balrossie to see Willie.
2. Home visit to assess situation.

5.10.90

1. Ann has stabbed Eddie in the hand with a bread knife, threw him out and cut up his clothes and threw them out. He came back drunk last night with a pal, called her dogs and cows. Boys calling her names too. Very emotional. Eddie went to her sister last week and asked her to go to Oban with him.
2. Phoned Balrossie advised them of situation. Steven McAndrews. New worker.
3. Phoned Women's Aid for emergency respite. None available.

Home/

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Home visit. Talked Ann through things. Harry, William and Scott sniffing glue and nail polish according to Ann - boys deny this - admitted to trying out on one occasion a while ago. Sat all three down and talked through with them dangers of solvent abuse.

8.10.90

Ann Burgess phoned - Stand-by out to her re: Harry being thumped by William. Harry has been told to tell Ann that father is going to court to get all the kids and that if William goes to Aunt in Feig he will be dead.

8.10.90

Phoned Balrossie. Updated Steve on situation re: Burgess family.

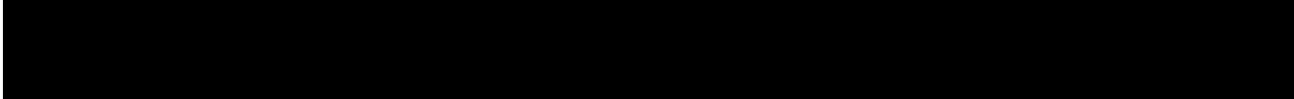
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16 November 1990.

Nov/Jan

Situation unchanged. Ann approached dept for money then withdraws her co-operation whenever Eddie returns.

Money from Radio Clyde given early in January. Christmas went reasonably well.



Feb/ April

Discussed with SSW

Family will not change

Ann keeps taking Eddie back despite the way this affects her children, therefore crisis will continue

However this can be dealt with through the duty system.

No amount of change or support affects change within the family. Ann will continue to ask for support when required.

Benefits all checked. A/A being paid for William.

PLANNED WORK

Final visit then close.

APRIL

Worker off on long term sick leave therefore case now closed.

3rd September 1991

- T/c from Mr BURGESS - Mr Burgess stating his cohabitee put him out the house last night, with the 3 children.
- Claims he cannot keep them another night.
 - Explained this dept's Stand.
 - The children appear to have been abandoned by his ex wife.
 - There are no facilities available for the children in this area, considering the circumstances.
 - The children are also his, and as such he has a responsibility for them, although I can appreciate how he feels under the circumstances. (It seems Mrs Burgess planned to break up his relationship with co-habitee, and she succeeded.)
 - Mr Burgess asked if he could have custody of the children, suggested he speak to a lawyer.
 - Children at 11 Ferguslie Park, Ave F.P. Sisters - 22 Bankfoot Rd. F.P.

Standby alerted - see File

Follow up to be done - Is Mr Burgess known to Council?
Follow up visit - Done with A.M.

[Signature]

21/6/91

Discussed with Area Manager - as kids are now with their father, no follow up required. No further action.

[Signature]

20/6/91. BURGESS

Harry, Wilma, & Scott.

20.6.91.

- Went to RAN to speak to Mrs Burgess, to persuade her either to return home or to make suitable arrangements for her 4 children.
- Mrs Burgess refusing to move from the hospital - claims mother is 'near death's door'.
- Told her that we could assist in transporting the children to a suitable carer, as advised by SSW Mr. John Duffy.
- Mrs Burgess told me she had arranged for William the elder to go to his grandmothers.
- Gave me the address of the children's father in Ferguslie Park, and a sister also in Ferguslie Park. Said
- Assured me that he would keep the children, children have stayed there at weekends.
- I asked what would happen if he refused said his sister in Bankfoot ~~are~~ would take the children.
- While I was at the RAN, The School telephoned to speak to Mrs Burgess. She told them I would pick the children up, and could they hold on to them till then.
- Told Mrs B to make her own arrangements for tomorrow with her ex.
- Picked the children up at Bridge of Weir primary, took them to Ferguslie Park - Craiglea Drive. via the house to collect clothes. (House near the School, Harry had a key.)
- Took the three children to father's house in Ferguslie.
- Children pointed him out at the window.
- Went to the door with the 3 children, said no, Mr Burgess was there, told them I knew he was in. ^{could} I speak to him. ~~he was in~~
- Explained to him the situation, girlfriend, (Sobel, ~~his~~ his cohabitee, was very angry, locked herself in the toilet - swearing, etc.
- Mr B said he couldn't keep the kids, she ^{*}would put him out with them on the streets. (His cohabitee)
- Spoke to Sobel, persuaded her to keep the kids overnight, left telephone No to phone in the morning re-move suitable arrangement. - Explained to kids what was happening.
- Left.
- Mrs Burgess must have known that her children would not be welcome there. It seems she had

achieved what she had planned, to cause trouble between her ³³ex-
and his girlfriend.

- Kids looked neglected and were totally confused.
- This woman ~~said~~ ~~to~~ using the excuse of her dying mother, to abandon her kids, a relative spoke of how "bad" the children's behaviour was, and that she couldn't take them.

20.06.91

Home visit to assess situation re possible joint visit for home support. No reply. Left card to advise had visited.

MP Burgess telephoned from the hospital. Stated that she & the family had been contacted this morning by staff at Ward 11 re her notes - MP Liff. Apparently the old lady is not expected to live much longer. MP Burgess stated that William was at Balfour School & Harry, Scott & Lorna were at Bridge of Weir Primary. All children return home from school at around 3.40pm. Harry has a key of the house to gain access. MP Burgess stated that she would not be at home to get the children as she had no intention of leaving the hospital whilst her mother is still alive. Wanted this dept to make arrangements for children to be cared for. Stated that all relatives were at the hospital & she does not have any friends or neighbours in Bridge of Weir who could care for them. She suggested that the father of 3 of the children who lives in Ferguslie Park would help but initially stated she had no way to contact him. Later she stated she had his works' telephone number but wished me to contact him. Suggested she did this herself but she claims they do not talk & he had said if anything did happen to her mother, he did not want to know & she could take the children to the funeral. Expressed the view that I would doubt if therefore the response would be any different to us making a request, still saying that she should do this. MP Burgess then became very tearful, stated that she would not be leaving the hospital and that the children could be left unattended and she didn't care. Suggested that MP Burgess should try & calm down and phone me back. She said she could talk. She was told that it was unlikely that we could arrange anything for today at such short notice.

Discussed with SSs John Duff. MP Burgess would have to make arrangements for the children. Suggest contact Rose Conger, Home Support although it may

he they would be unable to assist. Mr Burgess should contact Les husband to try to make arrangements Hospital S.W. could he asked to visit the word & speak with Mr Burgess. Contact word to ascertain situation.

1. Contacted word 11. Staff nurse confirmed had sent for the family due to the deterioration of Mr Gibb's condition. Was playing the waiting game - could be today that she dies.
2. Tried to contact Rose/Hare Support. Not available. Will return call in return.
3. Await call from Mr Burgess at lunchtime to discuss further prior to considering to contact S.W. in hospital.

Rose/Hare Support returned call. She advised would be prepared to carry out assessment for future support but would consider today's request as inappropriate as it would mean asking a total stranger to go into the house with the children and there is no indication as to how long a carer would have to wait with the children. If difference between in care/out care then would reluctantly co-consider.

Discussed with John Duffy SSC who agreed with above.

Telephoned Joanne Bodie, SSC/D RAN. Passed on appropriate information requesting that she visit Mr Burgess at word 11 to advise unable to assist & that she should return/make arrangements for the child to be cared for.

Mr Burgess did not call back at lunch time as arranged.

Joanne Bodie visited Mr Burgess at word 11. Mr Burgess very distressed but flatly refusing to return has to receive children from school.

John Duffy SSC passed situation to back up worker Irene Dwyer to visit Mr Burgess at the Hospital to persuade her to return home.

NAME Burgess family
14 Southview Crescent
Bridge of Weir

No.

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7.10.91. Anonymous phone call from woman who lives nearby but not in the same street. She said she is afraid to give her name in case the family retaliate.

She said she was concerned about the 2 year old boy in this house. He never seems to be taken out at all and has not been seen by neighbours for some time. He was seen on one occasion (re specific times, dates etc) recently at the ice cream van wearing only a disposable nappy in the pouring rain.

The caller stated that at the weekend the boy's mother and her boyfriend went away and the 2 year old was presumably left in the house in the care of the other children in the house as he was not with them.

The caller felt that there had been a deterioration in the care of this child as he used to be out a lot with his mother.

Discussed this referral with SSW Nyma Jones.

J. Birch.

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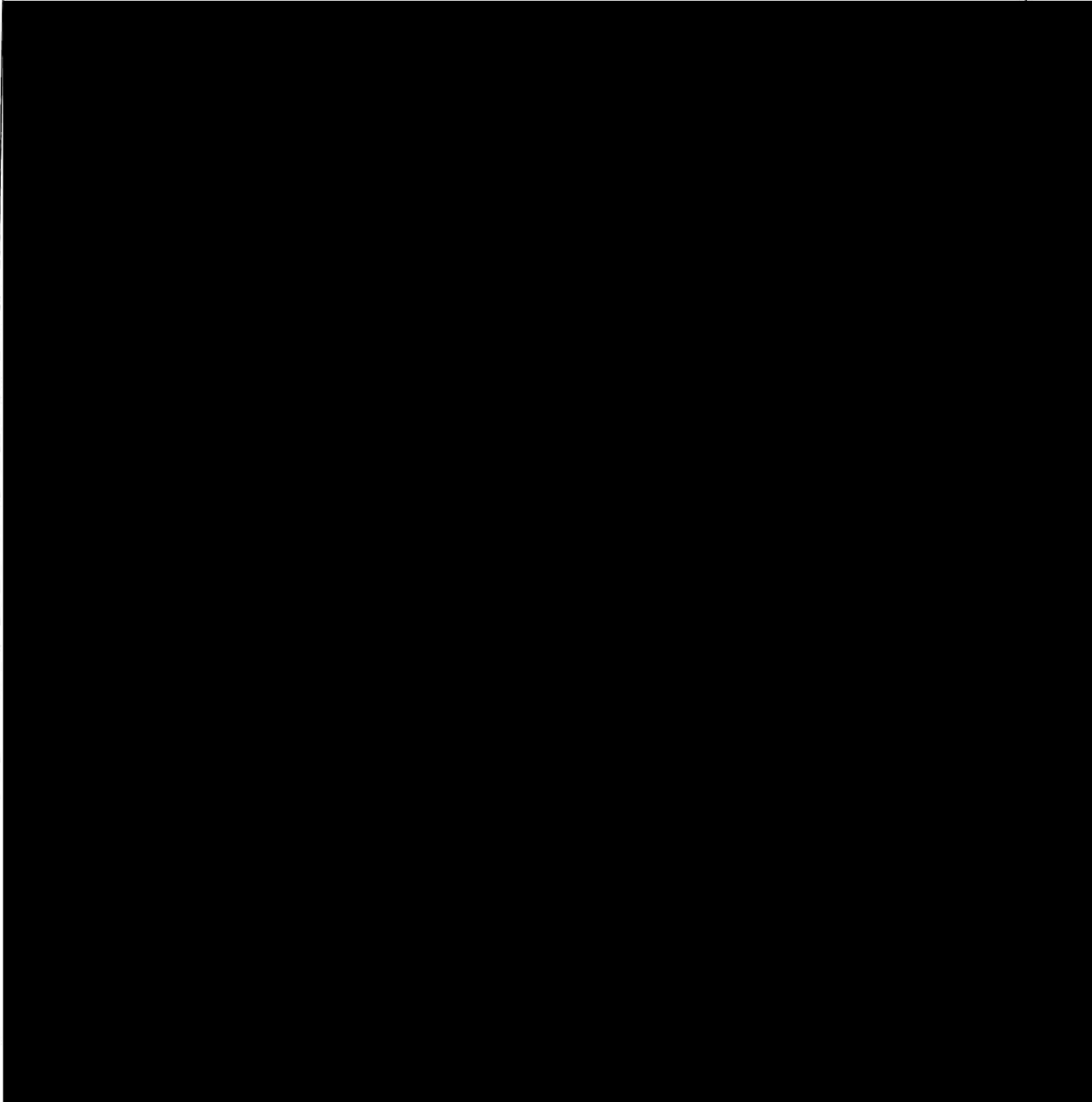
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23/10/91

Home visit re Harry's difficulties at school. Fight was with Alan McMillan. Harry agreed that he was too vicious but there has been an ongoing problem with Alan making threats against and fighting with Harry. Threats still said to be being made against Harry.

Case discussion at Gryffe High School. SW to pursue possibility of joint meeting with Harry and Alan. Previous address for Alan:-

[REDACTED] SW requested that work be sent home for Harry as he is somewhat concerned re missed work.



4/11/91

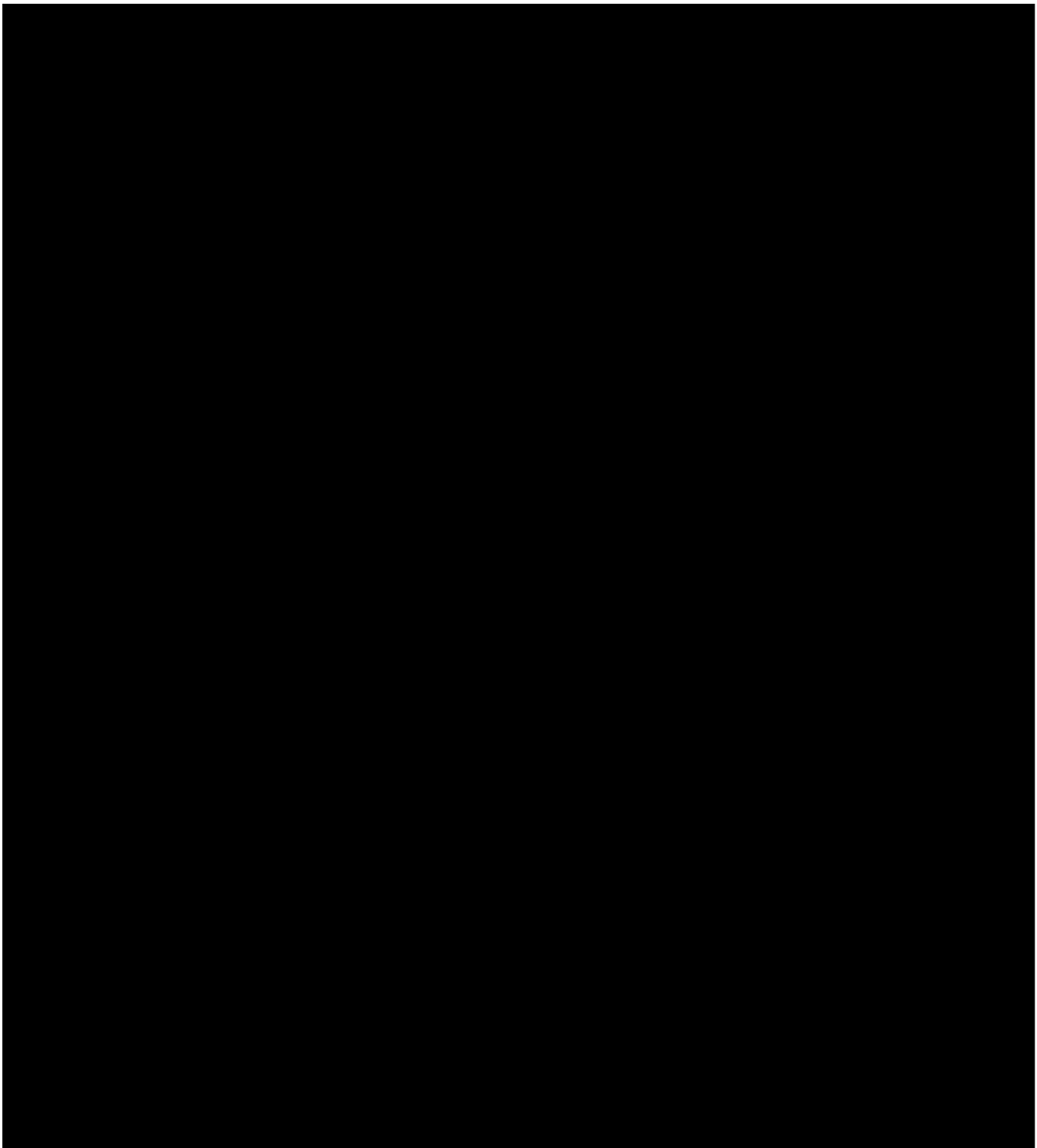
Home visit to inform Mrs Bruggess re nursery place and £36 grant authorized for dryer repair. £100 grant application also being made. Harry just returned from Post Office. Child Benefit book stopped due to overpayment. Mrs Burgess hopes to borrow.

6/11/91

Mrs Burgess to office in pouring wet weather. No money. Lorna with her looking flimsily clad in jacket but with summer dress. £10 grant given to last family until tomorrow. Harry to come to office tomorrow.

7/11/91

* ^MHarry didn't arrive. Home Visit. William didn't remember his mum saying re arrangement. At 5.30 pm, children in on their own. Asked Lorna if she'd had tea. Yes - sausage and beans and chips. Mum due back at 8.30 pm. Christopher looking white as a sheet and sat up beside Harry under a cover. He looked very unhappy and situation very unsatisfactory. Scott in charge but William quite settled re plans to obtain grant and seek place at Social Education. William sitting on heater while Social Worker in. Christopher right up against it and almost burned himself.



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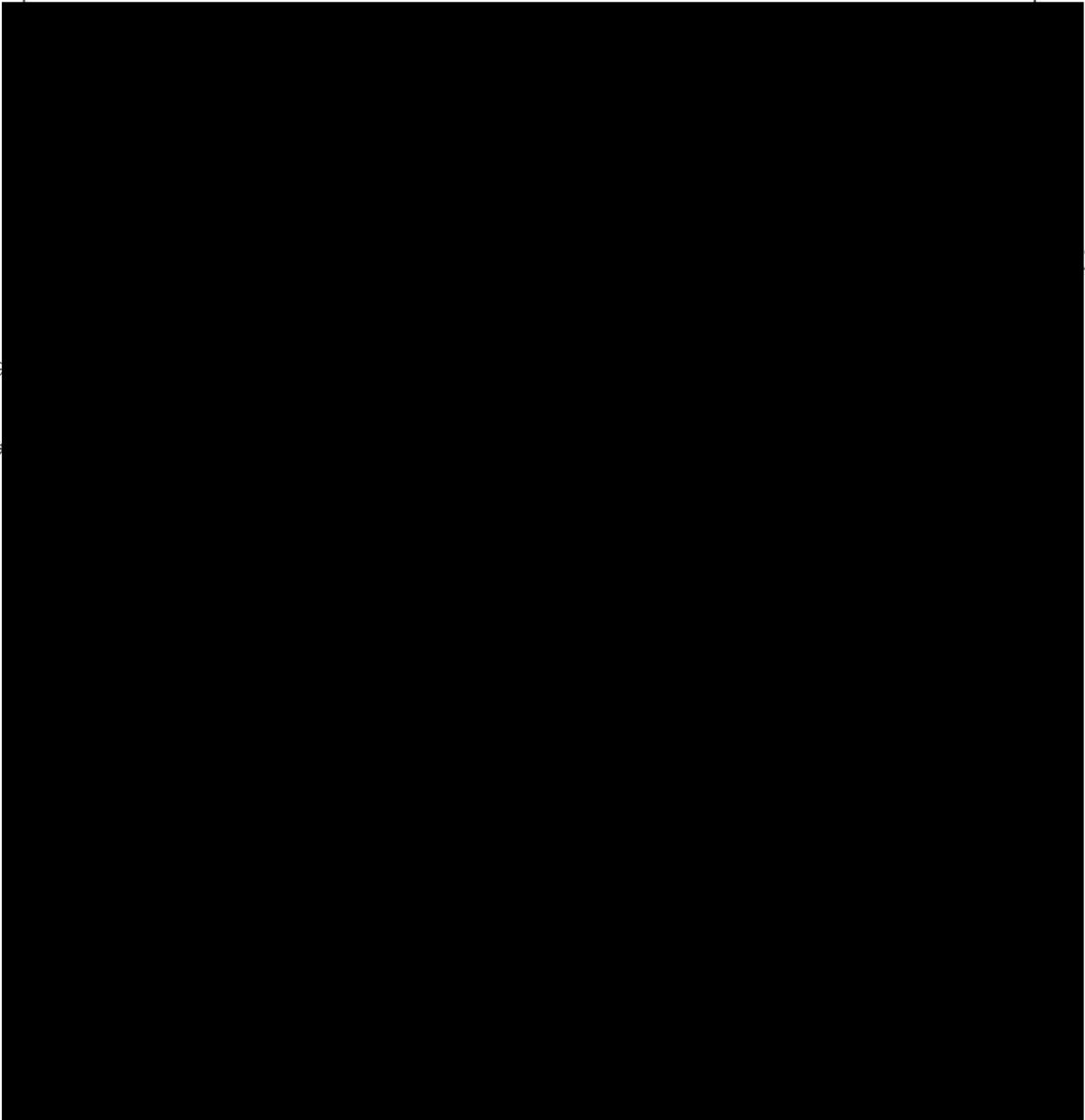


13/11/91

11.30 am. Home visit with Sec. 12 form. William answered door. Christopher with him, looking well clad and, for once, with a smile on his face and something in his hand which he liked. Left form for signature. Mrs Burgess at Education department re Harry. Took Sec 12 form to finance. To collect cheque tomorrow.

14/11/91

Collected cheque and cashed.



[REDACTED]

19/11/91

- * Netta Welsh, Health visitor, telephoned to say that neighbours (some reliable she feels) report that Burgess children and Scott are running wild in the street, terrorising neighbours, who are frightened to speak up in case of repercussions. Standards in home have deteriorated and children are dirty.
- [REDACTED]

Later, letter received from neighbour re family.

GMcG/IL
7/1/92

11/11/91

Case Discussed with Sen. Social Worker

Present situation & issues raised:

[REDACTED]

Harry - suspended from Gryffe for fighting, until 25/11/91 - this is part of an ongoing problem with Harry and another boy. There are some possible non-attendance issues. SW will discuss possibility of getting Harry and other boy together to resolve their differences.

[REDACTED]

SW feels there are child care issues to be addressed - ie. all children being left in house with a 17 year old.

[REDACTED]

Planned Work:

Weekly contact (minimum)
Liaison - Balrossie, psychologist, nursery, Possil SWD
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5-12-91

Home visit. Passed William and Harry on way to Burgess house. Sounded the horn to attract their attention and beckoned them over. Harry would have come but William decided to walk on and Harry went with him. At home Christopher was sitting looking forlorn behind the front door. Scott McMillan was in the living room with two teenage friends. the living room was dirty. Piles of dirty laundry could be seen in the kitchen. The SW had to change Christophers nappy because none of the boys could do it. Normal routine is that Mum changes Christophers before she goes out and he then waits until Lorna comes home for his next change. Mrs Burgess not due back today until 8-30pm. When SW expressed dissatisfaction about the situation, Scott said 'dont' tell me, tell her. SW explained the necessity of knowing what is going on. Scott agreed that on a regular basis Mrs B is going out at 11.30 or 1-30 pm and not returning until 8-30pm.

6-12-91

Home visit, no reply. house transformed from yesterday. SW looked through window. TV on living room neat and tidy. Scott sleeping on settee. Mrs B obviously at home today.

9-12-91

Home visit. Mrs B at home. Scott asleep on settee.

Harry asleep in adjoining rooms. Both boys covered by flimsy, dirty and torn sleeping bags. Mrs Burgess said to have more sheets / blankets in the wash.

S/W arranged to contact Vacuum ^{App} Centre re dryer.

Discussed present situation and asked Mrs Burgess to spend more time at home. She agreed to ask her boyfriend to come to her home more often.

Wm said to be outwith mother's control.

While SW at the home, attendance officer called re Harry. He only attended two days after formal supervision. Said to have asthma and chesty cough. Encouraged Mrs Burgess to get him back to school. Another car drew up and Mrs Burgess assumed it was someone else coming to complain.

She would love to return to Paisley, 2 sisters in Ferguslie as well as Harry Burgess's mother.

The latter has been taking Lorna for last three weekends. This contradicts neighbours suspicion [REDACTED] that Lorna was left in charge of the children. Mr Crawford also alleged that Mrs Burgess had not been home for 10 days, though she was clearly there on Friday.

SW to enquire re possibility of housing transfer. Mrs B received a final warning letter from housing re the state of the house and anti social behaviour of Mrs B and her children. Scott also to leave house if eviction is to be avoided.

[REDACTED]

Harry Burgess's mother is at 22 Bankfoot drive, Ferguslie.

13-12-91 His sister is at 70 Candren Road, Ferguslie, Paisley.

Harry Burgess at 28 Craigilea Drive, Ferguslie, Paisley.

Arranged that SW will enquire re possibility of family members caring for children perhaps once per month to give Mrs Burgess a break.

[REDACTED]

later phoned Campbells , Electricians, B of Weir re tumble dryer. they will visit today or tomorrow.

[REDACTED]

11-12-91

Informed by SW J McNelis that Mrs Burgess expecting to see SW today as arranged. SW now on duty, unable to visit.

13-12-91

Home visit, no reply, no sign of anyone. visited later 4pm.

William at home with Lorna and Christopher. Mum said to be in the village shopping. Scott doing Community Service. Harry arrived soon after and said he had left mum at bus stop and she had gone shopping.

Living room looking dirty, fire full of another days ashes. Electric fire , with one bar on, unguarded beside fireplace. Soon after SW arrival Harry broke a glass on the fireguard. Christopher meanwhile was leaning on the electric fire to see what Harry was doing. His jumper was loose at the bottom and went through the bars of the electric fire. SW shouted to Harry who told Christopher to get off the fire.

It seemed evident that Mrs B had not been at home for most of the day.

[REDACTED]

Arranged to call back in an hour when Mrs B due back.

Returned to office in a hurry, hoping to catch staff before they left. All away. Phoned stand by. Spoke with Sandy Nicol, Stand By Officer to accompany SW on return visit. Arranged to meet at 5-30pm

Meanwhile phoned Mrs Burgess Sen and arranged for care of Harry, Lorna and Scott 5-40pm Met Suzanne McLean SW and returned with her to Burgesses. Mrs Burgess now home with boyfriend and Scott McMillan. SW's not allowed further than hallway and met with a tirade from Mrs Burgess. She said she had just been shopping and had not wanted to take Christopher with her due to a chesty cough (SW had noticed this earlier). When S.W. said that the home looked as if Mrs Burgess had not been there all day, she said she had been into Paisley to see about a lawyer for William.

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There had been some trouble at the house last night, she refused to elaborate.

Mrs Burgess went on at some length re SW missed appointment on Wed. SW apologised but Mrs Burgess persisted with criticism (to deflect from the issue)

Eventually, left the home as discussion fruitless, John, Harry, Wm had all contributed to efforts to oust SW's. On leaving, tried to arrange to see Mrs Burgess on Monday am. Standby Officer commented on Mrs Burgess's smart appearance. On return home Mrs Burgess senior, Harry and Lorna had just arrived.

16-12-91

informed M Speirs SSW of events of 13th.

Phoned housing, spoke with Alan Paton, housing manager. discussed situation re final warning letter and informed him re Mrs Burgess's wish to return to Paisley. She has said she would even go to Ferguslie Park. Mr P sympathetic but family would require to keep lower profile in neighbourhood. Letter from Mrs B required, stating areas she would consider and supporting letter from SW.

Phoned Campbell, Electricians re tumble dryer. Mrs B said still to owe money on dryer but arrangement made that someone will fix dryer. Electrician out a couple of times already but no one at home.

11am

Home visit. Saw Harry and William returning from village. Mrs Burgess walking up to meet them. Mrs Burgess 'sounding off' at Harry. Child benefit book taken from Harry by Mrs Burgess.

SW talked her way into house. Mrs Burgess, John and Scott McMillan all at home. Living room tidy. Harry refusing to go to school. Mrs Burgess, William and Harry all looking clean and tidy.

Discussed housing. Mrs Burgess has changed her mind re going to Ferguslie. Area too rough. Housing also said to be fully aware of Mrs Burgess's wish to move.

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7th Jan '92

Spent some time at Carsewood. Mrs Burgess stating that Harry and Lorna were at gran's for weekend and were not there when police alleged that they were. Mrs Burgess also disputing that children were dirty. She accepted that Scott might have been as he hates baths. Mrs Burgess clearly unwilling to accept that it is her fault that children are in care.

[REDACTED]

19-12-91

1pm

Access arrangement. Mrs Burgess and John with boys at Carsewood until 2-30pm. Visit went well. Scott and to a certain extent Harry caught up in the pre Christmas excitement in the home.

2-30pm Case Conference - See minute *DEC. All children's names placed on Rehab list*
Decision was that Hearing should be asked to continue the Place of Safety pending Mrs Burgess taking a more responsible attitude regarding her children and pending the home being cleaned up. Discretionary payment arranged for Leishmans.

23-12-91

12noon

Access arrangements. Met Mrs Burgess and John at Hugh Smiley Nursery to see Lorna and Christopher. Lorna has tendency to lash out at Christopher. Informed Mrs Burgess of Williams fight with Harry at Carsewood. Carsewood feels unable to contain William over holiday period and alternative placement being sought.

Social Worker had visited home earlier (10) Mrs Burgess has been busy cleaning. All rooms cleaned up, clean sheets on bed although more bedding required. Windows cleaned, curtains washed. Backlog of washing reduced, although when Social Worker opened cupboard door in one of the bedrooms, dirty laundry was piled up. Very little food in the house. Social Worker feels Mrs Burgess has made considerable efforts to improve conditions but needs more time. Dryer still not fixed.

3pm

Met Mrs Burgess and John at Carsewood. Still no arrangement made re William.

Accompanied family to Childrens Hearing. Met Mr Leishman, Lorna and Christopher there. Place of Safety continued, Mrs B attacking Social Worker at Hearing but she apologised later. She was upset but soon accepted decision of Hearing. William to go to Newfield

Returned to Carsewood to collect William's clothes. Harry not pleased with Social Worker. Escorted Mrs Burgess and John with William to Newfield. left him when settled in.

24-12-91

Mrs Burgess senior and Harry Burgess have been in touch.

Harry suggesting he was going to seek custody of children. Did not give him any encouragement as he has 3 young children and co-habitee clearly does not wish to care for Harry's older children. He seemed re-assured when Social Worker informed him that the likelihood is that the children will be returning home in the foreseeable future.

Mrs Burgess (Senior) would like to visit children, but not on speaking terms with Mrs Burgess. Visit, therefore impractical due to need for supervision of access. Encourage Mrs Burgess to keep in telephone contact.

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Mrs Burgess intending to take Harry to school when Social Worker left.

Discussed electrician and asked Mrs Burgess to have someone at home for dryer to be fixed. She agreed but at the same time was talking of making other arrangements regarding the repair. Social Worker left feeling that the family had perhaps got a fright at the weekend.

[REDACTED]

Visited Harry Burgess, father of Harry, Lorna and Scott. No one at home.

17-12-91

Burgess children in care, see standby report.

Home visit to Mrs Burgess. Two housing officers were waiting outside the Burgess home, Mr Murry and Mr Paton. Spoke with them. All went into house together and were shown round by Mrs Burgess. No sheets on the beds but some covers in evidence. Lots of clothes lying about and spilling out of cupboards. Structural damage to the walls in Scott's room. Harry said to have kicked and punched walls and caused damage. Lots of bits and pieces on the floor in his room, some ash. This room said by the inspectors to have been tidy when they saw it two weeks ago. Walls, windows dirty, light fittings pulled from ceiling.

Huge pile of laundry in the kitchen. Kitchen untidy and superficially dirty but not filthy.

Living room tidy.

Mrs Burgess and wWilliam at home. William agreed to come to Carsewood with Social Worker.

Mrs Burgess very angry that children were taken away. Denies that there was no food. Says that Social Workers did not ask to see what food there was. Claims that Social Worker said they would be taking the children as soon as they came in the door. At no time, she says, did they suggest to her that they would be leaving the children at home.

This of course is a typical reaction from Mrs Burgess, to blame everyone else, distract from her own blame.

William agreeable to going to Carsewood with Social Worker, arranged to meet Mrs Burgess at office 9-45am to take her to see the children. Escorted William to Carsewood, Harry and Scott pleased to see him. Scott seemed excited, Harry somewhat subdued. Informed children they would see mum tomorrow. They seemed pleased, Later arranged to accompany boys for medicals tomorrow.

9am

Accompanied boys with

for medicals.

to Health Centre, Linwood

[REDACTED]

7.1.92

H.V. Saw round house. Clean, painting going on but several pieces of work still to be finished e.g. bathroom dining/bedroom - painting and flooring. Progress being made but Social Worker would have expected work to be nearer completion, said so. Public holidays and the consequent lack of materials was given as the reason for this.

House certainly fit for children's return.

Report written for Children's Hearing.

8.1.92

Child Care Review Forms completed.

Phoned invitations to schools children's homes, foster parents.

Arrangements made to have fuller discussion on William during second half of review.

Social Worker hopeful that children may be allowed to return home and has been optimistic in talking with family.

9.1.92

Child Care Review. See minutes.

Decisions:

1. Recommendation that Place of Safety Orders be continued. Concern that Mrs. Burgess does not accept full responsibility, e.g. for dirty state of children, deterioration of general home situation.
2. Access to be arranged for 3 times per week.

- [REDACTED]
4. Transport to school to be arranged for children.

Later H.V. to Burgess home. All work completed apart from painting of hall and repairs to be made by council. Even new toilet seat effort to instal shower. Heater forced to wall in boys' room.

[REDACTED]

2.15 Court Hearing cancelled.

10.1.92

Children's Hearing. Place of Safety continued.

Children all upset and Ann also but somewhat mollified by being able to return to their own school.

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3pm Access for whole family at Carsewood went well. Children all reasonably settled meantime. Harry & Scott disappointed that Mum cannot visit on Christmas day but Carsewood agreed to supervise visit on Boxing day and Leishmans will collect Mrs Burgess and John on 27-12-91 for visit to Lorna and Christopher. These visits an unexpected bonus.

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30.12.91

11.45 p.m. Met Mrs. Burgess and John at Hugh Smillie Nursery and escorted them all to Carsewood.

All had a nice Christmas and had enjoyed visits from Mum as arranged.

Mrs. Burgess has visited William. Supervision of access done by Newfield.

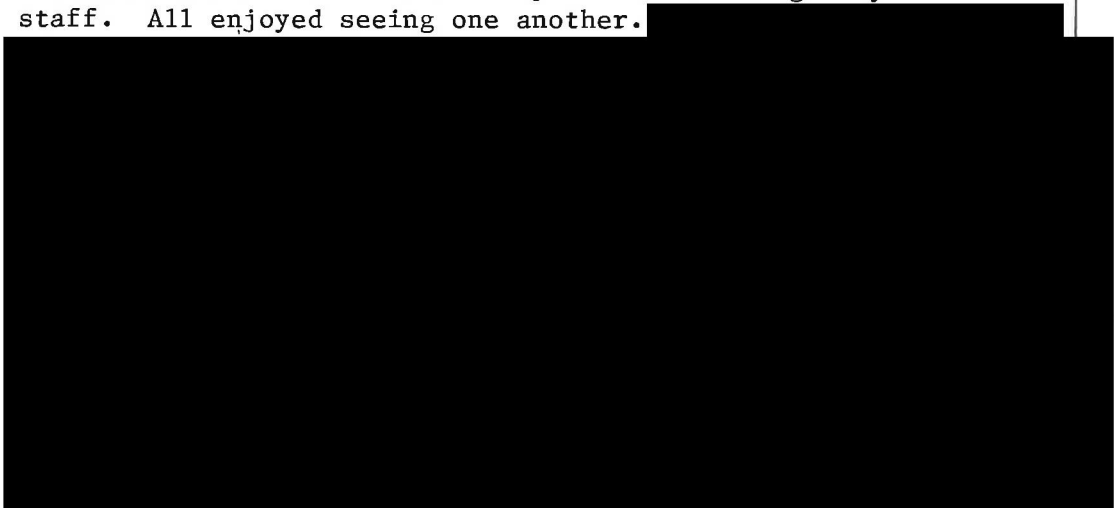
Similar arrangements made for Mrs. Burgess and John to visit family over New Year.

Mrs. Burgess has been prompt for access arrangements, has been able to talk with her children. Harry quite temperamental at times but Mrs. B. handling this well. She has accepted that children coming into care was her fault, John also seems to get on well with the children. Have discussed with Harry in particular the need for the children to support Mrs. Burgess on their return home and to be trying to behave. Harry nodded his agreement with that.

Comments read 30/12/92

6.1.92

Met Ann and John at Nursery and escorted them with Christopher to Newfield, William there and Harry and Scott brought by Carsewood staff. All enjoyed seeing one another.



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13.1.92

Access for whole family at Newfield. Went well. Children started school today. William temperamental and was not involved for most of the time.

Played games.

have notes read 13/1/92

15.1.92

Access at Newfield for whole family. Social Worker a little late and family members had not been able to meet until Social Worker came. Harry in a real mood and stormed out early on. William also returned to his unit. Session passed happily for remainder of family. Ann apologised to children for their time in care.

Harry eventually returned to the group. John had a talk with him but he was still sniping at Mum when he was leaving. She signed consent form for Harry to join Incentive Group but Harry not keen. In the car on way back to Carsewood, Harry & Scott, feeling that William is getting preferential treatment because access is in Newfield.

They would prefer access in Carsewood. Ann, John and Eddie (foster parent) had also felt this since William not participating anyway. Social Worker could escort William once per week for access in Carsewood. At other times, Ann could visit him in Newfield. William's attitude towards his mother said to be poor anyway (staff and Ann saying so).

Discussed lunch money arrangements with Robbie. Arrangements agreed with Carsewood, Newfield and Taxi arrangement changed to make future access at Carsewood.

17.1.92

Final access at Newfield for whole family. Went reasonably well. William looking forward to visiting Carsewood again. He did not stay with family for long. Harry in better mood. Had new school bag. Sparky present (the dog).

20.1.92

Access supervised by A. Cooney, homemaker. All went well. Social Worker called to take Harry to group but he refused to go.

have notes read 28/1/92

22.1.92

Family access at Carsewood except for William. Social Worker did not have games.

Ann's sister-in-law with her to see children.

22.1.92 (Continued)

Spoke with Harry Scott re going home. Both want to. Scott's reasons rather 'spur of the moment' being, sent to bed early tonight not being listened to regarding problem today - but he seems pleased to see mum and John. Lorna has always been clear that she is keen to return home. Christopher obviously enjoying the attention and affection from Mum at access visits. He chatters freely but can be disruptive of the other children's games.

[REDACTED]

Mentioned to Mum that Harry had gone home at lunchtime one day this week. She was not at home and Harry has not told her of his visit.

23.1.92

Phone call from Ann. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Harry said to have run off.

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Several phone calls later, William back in Newfield and Harry returned to school. [REDACTED]

24-1-92

Picked William up at Newfield and escorted to Carsewood for family access.

[REDACTED]

William extremely unhelpful when SW was trying to persuade Harry to come to Incentive Group next week. He could be reasoned with in car on way back to Newfield but not in presence of others in Carsewood. Ann managed to persuade Harry to try the group.

27-1-92

Phone calls made to B of W Primary re Burgess family.
B of W Primary. Children doing well. Lorna in particular much more outgoing than before. Staff hope that they will not deteriorate when they return home. Contact has also been made with the Carsewood Childrens Home(in favour of a return) and Mr Leishman (also in favour)
Discussed with M Speirs SSW & I Smith Area Manager. Discussion taken that recommendation should be made to reporter that children be allowed to return home, except William
Harry began Incentive Group went well on his return to Carsewood.
S/W and Harry learned that he is suspended from school for attacking a boy. According too Harry this was because the boy had been accusing Harry of wearing stolen trainers.

28-1-92

Phone contact with school. Discussed pressures on Harry with Mr Ross Headmaster. Letter sympathetic but still requires to suspend Harry. Length of suspension may be open to discussion

CASE DISCUSSED WITH SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

Name Burgen Family

Date 27.1.92.

PRESENT SITUATION & ISSUES RAISED:

Spoken to various agencies: Mangan children one
happily so he rehabilitated - however never
discussing nuclear - mother not accepting responsibility
= which make different decisions difficult.
Court for grounds will be heard on 30/1/92. Mangan
applies for further instructions of Sheriff or return home
depending on the results.

PLANNED WORK:

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| 1. Speak with A.M. | 1/2 |
| 2. Accen. | 12 |
| 3. Accut | 4 |
| 4. Panel | 1 1/2 |

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29-1-92

Phoned Reported and informed re recommendation
Later access visit for family (except William) At Carsewood. Phoned
Reporter for his decision re P of S Court date tomorrow cancelled
and P of S will be allowed to lapse
Children can return home on 31-1-92. Informed family, all delighted.
Harry packed by the time S/W left.

31-1-92

Picked up Harry & Scott at Carsewood and escorted home. Scott somewhat
unsure. He recalls Harry bullying him at home and mum not doing
anything about it. Tried to reassure him and raised it later with
Ann. She and John home to keep a firmer control of children now.
Escorted some of the family to Dr Smith's surgery for medicals.
Mr Leishman escorted the rest and said his goodbyes at the surgery.
John smelling strongly of drink but sober. Said they had had their
party last night for the childrens homecoming. Children all
healthy.

[REDACTED]

3-2-92

Met Ann, John, Harry & Christopher at Gryffe High for meeting with
headmaster following Harry's suspension. Miss McKenzie, depute also
present. Discussed the pressures on Harry at time of his suspension
and the fact that Harry had had little contact with Mr Strachan,
Guidance and none with R Redpath, psychologist, but the time the
incident happened although it had been recognised at the Review
that Harry would need a great deal of support in the home.
Mr R agreeable to an early meeting with Sue Angus Ed Officer re
Harry's return to school and S/W to follow this up.

[REDACTED]

7-2-92

Phone call from Ann. Harry has his bags packed and wants to return
to Carsewood. S/W had intended visiting anyway.

H V roaring fire on , living room looking warm and inviting.
Children looking well, Scott and Lorna arrived home from school during visit.
Main difficulties, Harry's temper and Scott stealing from other members
of family.

S/W was pleased to see John asserting his authority. Harry has been threatening him with S/W. Supported Ann and John in being firm with him but also pointed out difficulties for Harry just now while suspended from school. Meeting at Cotton Street hopefully to take place early next week. Gave Ann fares for visiting William.

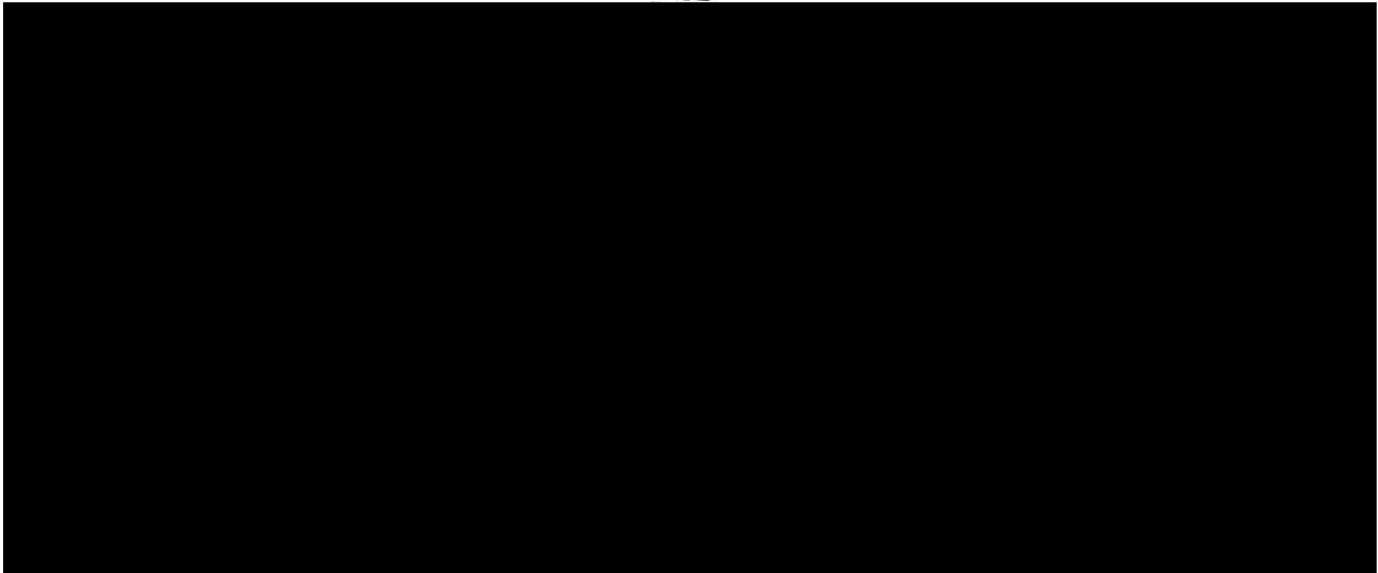
11-2-92

H V to inform Ann of meeting at Educ Dept tomorrow, Arranged to meet her there at 3pm. House in good order, family members seen except for Scott, who went straight upstairs to get changed.

Ann & John very concerned about his continued stealing. Harry waiting to 'pounce' on him when he came in. Encouraged family not to get at him. Suggested he be sent to his room if caught stealing and then perhaps Ann could take the chance to have a quiet word with him as to why. Suggested that if he gets a lot of encouragement problem may settle down. Ann and John coping well otherwise. MR Paton from housing was out yesterday and said to be pleased with improvements. S/W has also had phone call from neighbour. [REDACTED] to say he notices a big improvement

12-2-92

Meeting with Mr Ross H/Master and Sue Angus, Ed Officer re Harry's behaviour. Positive meeting and Harry came out of it feeling that MR R was quite friendly. Harry to start back after mid term 20-2-92



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19th Feb '92

low notes made 19/2/92.

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20.2.92

Home visit. Social Worker later than arranged. Ann, Lorna and Christopher at home. Scott and Harry away out hunting for rabbits with John.

Children eating a sandwich with meat. Ann said to be taking them to visit William. Social Worker informed Ann of possible place at Kibble for William and William's reluctance to go there. Ann also has reservations but agrees that placement is the best of available choice.

Harry returned to school today after suspension. Said to have had a good day. He was interviewed by R Redpath, Psychologist and that seemed to go well.

Christopher and Lorna clean and well clad. Arranged to visit again tomorrow evening to see other children.

21.2.92

Phoned DSS re CCG application. Mr Ferla, admin supervisor had hoped to have news of application progress by today.

Mr Ferla not in when SW called. Phoned back while SW out.

Home visit. All family at home. Atmosphere a little cool at start - supervision aspect?.

A boy is said to have punched Harry at school today. Harry said to have walked away from the incident. Harry clearly not pleased at SW being informed. SW praised him for not becoming involved. If other boy persists, SW agreed with John and Ann that guidance teacher should be informed. Otherwise, all well. Praised Lorna and Scott for good school report. Praised Ann and John re homework and early beds.

Arranged to pick Harry up for group on 24.2.92. Phone call from R Redpath, Psychologist. She had appointment to see Harry in school today but he wasn't there. Has not been in school since 20.2.92.

Later, picked Harry up for group. Asked him if he'd been at school - yes! Arranged to call at house tomorrow. Did not discuss his absence from school as it was 'treat' night.

Case notes read 24/2/92

25.2.92

Home visit as arranged. Fire on, living room tidy 10.00 am. Harry had informed Ann that I would be visiting re William. [REDACTED]

Informed her that visit concerned Harry. Harry left for school this morning as he has done each morning. Ann under the impression that he has been at school. He has been going to school with Ian Hepburn (15), a regular truant. SW accompanied Ann to park, school (Harry and Ian both off) and Ian's home. No sign of him. Encouraged Ann to keep calm when discussing situation with Harry. She will accompany him to school tomorrow.

Two supplementary reports for hearing sent off:- William Burgess and other children.

Phone call from Janice Naismith re Hearing arrangements - Hearing for William 3.3.92. Hearing for other children to be following week.

26.2.92

Home visit 5.00 pm. All members of family present. Harry reading a magazine but responded to ticking off by John and put it down to speak with SW. He has said to Ann and John that he had stayed off school after being punched. SW recalled that the incident was supposed to have happened the following day when Harry was off school but was informed that it had happened on his first day back. He had been with Ian but promises to go now. Does not wish escorted by mother. He is grounded for one week.

Other children all looking well. Scott looking scrubbed. Ann and John saying that they are spending more time with the children and are in for them returning from school. Only 10 minutes late one day. Children saying they like this. Ann and John have been visiting John's father some afternoons. Father has emphysema and heart trouble. Also confused at times.

Arranged to meet Ann and John at Newfield 9.30 am on 28.2.92 for visit to Kibble and visit home for William.

27.2.92

Phone call from Social Fund Officer re CCG. It is being processed.

28.2.92

Took William to visit Kibble as arranged with Ann and John.

Also discussed diversion (alternative court disposal) with Ann. She is willing to co-operate with SW and is agreeable to report being written at end of 3 month period. Informed her re CCG and that new beds and essentials required should be in evidence. She promises they will be got.

28/2/92. 'Phoned Hugh Smilie Nursery for update.
Christopher clean & well clad. Mother picks him up
from Nursery quite often.

CASE DISCUSSED WITH SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

Name ~~John~~ ~~James~~ ~~Burgen~~ Family Date 28.2.92.

PRESENT SITUATION & ISSUES RAISED:

Children now home and going reasonably well.
Mother appears still to be making some effort

Henry went back to school last week & was seen
by Ronald, Ed. Psychol. but had fractured
several days. Some being caught has settled
& attended.

Ann's father children now beginning to settle & she
is coming better.

School report children are trying hard to finish home
class & progress being made.
HSN. report cleanliness improved & cleanliness fine.

PLANNED WORK:

1. Continue weekly contact to monitor situation 6
2. Complete Intervention Report. 2
3. Leave with school & money 1
4. Attend Council 13

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2.3.92

Home visit. Visit unexpected at 9.30 am. Ann up and about and fire lit. Discussed diversion again and proposed 44 (1)a recommendation for younger children. Their Hearing date 9.3.92.

Discussed possibility of William coming home for a few hours after Hearing tomorrow. Ann agreeable.

Lorna and Scott at gran's for a 'couple of hours' on Saturday. Harry grounded over weekend but seemed to accept this. He has been helping with dishes and has apologised about truanting more than once - seems to be feeling guilty!

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3 March 1992

Ann notes rec'd 6/3/92

5-3-92

HV early to speak with Ann, Christopher looking nice and clean in new pyjamas. Informed Ann re Hearing. She will attend but is taking Harry back to Gryffe first, dispute about a punishment exercise. Later SW informed by Ann that Harry had been at fault and had tried to give her wrong impression

4-30pm H V all childrens seen. Harry in unfriendly mood. Rather sullen with S/W and said to have been the same with Mr Ferguson (Guidance) at the school today. Nevertheless, he has agreed to do the work and said that he felt more able to talk to Mr F than Mr Strachan (Guidance). Talked of reasons of ill temper and it was felt that later bed was a contributing factor. Lorna quite interested in joining guides. Family going to see William tonight. Scott looking clean and seems to be reasonably happy at home. He is using a problem on Saturdays, rising early. Apparently he is frightened to go downstairs on his own and wakens Christopher to go down with him. Ann then also disturbed.

[REDACTED]

HEaring for family. Children placed on 44(1) a Supervision Orders. Ann's £600 C.C.Grant will be cleared through bank tomorrow. Had impression that family were feeling in good spirits. Harry was allowed evening off group to visit William. Scott getting new shoes.

Also, today, early phone call from Mrs Burgess Snr. Ann had sent Scott and Lorna over as usual on Saturday but also word that she and John were going out on Saturday night and could she keep Scott overnight.

Mrs B had prior arrangement. Annphoned later and was said to have been abusive and said she would not be letting Mrs B snr see children again.

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11-3-92

All family at home, house still chilly although fire was lit and burning brightly. Ann and John still seem to be spending a lot of their time in Paisley. Discussed this. They prefer to shop there and sometimes have to go there anyway eg, to visit John's da, the hearings to see Police re John's recent charge. They feel that there is little to do in B of W anyway.

Harry working on teddy for school, sewing on a button and making a good job of it, SW looked at his sheet, reasonable apart from latecoming. Lorna sitting comfortably with John who was helping her with some homework. Ann raised subject of Mrs B senior and weekend dispute discussed. Ann had wanted a break, Scott again wakening everyone early on Saturday. Discussed need for notice re babysitting. Ann's sister in law, lives with her mother, said to have had a part in dispute. Mrs B Snr has been asked to visit children in their own home in future.

S/W inspected bedrooms as arranged. stressed to Ann the importance of getting the new beds with CCG money. She has bought new carpets and says she will get new beds on Saturday

Christopher seen to be very clingy and temperamental. He was waring on Ann's nerves. John can manage him all right but Ann gives in to his whims. Suggested she be firmer with him eg don't always lift him when out. She is embarrassed by his screams. Suggested she play with him when the others are out. She does this but when the others come in they need attention and Christopher becomes unreasonable whines and grins. He was up during the night last night, had nightmare. Family going to parents night at primary this evening.

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12-3-92

Phoned Gryffe High Mr S not pleased with Harry's latecoming and has written to Ann. Harry should see Mr S. each morning at 9am to monitor sheet. He does not seem S/W arranged to take this up with him. Harry can approach Mr Ferguson with any problem if he wants to.

Phoned B of W Primary, spoke with Mrs McInnes, Depute Head 'Lorna' and Scott reasonably settled, well cared for. Lorna bright and cheery and work continuing to improve. Children seem to be getting a decent sleep. Have nine hair cuts this week. Parents did come to parents evening.

Case notes read S.S.W 16-3-92

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16.3.92

Burgess Family

Childrens hearing - William, Ann attended, William brought to hearing by Rhona, Kibble 44(1)b at Kibble.

Escorted William home with Ann. Ann had good visit to Kibble at weekend. William very keen on new girlfriend, Lynn and appears to have settled down. He certainly seemed calmer than usual. All family looking forward to Williams overnight stay family having a celebration.

Vinyl in kitchen being laid tomorrow, so William will be helping clear the kitchen.

Praised Ann re - recent school reports and informed regarding Harry to get in on time.

Escorted Harry to the Group. He is said to be coping reasonably well at school. Stressed to him the importance of being on time. Also informed him that he can approach Mr Ferguson with any problems, which may arise. Harry full of outing to Glasgow on Saturday and family's new purchases. He suggested that items already bought were with family's own money and community care grant still in bank! Highly unlikely.

At the group he was keen to get home early to see William. William at the door to greet him on his return, then shut the door in his face as a joke!

William surprisingly gentle with him, Ann said that he also advised Harry to keep out of trouble last night.

Escorted William to Kibble. He was quiet and settled. He slept in Harry's bed last night. Harry slept with Christopher. He played with computer last night. Said he got on well with Ann and John.

23.3.92

Home visit to collect William after weekend. House clean and Ann has been working hard during the weekend to create good impression for Williams girlfriend Lynn. Kitchen and Boys bedroom looking well. New vinyl on Kitchen floor and curtains/bedspreads in boy's room. Social Worker to try to arrange babysitter so that Ann & John can attend Williams review.

Arranged that Angela Cooney Homemaker would look after children.

25.3.92

Visited am to inform Ann and John re arrangement made but Ann had arranged ~~for~~ neighbour to care for children.

Later home visit after review on William. All went well with Scott and Lorna. Latter is attending and enjoying guides. Christopher had attended review and was very well behaved. Harry continues to do reasonably well at school - Social Worker ^{is} ~~has~~ 'sheet' but mum concerned about his friendship wiht Ian Hepburn, ~~(is)~~ Latter said to be involved in some thefts. Harry said to have seen him but not to have taken anything. ~~Made~~ it clear to Harry that he would be charged along with Ian if caught by police.

Ann Intending to discourage this friendship.

G McG/DG

30.3.92

Signed Senior Social Worker

Myra Speirs 27.3.92



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27.3.92 Home Visit re - imbursement Ann for fares to Kibble. Gave her phone numbers of Lynn's mother and Father. William at home new bunk beds had arrived and Social Worker invited to go up and see them. All assembled but no bedding on then as yet according to Ann, she has enough to go round. Bunks have said to have cost £400 (catalogue?). Children bickering but no special problems. Arranged to visit Ann, 31.3.92 to discuss William's home leave over Easter.

30.3.92 Phoned Mr Strachen, Gryffe High Harry's attendance good but Mr Strachen not happy re 'sheet' Harry regularly 'losing it'. Social Worker mentioned that it was seen at home on Wednesday but Mr Strachen had not seen sheet - lost on Thursday therefore Harry not getting credit. Social Worker felt Mr Strachen seemed more concerned re reports he might have to write than about Harry. Suggested that he responds to encouragement, Mr Strachen agreed. Arranged to speak with Ann re keeping 'sheet' for Harry.

Later escorted Harry home after group. Stressed again the need for him to see Mr Strachen with his 'Sheet'. Harry says that he is getting into school on time but agrees that he is forgetful re 'sheet'. Suggested to him that mum keep his sheet for him and give it to him with bus fares in the morning. Ann and Lorna out with dog. When Social Worker arrived brief chat.

2.4.92 Home Visit, Family all at home. Scott hoping to attend school youth club tonight. Lorna may also go Children looking well and Clean. Ann rather fed up feels like servant, that she is getting too much to do. Harry said to be helpful, he did dishes last night. Social Worker suggested that children earn their pocket money e.g. 10p if not helping with dishes when it's their turn. Encouraged children to tidy their own rooms. Difficult for boys - 4 sharing. John said to be helpful sometimes. Suggested to Ann and John the sit down and discuss sharing of tasks especially for holiday period. Ann unhappy in Bridge of Weir but children said to wish to stay now according to Ann they don't do much and spend most of their time in the house. Social Worker suggested that they try to get out as a family during the holiday - even for walks, picnic's.

G McG/DG
6.4.92

CASE DISCUSSED WITH SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

Name Burgess Family Date 8.4.92

PRESENT SITUATION & ISSUES RAISED:

Four children at home full time well known as being
 four days per week during the holidays.
 Mrs. Burgess feeling fairly stressed, little support
 available. Suggesting more that "duty rota" be set
 up, even now seen on this. Still talking of moving
 back to Walsley but children seen to remain where they are.
 Henry pushed on a better note although still some
 difficulties in having his sheet signed.
 Relationship between Henry & William.
 William getting behind in school.

PLANNED WORK:

1. Continue weekly contact to monitor all work & offer
~~initial~~ support. C.
2. Review with school & nursery 1/2.
3. See William on his own 1/2.

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6.4.92 Phone message received from C McLaren, Hugh Smillie Nursery Older brother came out to take Christopher from minibus on Friday mum said to be in the bath.

7.4.92 Letter received from neighbour complaining about family - see letter

9.4.92 Phone call from West Yonderton Harry did not come to playscheme today as planned, he was not ready when van called, said his mum was out

Home visit about 5.00pm, no-one at home. Garden very messy - pieces of wood, rubbish and although Social Worker had suggested that children be asked to tidy it on recent visit. Now worse than ever. Social Worker looked in Living room window very untidy. Bedclothes on the floor etc.

Social Worker concerned that situation may be deteriorating.

10.4.92 Phoned Kibble William in today but going home at Lunchtime, John's father said to have died. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Ann phoned later and Social Worker arranged to see children at Paisley - 16 Sandhole Street.

Visited later, flat on 3rd floor of well-kept tenement building, Social Worker shown into living-room. Ann looking very tired through wearing a smart coatdress. Scott and Lorna sitting on the settee and seemed somewhat subdued.

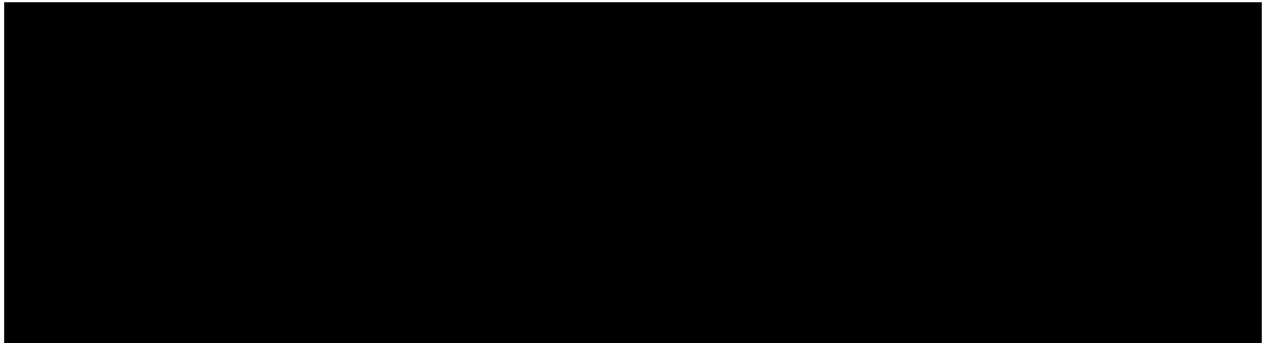
Christopher met Social Worker at the door with a big cuddle. Harry out but arrived back later with John. living room relatively clean and tidy but big hole in living room door - thus said to be there when John took tenancy of the house.

Discussed

1. Nursery Ann said to have been putting fire on and had gone to wash her hands when minibus called. Defensive.

2. Garden children said to have been dismantled goal posts and left mess. Dog across the road said to keep emptying rubbish. Again Ann very defensive.

[REDACTED]



6. Death of John's father, Police informed John during early hours of Thursday morning. Death peaceful John returned with new suit for funeral, which is on Monday 13th April. John's brother said to be very upset and family are staying in Paisley until after funeral.

7. Children helping at home - Ann still getting brunt of chores. Lorna bossing, Scott huffy. Informed family that Senior Social Worker or another Social Worker will be visiting next week. Suggested Ann contact Myra Spiers regarding visit.

13.4.92 Phoned Panda Centre asked for appointment for Christopher. Receptionist will speak with Dr. Ireland.

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16.4.92

Signed Senior Social Worker 

Myra Spiers

16.4.92

Visit to check children. 

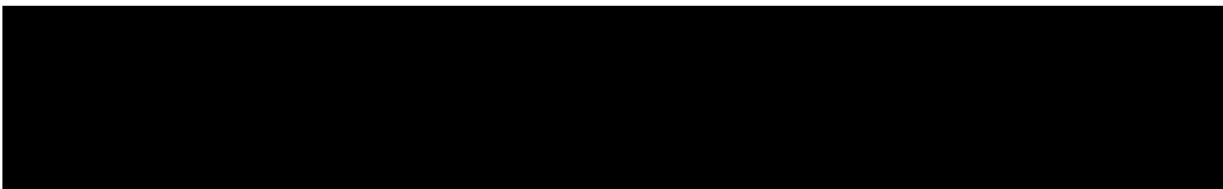
Mrs Burgess telephones daily and things going well at home. Kibble will do home visit Thursday and Friday.

22.4.92

Home visit to take £30 grant for Lorna's residential trip with school. Main focus of discussion was William and difficulties during the holiday - see William's notes.

Ann also feeling 'browned off' with other children and at one point had considered walking out but had decided she couldn't do that to the children.

Scott said to have been bullying Christopher and was upstairs having his shower - he arrived downstairs later, and was going to bed early because of his behaviour.



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Children saying they have enjoyed their holiday. Harry seemed to be in favour and he was joining in with criticism of William.

[REDACTED]

Ann had healing black eye and bruise on thigh - said she fell down stairs at flat.

23.4.92

Home visit re: William - see William's notes.

Scott said to be packed up and wanting to return to children's home. When asked, Scott did not want to leave home but he seemed to be feeling 'got at'. He was not very forthcoming when social worker tried to encourage him to talk.

First day back at school seemed to go reasonably well. Harry said to have got good report. Again he was critical of William - accused him of always 'buzzing' nail polish.

John drinking a can of export and admits to drinking 4 or 5 cans per night since death of father. He does not feel this is excessive - again, Harry supportive.

[REDACTED]

Social Worker to arrange a meeting at Kibble where these issues will be further discussed.

Meanwhile, William not welcome at home this weekend.

GMcG/JMcE.
29 April 1992.

Case notes read - M. Speirs (28 April 1992).

M. Speirs

28-4-92

~~30-4-92~~

Home visit, Ann & John at home with Harry, Scott and Christopher. Lorna due home tomorrow from school residential week.

Discussion centred mainly on William. Harry was consulted re whether or not he should come home for the day and agreed. SW felt that he may have been putting pressure on his mother to keep William away. SW informed Harry of group starting in two weeks time. Family had had some discussion and he is not sure if he wants to go now. SW arranged to discuss this again with him nearer the time. Harry said to be controlling his temper better these days.



Catherine also mentioned that on one occasion the older boys were seen waiting for the bus with Christopher and on another Loran and Scott Harry were seen waiting with Christopher.

29-4-92

Phone message received from H Centre (Elaine) Linwood H V *Gathens* having difficulty getting into Burgess home

30-4-92

Phone message received from H V. *D* Access obtained.

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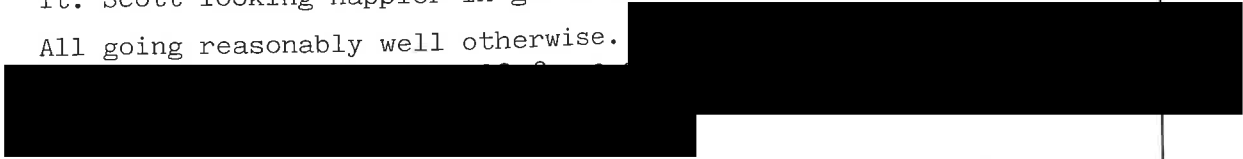
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7-5-92

Home visit, John at home with children. Ann out shopping. Scott upstairs in his room for again bullying Christopher. Scott came down and volunteered that he hit Christopher because Lorna was hitting him. Harry also admitted to hitting Scott at times. S/W tried to point out unfairness of this but John's attitude was that he could not take seriously Scott's complaints of Lorna bullying him. All children 'potting' at each other before end of interview bit good humoured about it. Scott looking happier in general.

All going reasonably well otherwise.



11-5-92

Home visit re William and John at home with children. All in good spirits as they arrived home from school. Lorna said to be doing well at school and this is to be his last week on 'sheet'. All looking clean. Informed Ann that arrangements all right for 19th but that she should remind staff at the time.

Children appear to have enjoyed William weekend at home. Harry spent a lot of time with him. Neighbour - Mr Crawford, allowed them to build a tree house in his back garden.

S/W mentioned standby referral. Family said to have been in bed early. Ann did complain to neighbour earlier that evening re his children calling her 'cow' 'whore' while he was out.

GMCG/MD

15th May 1992

15.5.92

Home visit re Williams leave. John not in agreement for various reasons - see William's file. Harry supporting John when latter did not wish William home but equally quick to change his mind when John changed him. Harry also suspended yesterday from school. According to Harry, incident was with boy he had hit last time he was suspended. Boy said to have hit Harry first. Ann had list of witnesses, who she said had come home with Harry. Incident said to have happened outwith school, at the bus stop. Fisticuffs of minor nature and boys were friends by next morning but Harry disciplined anyway. Background - boy is said to have challenged Harry to a fight last Saturday. The two fought and then made up.

Harry quite reasonable re his responsibility in situation and states that he wishes to return to Gryffe as soon as possible. Ann more aggressive. Depute Miss McKenzie said to have threatened Harry with return to care etc. and to have been overhead. Ann and John both talking about introducing solicitor. John became increasingly unreasonable as he had been drinking. Social Worker suggested that Ann contact school on Monday and that she try to keep calm - main thing being to get Harry back to school soon as possible.

15.5.92 contd.

Lorna, Scott, Christopher also seen. Lorna nodding that she did feel embarrassed by situations William gets family into - e.g. police at door at 5 a.m. yesterday morning. Scott was at Time Capsule today and went straight to John when he arrived in to tell him about it. Seemed in good spirits. Christopher going to Panda Centre on 20 May.

Social Worker saw round house. All in good order. Posters up on walls since last visit - some hiding Williams handwork e.g. 'mad dog' (Wm.) and Lynn.

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21 May 1992

21.5.92

Home visit. Ann and John at home with childre.

Scott up in his room. He stole sponsor money for the school - not for the first time. When he came downstairs later, S.W. asked why he had done it. According to Scott, Harry had asked him to buy juice and crisps/sweets with the money. Harry denied this Scott to repay the money.

Ann's visit to school today re Harry - all went well. Harry starts back on Monday.

Ann and John appear to be coping reasonably well but John drinking during visit and his carry out was evident. They both attended the Panda Centre (Dr. Hamilton) yesterday with Christopher. He is said to have done well in his assessment and was particularly good with his hands - e.g. sorting shapes. He is being referred to the Child and Family Centre.

John saying that he intends to spend the weekend at his flat with his friends - wants to have a 'blow out'. Relationship between Ann and John strained. Ann feels that William is the cause, although he has been doing well at weekends. William will not be coming home this weekend. Ann will visit him with the children.

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27 May 1992

PROGRESS NOTES

27/5/92Case discussed with Senior Social WorkerPresent Situation & Issues Raised:

Family situation bumping along. John unsettled, Ann blaming William for this, but not clear that this is the case.

Ann extremely volatile; displaying misdirected anger at the children and this is where the partner being there clearly helps the situation.

Application re move to Paisley outstanding although children would prefer to stay in Bridge of Weir.

Harry - trying in Gryffe - who seem to be supporting him as much as they can.

Planned Work:

1. Change of Circumstances for four children on 44(1)a (1A6)
2. Weekly visit.
3. Review Report on Ann Burgess.

28/5/92

Home visit. Family enjoying school holiday today. All looking relaxed. John in the kitchen showing Harry how to cook. Harry settling into school all right, but yesterday someone punched him while he was playing football. Harry reported it as requested. Later, Mr Ferguson, Guidance Teacher, is said to have banned Harry from playing football. Social Worker suggested that Ann look into this. She intends visiting after holiday.

Social Worker arranged to write to Buttle Trust re violin for Scott and Guide Uniform for Lorna. John said to have got some money recently (£1,000) but bulk of it committed. Family concerned re William, who has still not returned to Kibble.

3/6/92

Home visit, 3.30 pm as arranged. No one at home. Scott, Lorna arrived home at 3.45 pm, Harry about 4.00 pm. Lorna had key. Social Worker went into the house with children and waited until 4.30 pm. Still no sign of Ann. Social Worker aware that she had collected William at relative's today and thought she was probably taking him back to Kibble. Asked neighbour to keep an eye on children meantime. Neighbour agreeable for short time.

5.30 pm - visited Ann and John at home with Christopher and other children. John drunk, began shouting at Social Worker immediately - expected to be criticised - but Ann shouted at him until he calmed down.

Ann and John took William back to Kibble and missed their bus.

20-10-92

Child Protection Case Conference. All children placed on register - child abuse. See minutes

H.V later with SSW M Speirs . Ann answered the door but would not allow Social workers in. Neighbour, [REDACTED] had phoned S W earlier to inform that John Rodgers was back in the house.

Ann not denying that John was in the house and said that the couple were hoping to be reconciled and work things out together.

SSW informed Ann that children were back on the register. Ann clearly unhappy about this S W assured her that there had been many positive comments at the case conference and that her efforts during recent months were recognised, hence new category. Ann also informed re Hearing being requested and that while John is drinking and is not seeking to undertake treatment the children are felt to be at risk. The hearing will be asked to consider the option of taking the children into care. SW reminded Ann that John has a flat of his own and advised her not to risk children coming into care.

Ann enquired re receiving minutes of case conference for solicitor. She was informed that she would not receive minutes but that her solicitor could speak with Area Manager re Case Conference decision. S W informed her of extra day available at nursery. Christopher will now attend Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri.

Ann agreeable to weekly visits by SW being resumed.

22-10-92

Scott at I T Group , said John is back in house but all right.

23-10-92

SSW J Duffy informed S W that Ann and John are due in court on Monday. Sheriff has requested S W Dept ensure adequate supervision of Lorna and Harry. This concerns case against John resisting arrest when children brought into care in December last year. Ann and children witnesses for John.

H V to discuss with Ann. She was ~~not~~ at home with children. She did not admit that John was back staying but was visiting regularly to the children. She states that he has stopped drinking and is receiving treatment at RCA, Queen Street, Paisley

Ann was under the impression that her solicitor was making arrangements for the supervision of the children on Monday. She is undertaking now to make arrangements herself. Her younger sister is likely to be able to accompany the family.

Ann went upstairs at one point and SW raised question of cleanliness with Scott. He admitted to playing football, coming in with dirty uniform, changeing and putting on same dirty uniform on next day. SW raised this with Ann when she returned. She had felt Scott's cleanliness was deteriorating and is keeping a closer eye on him. Often she was not seeing the clothes were dirty until morning when it was to late to do anything about it.

26-10-92

Phone call from Court SW re arrangements. he agreed to check if Ann has another adult with her and phoned back later to say she has not.

S/W went to court and waited until children were called as witnesses. Lorna in particular was extremely nervous while waiting to give evidence. Ann again taking John's part, saying he has been good with the children. William charged at weekend with B of P and has been returned to Kibble. Otherwise he has been doing well.

Burgess Family

10/6/92 Review Case Conference. Family removed from R.A. Register.

16/6/92 Home visit. John at home with Harry. Christopher upstairs for crying & had obviously fallen asleep. Ann arrived from shops with Lorna. Family said to have good friend, Wm at home. Wm & Harry fishing on Saturday & whole family to river Gryffe on Sunday. John sober today.

Earlier - S/W received 'phone call from Mr Jellies. Two parents had come to the school to complain re. family in connection re. stone throwing incident. Suggestion that Ann & John were shouting & threatening other parents' children.

Also, S/W returned 'phone call from Mr Murray, Housing. He will be visiting family re. their transfer request. He has had 'phone call complaints from some neighbours, who are considering moving because of family. Incidents re. Sparky (dog) & general complaints.

When asked whether there had been any difficulties John & Harry said that two children had been throwing stones while ^{family is river} and one had hit Christopher. Burgesses had shouted at them but thought no more of incident.

Re. neighbours. Police recently at their home re Sparky. Neighbour said to have lifted his foot to him & he snapped. He is to be kept on a lead.

Ann has been in touch with Mr Murray, who will be visiting tomorrow. She is keen to move to Paisley. S/W saw Lorna's & Scott's school report - both good.

Name Burgess Family Date 24.6.92.PRESENT SITUATION & ISSUES RAISED:

Family situation nominally stable. John more settled, seems to be controlling his drinking.

Michael now de-registered but still sup. M.P. place Housing Dept. are following through on appln. for home but has been supported by Pamela Centre.

William - some home agreed where when at school then & what rights to allow inclusion in activities. Some more about late return but when - seems to be doing better.

Henry - school bullying now - was included in some school activities.

Trot - attended Hockey group - getting all the time but had a good night.

Robert - doing well. Really quiet. Less complaints of bullying.

PLANNED WORK:

Christopher - referred by Dr. Goult of Pamela Centre to J.P. to get. But attended H.S.

1. Ch. of Circumstance to Pamela.

2. Weekly visits

3. Weekly visits to Michael + He

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Burgess Family

15.7.92.

Phone Call from Constable White. She had been investigating incident which Police were called to on night of 30 June / 1st July. At that time Mrs. ~~to~~ Burgess had made allegation that John Rodgers ~~was~~ had hit her and William. When Const. White interviewed her two days later she denied making the allegation. When William was interviewed on 3rd July he denied Rodgers had hit him.

In the interview with William he stated that if Rodgers hit him he would hit him back. He also stated that Rodgers did not hit the other children. The Police will not be taking any further action with regard to this application.

17.7.92. Visit to Burgess family. They immediately assumed I was there because of complaints made about them and listed the various complaints they knew of and their answer to these. While I accepted that some of the complaints might relate to the fact they were the only household in the cul-de-sac with children I made it clear that creating a disturbance in the street after midnight particularly if the children were involved was not acceptable. I was concerned that the deterioration in the home could lead it to a similar situation to the end of last year when the children came into care. Mark was clearly the problem and John Rodgers indicated he had not drunk anything for a week ^{and} had an appointment at Dyfnidar next week. It was my impression that he will find it very difficult to refrain from

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Telephone contact with Mr Murray, Housing. Ann has been asked to assist move by requesting, in writing, house in Paisley to be nearer sister for support re children. Mr Murray suggested Ferguslie. S W informed him that Ann is requesting house in Glenburn. She should write in.

29-10-92

H V after I T group which Scott attended. Scott saying on journey home that John is not staying with family, just visiting. Ann rather reluctantly allowed SW into house. Harry and Christopher at home with John and Ann. John sober. Ann said they have come to an agreement that he will go to his own flat when drinking and will stay with family when sober. SW asked John re his behaviour towards Ann. Did he feel it was justified. Yes - because she had hit him over the head with a lamp. Ann admitted this (said he deserved it) and Harry confirmed that this was what had happened. Sw expressed the opinion that the attack on Ann was unjustified regardless of what Ann had done. SW also stated that she did not believe that John 'forgot' what he had done because of drink. Informed him re departments position that children are at risk while he is in the home and drinking. John is attending Queen Street and was able to produce diary which he has to fill in daily. Ann is attending Queen Street with him. Re - court case, John found guilty ' a frame up' and case continued for background reports.

Ann is said to have asked for Hearing for William. Informed Ann and John re contact with Housing . Ann intending to write.

30-10-92

H V to see Lorna , who had been at friend's yesterday. All children at home. Spoke with Wm re forthcoming review.

John also at home, finding it very difficult to get through a Friday night without drinking. He was tempted to have a ' blow out' between now and his next court appearance. Ann and S W were of the opinion that he has a lot to gain by remaining sober and made it clear that both saw his temptation to look for excuses to drink.

Christopher enjoyed nursery Halloween party today and younger children dressing up tomorrow. Video broken . Shortage of family games, no cards even

Ann thinking of getting a part time job. This would be good but problem of child care. John willing to supervise children and ok when sober, but drink !

Case note s read M Speirs 2-11-92

PROGRESS NOTES

CASE DISCUSSED WITH SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER 2.10.92Present Situation & Issues Raised:

Family situation chaotic since John Rogers. The family seem to be doing better, schools and nursery still positive about younger children. Laura now started the High School. William has moved Unit in Kibble as he is still struggling a little. Review held and four weeks plan made to lead to either day status or to identify a new school.

Planned Work

1. Request review and submit brief report.
2. Fortnightly family Visit.
3. Fortnightly contact with William.

3.11.92

S.W. to write to Children in Need anyway for clothing for children. Arranged to discuss fire with senior.

5.11.92

Message received from Ann that she will not be in until 5 p.m. tomorrow. Dropped Scott off at BBS which he is enjoying.

6.11.92

H.V. about 6 p.m. All children at home. John and Ann present. Both saying John was sober but he was relaxed, eyes not always focussing immediately and became quite volatile at times. S.W. was sure he had been drinking and said so. John angry re S.W.'s contact with R.C.A. and complained re invasion of privacy. He went on to say that he had told S.W. about RCA in confidence and did not wish others to know e.g. colleagues. Informed him of need to report back to office as he has always been aware. He did not wish S.W. to have contact with person doing SER. S.W. informed him that she would be making a point of having contact with the S.W. doing the report. John argued about this. Informed Ann that Department unable to help with damage to Scott's clothes.

PROGRESS NOTES

S.W. could see that by their own standards, Ann and John are offering better care than they received. Harry clearly holding views of Ann and John re S.W. 'interference'. Lorna's attitude has also changed towards S.W. during recent visits. S.W. offered change of worker. This not wished. Ann and John don't want any S.W.

S.W. felt that a lot of Ann's attitude was coming from pressure she is under from council and forthcoming Hearing.

S.W. very aware of detrimental effects of C.P. registration on family. Ann, in her own words, heading for Dykebar. Concerning. After tirade, Ann and John calmer when SW left and at least views had been aired.

16.11.92

Phone contact with Kibble, Difficulties with William and other boys at weekend. Respite for two days arranged for William at Springboig St. John's List 'D' School in Glasgow.

Children in Need application sent off (£200 requested). H.V. later to inform family re William. SW could hear Ann shouting from outside. Stormy argument in progress between Ann and John. John drunk. All children present except William. He was in court today for sentencing. He refused to tell Annor s.w. what happened for sometime but later intimated that he got 1 yr's probation against his will and the recommendation of the S.W.

~~Ann~~ ^{John} verbally abusive towards Ann and S.W. for a good part of interview. Also talking of stabbing people. Brief apologies, periods of remorse interspersed. Harry upset by arguing between Ann and John and said so but friendly toward John. Christopher playing quite happily.

S.W. passed on info. re William. Ann accepting this as 'next stage' in downward spiral for William.

Lorna grounded after coming home drunk on Friday evening after being with William's girlfriend, Emma and another friend. These girls older than Emma, who seems to have been split up from her primary friends and to be having difficulty making friends her own age.

Discussed possibility of befriender for Harry. Latter will think about it. Ann feels Lorna is more in need of a befriender. She doesn't speak to Ann re problems and is secretive. Lorna does not seem opposed to proposition. S.W. will make referral(s), depending on Harry's decision in a week's time.

Ann's washing machine leaking. She will get an estimate of cost of repair but is doubtful whether DSS will help.

John said to have left family home on Sunday after fierce argument. John's brother said to have been in the house, drunk on Saturday night. John also drinking. Brother said to have treated Ann 'like a tart' to the extent that she had gone upstairs. John had fallen asleep but was informed when he woke up - 4 a.m. Row ensued with Ann and John. Neighbours likely to have been disturbed. Latter saying now that he was trying to fight with Ann, so that she would not be upset if he was jailed today!!

CASE DISCUSSED WITH SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

Name Surgess Date 27.11.92

PRESENT SITUATION & ISSUES RAISED:

Situation remains unstable. John who was being drunk otherwise. Recently he is recovering from his last bout. Children seem to be coming quite well. Mott attending primary group, Mary joined the group, having attended a long time. Anna slightly rocky at this time. Continuing on at care conference - panel scheduled.

Grant from GAC of £200

PLANNED WORK:

1. Complete report 1
2. Attend Panel 1 1/2
3. Weekly contact 6
4. Prep for Referral 1 1/2
5. Liaise with Probation Officer in Craigleith 1 1/2

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30.11.92

H.V. Ann on her own. Lorna, Scott and Christopher at Church group in the village - van picks the children up and returns them home. Group is on Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings. Children seem to be enjoying it.

Ann was watching out the window as Social Worker arrived. There was another incident with John tonight as the children were returning from school. John had seemed to be in a bad mood on Sunday and eventually left to go to Paisley. He had not been drinking. Ann had previously said that if he walked out again he should stay out.

Today Ann and William had gone into Paisley and had a good day shopping (T.V. and video rented). While there they took the rest of John's clothes to him. He was sober then and quite amicable. He is said to have arrived later at the Burgess household drunk, forced his way into the house, broke ornaments on the mantelpiece, kicked holes in the living room door, threatening Ann to the extent that she had to leave her home and stand in the pouring rain with Christopher. Harry, Lorna and Scott were in the home at the time, the latter two said to be watching T.V. John continued to hurl verbal abuse and Ann had eventually to involve the police to expel him from the house.

Ann was clearly afraid of him returning and had made plans to go out the side door to get help. He was said to be abusive to the police when they arrived and they may have subsequently charged him. Ann now saying again that he will not be allowed to return to the Burgess home.

Informed Ann that arrangements have been made for shopping trip tomorrow with A. Cooney, Homemaker. Ann only wants £100 of £200 grant as Harry and Lorna wish to choose their own clothes and Social Work agreeable.

Enquired re possibility of leisure activity for William, Dave Middleton had suggested making model planes but this involves glue and is perhaps not fair to introduce to William at present. Ann doing a large jigsaw tonight. William at Houston.

1.12.92

H.V. early. Gave Ann £100 from Child in Need. John did not return last night and Christopher waiting for nursery bus.

3.12.92

Phone call from Ann. Difficulties with William last night. Verbally abusive to Ann when she had friends in house. Said to have punched Scott.

Saw Scott at group (Pantomime). In good spirits. Had sore chest after boy is said to have kicked him at school football match today.

4.12.92

H.V. All children seen. William out when Social Work arrived. Police said to have been at door shortly after William left, saying he was abusive to neighbour and loitering in park.

William returned soon after, was obviously tense. Social Work said to be 'nipping his head'. Whole family tense and snappy with each other. Harry not at school today. Ann took him for hair cut. Social Work made it clear that this is an unacceptable reason for staying off school.

Ann said to have met John in Paisley. He is said to want to be on friendly terms. He attended RCA this week but had been drinking. Sparky, John's dog, is back with the burgesses. Further £100 Children in Need given to Ann for clothes for Harry and Lorna.

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10.12.92

H.V. with William. Discussed William's situation - see William's casenotes. All children seen. John sober. He returned to the house last Friday (hence the dog?) and is said not to have been drinking since. He admitted to a week's binge before stopping. He seemed quite relaxed and pleasant and appeared to be getting on well with the children. Lorna returned home from school in a grey white blouse. She was excited about going to her school dance tonight. She has a nice outfit to wear. Harry and Scott were also looking well in their new clothes. Christopher was rather lightly clad in tee-shirt and pants but living room was reasonably warm. As S.W. was leaving, Ann mentioned that she has only gifts for two of the children. Social Work will try to get some toys for Christopher and informed re possible Cash for Kids vouchers. Tried to re-assure Ann that the important thing is that children are at home this year. She had bought a nice Christmas tree, which is in the living room.

14.12.92

Phone message received from Ann requesting visit.

H.V. about 7.45 p.m. Police seen leaving area. All family at home. Stand-by and police said to have just left. Ann clearly under the influence, John had also been drinking but seemed reasonably clear-headed - 1/2 bottle vodka sitting beside Ann.

She tiraded for most of visit. John said that he and Ann had met a friend of his in Paisley and had gone for a few drinks. John and Ann later had an argument. Lorna said to have gone for help. John then left but returned later. Ann unfit to care for

children but John able to do so. Ann trying to blame children for her drunken state - because of 'sniffing' in particular. Harry said to have been sniffing on Sunday with William (Tippex thinner). Ann showed Social Worker Tippex thinner. Christopher got a hold of it and was able to demonstrate how older boys used it. Scott also said to be 'sniffing'. Ann asking Social Worker to speak with children's father tomorrow re taking children. She is contemplating walking out tomorrow. She also took Social Worker up to see cupboard which Christopher is said to have damaged - she was offered £164 loan by DSS for replacement of clothes, etc.) Bedrooms untidy but reasonably clean. Smell of urine in Christopher and Scott's bedroom. Social Worker spoke with Lorna and Scott. Both intending to go to bed to keep out of Mum's way. Lorna particularly upset. S.W. asked them re feelings about going into care - neither wish this. Ann also complaining about Christopher's behaviour. Informed her that he is a normal boy but she will change that if she continues to speak of him as she does in his presence. Harry's school dance tonight. He had bought a ticket but has now missed it. S.W. offered him a lift but he refused. William being reasonably sensible throughout visit. S.W. offered him a lift back to Kibble but he refused. Ann then goaded him needlessly and he walked out.

She had a bruise/lump on her right jaw, said to have been caused by John kicking her.

Ann talking to the children in a way, which can only be damaging for them. Some of this stems from the way they treat her e.g. re computer on Sunday - children calling her names because she would not produce Christmas early. S.W. suggested that Ann should be firm as she had been - but lacks personal resources).

ASSESSMENT

John remaining calm in the face of provocation from Ann. S.W.'s impression was that Ann was pushing the children away, wanting them into care.

15.12.92

See standby referral from. Ann not causing trouble with stand-by and SW changed assessment of previous evening. Tirading more likely to have been effort to excuse her own conduct and threatening to send children away, a means of giving vent to her feelings while knowing SW wouldn't do anything about it.

Ann attended Child Care Review on William. She tried to put blame for previous evenings events on to John, said he had flared up again as soon as SW left and Ann has put him out. She says again that he won't be back.

Escorted her and William to pick up Christopher and escorted home. Lorna and Scott waiting at door. All calm.

21.12.92

Hearing for William. Decision - residential assessment and planned move to Newfield. Assessment for Geilsland to continue.

Escorted Ann and William to nursery to pick up Christopher and escorted home. John back in house. Sober today. All children seen. All well. Gave Ann gifts for children. She has also managed to buy some herself. Read Lorna's school report - has difficulty in many subject but behaviour and effort good.

Spoke to Ann re number of recent incidents in view of Children's Hearing pending.

Earlier - meeting with Housing Department - Mr. Paton and Mr. Murray. See list of complaints. Court action for eviction pending. Family must widen areas for house.

22.12.92

DASU meeting to discuss family situation and 'alert' in case of need for children to come into care following Hearing - 12.11.92.

Phoned Gryffe High re Harry - progress good.

Ann and John Rodger interviewed by I. Smith, Area Manager re Housing and recent behaviour in view of forthcoming Hearing. Ann walked out.

23.12.92

Delivered £60 - Cash for Kids. Saw both Harry and Scott playing outside, latter's friend, Steven, disturbing neighbourhood with his shouts. Scott also swearing.

Smelled drink from Ann but she appeared sober.

SW was taken into kitchen - untidy but clean.

Ann upset by prospect of Hearing. Has seen doctor re 'nerves' and states her intention of staying away from Hearing and sending solicitor as her representative. She gradually settled down and was calmer when SW left.

William's friends in house. Christopher in bed.

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29.12.92

Home visit. Scott in the garden, clearing papers and other rubbish into a black bin bag. The door was answered by Mrs. Burgess who had been cleaning her windows at the time of my arrival. I was invited into the house. Also present was John and Harry. I advised Mrs. Burgess about Willie's situation and she showed no sign of surprise. In fact, she advised she had had problems last night with Willie and Harry, both buzzing. She was at a loss to know what to do about it all. She said they had only recently attended a C/H for Willie and the panel had said that one more episode with the police, would mean a secure unit for William,, but though this was of little concern to him. She was more annoyed about Harry's buzzing. Although last night was not the first time, it had been the first time that Harry had admitted to it. Harry is said to have asthma and solvents were felt to be damaging to his health.

Willie, seemed to be regarded as "just Willie" and Mrs. Burgess accepts that with William, you get the bad with the good and little appeared to affect any change. She advised that his leave for tomorrow night could go ahead as previous attempts to stop his home leave did nothing to improve the situation.

She spoke of the police being around last night although the boys had not been doing anything but playing football in the garden. Apparently a caravan had been broken into or vandalised and a couple of houses had been broken into locally. There did not appear to have been any suggestion that the boys had been approached but the police had patrolled around, spending a lot of time, watching the boys.

Mrs. Burgess feels that the boys are unhappy and bored in Bridge of Weir and perhaps Willie finds Kibble a welcome change at times. Other than this, all appeared well.

Mrs. Burgess will contact Kibble later tonight.

Contacted Bill Miller at Kibble. Advised Mrs. Burgess will phone later and that Willie's home leave can go ahead tomorrow night.

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CASE NOTES READ M. SPEIRS - 29.12.92

6.1.93

H.V. to inform family that William in Newfield from today and has already absconded. John and Ann at home, John had been drinking but was pleasant. It is his birthday today. All children present except Harry.

New Year period was reasonably quiet for family. S.W. had noticed a large hole in an upstairs window. This is said to have been caused when a bedroom unit toppled when Lorna and Ann were moving it. Neighbours are said to have reported that an electric fire was thrown out of the window by someone inside. Family deny this.

Christopher playing with jigsaws and is said to have played well with Christmas toys. from Alcohol Project said to be submitting a letter to the Hearing next week. Ann still not intending to appear. S.W. encouraged her to do so. Otherwise, Hearing likely to be continued.

Mr. Murray is said to have just visited and Ann has informed him of current areas she is willing to accept. Glenburn is not among them - Ann not willing now to accept house there. S.W. noted areas acceptable and arranged to confirm these with Housing. The Stand-by referral of 5.1.93 - Ann insisting this was hoax call.

There are said to have been several break-ins in the area. Burgess' home also said to have been broken into TV slot meter taken.

Children all have dental appts. tomorrow. G.P. - Dr. Smith, Dentist - Mr. Telford, Kinnear Place, Bridge of Weir. All children seen except Harry.

7.1.93

6.30 p.m. H.V. to inform Ann of planning meeting for William tomorrow. Harry working on smart bike with a friend. Bike given to William by Kibble although Harry said to be on it most. Roaring fire on, smell of cooking and both Ann and John sober.

Children all to dentist today. Lorna requiring treatment for irregular teeth but is refusing this.

Earlier - phone call from Teve, RCA. She will send letter to Reporter and John and Ann have attended well although with little progress.

S.W. informed by Area Manager that Ann has formally requested access to files.

12.11.93

Children's hearing date. Called to collect Ann as arranged but no-one at home. T.V. on. Attended Hearing and was informed that Ann had brought in letter from G.P. yesterday. Case continued for 4 weeks.

13.1.93

Meeting with I. Smith, Area Manager, re family's access to file. Permission to be sought from William re access to his file. SW also to check dates from which family wish to see file.

H.V. Family having good evening. John sober and in good spirits. Relaxed atmosphere. All children seen. William home and also seemed in good humour. Enquired re Christopher. He had been unwell with cold and doctor was called in over Christmas. Ann feels this is part of reason for recent regression. Discussed his unwillingness to come home, relating this to incidents in the home at that time. Christopher destructive with toys - many of jigsaw pieces ruined. S.W. suggested that playing with such items be supervised.

Re Hearing - informed family of Panel's decision. Apology from Ann re not contacting SW re decision not to attend.

21.1.93

H.V. All children at home except William. Ann intending to go to latter's Hearing tomorrow. Atmosphere rather tense but John sober and family members all relating reasonably well. Christopher being stubborn and a nuisance about the Sega.

All said to be attending school regularly and no specific problems. Neither Harry or Lorna got their choice of activity for the school activity week and neither intending to participate in what they have been offered.

Week beginning 25.1.93

Phoned Housing Department. Spoke with A. Paton, Neighbourhood Manager. No further news on housing. Family's best position - 5th on list for 5 apt semi in Wellmeadow area. Case with legal

department for consideration for eviction on anti-social grounds. Informed Mr. Paton of 2 windows still waiting to be fixed in the front door one since August 1992. He will check up.

Mr. P. has been asked to attend Community Council Meeting concerning Burgess family, in March - as has Social Work, Area Manager.

CASE DISCUSSED WITH SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER M. SPEIRS

PRESENT SITUATION & ISSUES RAISED

Family situation a little more settled, John sober since early January. Has been more supportive and seems to be trying. Housing issues unresolved, family has inclined their choice, are prepared to accept up to second floor flat.

Children more settled.

failed to attend hearing - will be recited 22.2.93

Planned Work

1. Research Outward Bound Course (Liz Edwards).
2. Weekly visit.
3. Attend hearing.

28.1.93

Home Visit. All well. John sober. He and Ann both unwell with 'flu symptoms Coal and electric fire on and living room warm. Ann mentioned that she has been having elec. bills of £200 during recent months. Meter has been checked - no fault found.

Informed Lorna re possibility of outward bound residential holiday. She seems keen, particularly if Harry goes too. He was out this evening at friend's home. Ann pleased with this friendship. Harry not going out and now with William and Iain Hepburn, Scott and Christopher seen. Latter well clad.

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9.2.93

Phoned L. Edwards ADO re outward bound courses and went to Abbey House to look at courses available. Only one suitable, SW to phone for further info.

9.2.93

Home visit to inspect house as arranged. John at home with all children except William. Some children having rolls and bacon. John said to be going to make chicken. He was sober but SW noticed his tendency to shake.

SW shown round house by John. Rooms all tidy and Lorna's looking particularly cosy with small rug and pictures on walls. SW did not look in cupboards. John admitted clothes likely to be thrown in these but they are said to be clean. Washing and drying of clothes in progress in kitchen. Kitchen clean. SW noticed sockets hanging out from walls, particularly in living room and Scott and Chris's bedroom. Arranged to contact Housing.

Informed John that this Department prepared to pay for new fireguard. He will inform Ann to look out for suitable one.



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15 February 1993

2.2.92

Home visit re William, Ann and John both sober. Discussed weekends events (William buzzing, running off). Ann not happy about his behaviour but clear that his leave will not be affected.

3.2.93

H.V. - Escorted William home. Harry at home alone - off sick with sore toe! Suggested he return to school tomorrow. Ann and John expected back at lunchtime. Harry going back to bed. SW arranged to visit later.

Visited later, Harry at friends. Other children seen. John under the influence but able to converse. His SW is said to be considering a transfer of his probation order. John requesting that writer undertake his supervision. Informed him that this decision will be taken by senior members of staff.

Ann still suffering from 'flu. SW arranged to inspect house early next week instead of tomorrow as arranged.

4.2.93

Quarterly Assessment - Child Protection

Treatment Plan

1. Research outward bound opportunities for Harry and Loma.
2. Continue to liaise with housing.
3. Support family through weekly visit.
4. Encourage good standards of housekeeping and cleanliness by periodic inspection.
5. Continue to liaise with nursery/schools to monitor attendance, behaviour.

Scott also to be included in current groupwork programme.

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remind family re use of fireguard.

Contacted Guidance, Gryffe High, and requested contact if Harry off school or any concerns. No return call. All seems well.

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BURGESS FAMILY

10.2.93

Phoned R.C.A. re. John's progress. He is still attending regularly and counsellor feels that he is working at trying to control his drinking, though this continues to be an uphill struggle. He admits to celebrating during last two evenings [REDACTED] but tries to have 3 dry days in the week.

Phoned Housing re. sockets. It is necessary to know exactly, which sockets are faulty. S/W to phone back with this information.

10p/SAM.

11.2.93

Called to pick up William and Ann to take on visit to Geilsland. Ann on way out - looking smartly dressed. Two men with her. All three left by car. William out.

John looking and feeling 'fragile'. Scott and Lorna off school with 'flu'. Scott has been unwell for a few days now and although Ann has talked of taking him to the doctor and he appears to require medication, he still hasn't seen the doctor. Harry said to be back at school.

Mentioned contact with R.C.A. and discussed. Discussed John's probation order. He has asked for transfer of case to the writer - will not accept anyone else. If writer unable to take case, he does not wish to be transferred, S/W informed him that she could not guarantee that she would be supervising officer, S/W felt that the main reason for this request was as his first response indicated, to avoid effort of attendance for supervision.

John also indicated that he will be making himself available at Hearing next week in case Panel wish to speak with him. S/W encouraged his attendance.

Discussed two 'grounds' of referral with Harry. Latter as usual anxious to put the blame on others. John supporting this attitude.

William arrived with his new trainers and was escorted to Geilsland - see William's notes for further information.

Case note read M/H/sein. 12/2/93

17.2.93

Children's Hearing - evening. As situation more stable, continuation of supervision recommended and was agreed upon by the Panel. Ann unable to obtain fares afterwards. Escorted family home. John standing at door on family's return home - he is said to have decided to stay at home with William. Scott now recovering but no doctor involved. Ann still extremely hoarse herself in spite of medication from doctor.

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18.2.93

Scott attended group, spoke with Ann afterwards re. access to file. Proposed time for access, Wednesday 24.2.93, Ann to phone and confirm.

23.2.93

Ann has not made contact. H.V. - 6.45 pm Lorna at home alone. Living room warm - 2 bar electric fire on. Ann and John said to have gone out with Christopher, Lorna not sure about their time of return but likely to be before 9 pm. They are said to have left 6 pm.

Harry said to be out with friend and likewise, Scott. S/W noticed beds in Harry's room unmade. Lorna making shortbread for Shrove Tuesday today. Harry is said to have helped until they were put in oven.

S/W stayed until oven finished with, then left. Considered returning later but decided against. Lorna had seemed all right. Some progress in that Ann and John had taken Christopher with them.

S/W will speak with them about risks of Scott out playing in their absence, Lorna working with cooker, and inadvisability of taking such risks.

Lorna having tests today at school and feeling her lack of preparation after her absence from school.

26.2.93 CASENOTES READ M SPEIRS SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

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1.3.93

24.2.93

9 am - Arranged time for Ann to come to office to look at family and William's file, didn't turn up.

H.V. re. last night. Only John at home. Ann off out - John thought to G.P. re. throat. John unaware of S/W's visit last, night but said he and Ann were home early. Ann said to have got earlier bus home and to have returned by 7.30 pm. John had felt that it was all right to leave Lorna for that time. Scott said likely to have been in friend's house.

Pointed out risk of leaving children for any length of time, given attitude of neighbours and possibility of police involvement. Pointed out risks also of Lorna using cooker when no responsible adult is about. Informed him that I had deliberately not returned later last night but would do so if there was a recurrence of the situation.

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24.2.93

Later - visited to see children and speak with Ann. Ann aware of S/W's visit from Lorna last night. Impression gained from discussion was the John was drinking last night and Ann was sober. Again, pointed out risks of leaving three children unattended at home and going to another town or indeed leaving them for any length of time.

All well with children but Harry rather unsociable, tension in family re. William going to Geilsland tomorrow - he says he's not going. Ann and John appear to be trying to be positive about it. John sober.

Obtained info. re. necessary repairs, re files - Ann forgot re. arrangement. Another appt made.

1.3.93

'Phoned Housing with list of repairs.

10 am - Ann due to office to see files. Didn't turn up.

3.3.93

H.V. All children seen except William. Harry in better humour, and relatively calm atmosphere. John sober.

Pile of washing seen in kitchen, washing machine continues to leak and is getting worse. Ann will get estimate of cost of repair. Some of washing piled up is said to be clean.

Harry said to have had detention today for breaking a bottle in the playground. Harry seemed to accept that he was at fault. Otherwise appears to continue to do well.

Lorna drawing a picture during visit and was chatty.

John working on drink problem - trying to stay sober Thurs - Mon. He is finding it hard - becomes cross with everyone.

4.3.93

'Phoned Gryffe High re. Harry. Mr Strachan not available.

Lorna after read 12/3/93

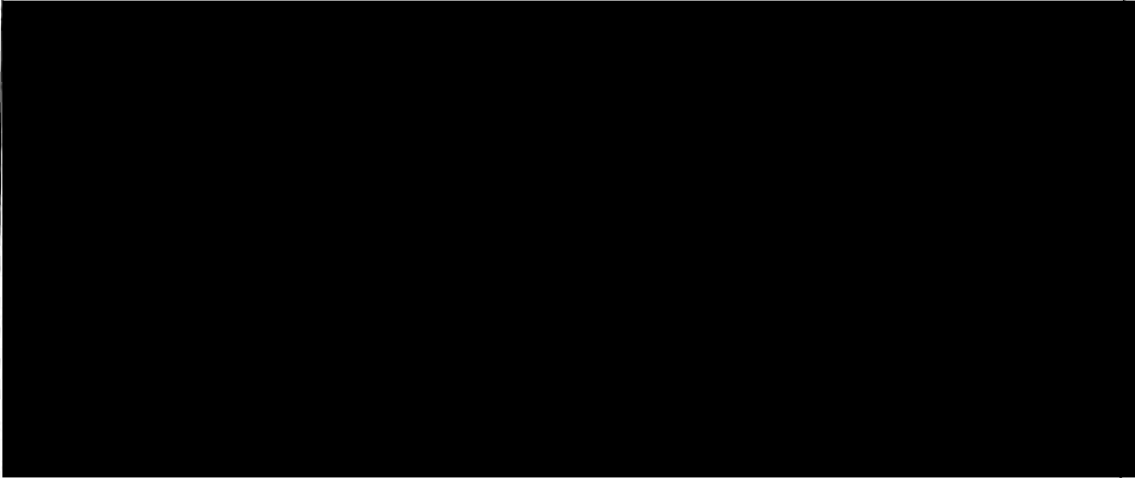
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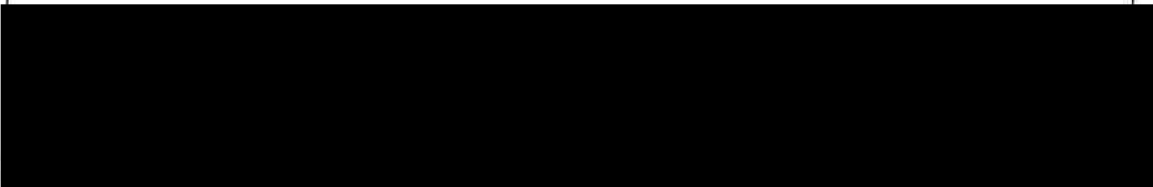
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8.3.93

'Phoned Gryffe High. Spoke with Mr Strachan. Harry had to do punishment exercise on 4th and 5th March for incident on 3rd - He is said to have broken a bottle then sprayed the contents towards other pupils, who reported incident immediately. Harry said to be still doing well in class. Any problems likely to occur in playground. Mr Strachan has also had 'phoned complaint of Harry bullying from parent, he has still to investigate this (happened on 5.3.93). Lorna appears still to be trying hard (Mr Hall, Guidance Teacher).



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16.3.93

9.3.93


Christopher said to be in bed at time of disturbance. Ann busied about during discussion, tidying up rather untidy living room. She informed S/W of plans to re-decorate. No information forthcoming re. source of funds.

John said to have been sober all weekend but to have been very short tempered and to have made up for lost time last night in the company of two friends.

10.3.93

H.V. All children seen except William, who was out visiting girlfriend at Newfield.

Living-room in process of redecoration. Harry painting and a youth and older man visiting, John (under the influence) had

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left with Scott as S/W arrived. He was going to get panelling wood from flat. S/W later queried the trust being placed in John and was informed that this was why Scott had gone with him - to ensure his return. Scott thrilled with second-hand bike given by S/W.

Ann showed S/W wallpaper for living room and informed of carpet being donated by relative for Lorna's room. S/W offered double bed donated to office this week. Ann to 'phone office for address, provisional arrangement made to uplift bed on Monday at 12 noon.

Children all o.k. Informed Harry re. good school report from Mr Strachan. Also mentioned to Ann re. contact with Hugh Smillie.

11.3.93

Scott at group. He mentioned decorating and that his mum is going to do up house and might decide to stay in B.O.W.

Earlier. 'Phoned Mr Miller re. bed being uplifted, 15.3.93 o.k. Ann did not 'phone in as arranged to confirm.

15.3.93

'Phone call from Mr Miller. Arranged to make alternative arrangement and 'phone back.

H.V. John and William at home, latter sniffing and clearly under the influence. Living-room looking well. New paper (Ann put it up) on walls and new carpet laid.

Three piece suite arriving tomorrow - Ann away to see if it can be delivered today. S/W enquired re. source of funds. Ann said to be 'paying it up'.

John unaware of any arrangements. Asked Ann to 'phone.

16.3.93 CASE NOTES READ MYRA SPEIRS SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

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BURGESS FAMILY

23.3.93

Harry and Wm stayed overnight with Billy Culzean (36), Freeland Drive, B of W last night. Mr Culzean allows local youths to frequent his home to play their computer games etc. Mr Culzean, however, is said to have had a conviction some time ago for homosexuality. S/W asked Harry if Mr Culzean had ever behaved inappropriately towards him. According to Harry, he hadn't. Ann feels, however, that Mr Culzean can't cope with the boys - indeed may be frightened by Wm.

Ann showed S/W Lorna's room which is looking very well with new carpet, bed. Other children's room upstairs also clean and tidy.

Sockets repaired but bits out of wall cased by electrician and wires uncovered. Cistern repaired but floor soaked by water allowed to run while men were working. Ann said to be contacting insurance re. this.

On return to office S/W 'phoned Community Involvement (S Webster) and informed re. Billy Culzean. He will make enquiries with John and Police.

25.3.93

H.V. to bring Wm home. Harry at home - sore throat, cough but seemed all right. Informed him that there have been too many absences recently.

1.4.93

John drinking - 6 empty cans by his side. Ann hiding her glass and bottle on S/W's arrival but she was reasonably sober - popped out during visit. Read Harry's school report - attendance 76% - but two genuine periods of illness since start of session. Behaviour acceptable in most classes but effort lacking in most classes. Harry accepted that report was not so good as last one. Encouraged him to work harder and improve attendance. Otherwise, all going reasonably well.

2.4.93 CASE NOTES READ MYRA SPEIRS SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

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5.4.93



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7.4.93

HV Ann at home with all children and William's friend, Ian Hepburn also present. Ann upstairs in bed when SW arrived. Harry went up to inform her of SW's arrival and soon returned to say SW should see her upstairs. When SW went upstairs, however, Ann was clearly taken by surprise and sent SW back down saying she would follow. When she did arrive SW could smell drink from her but she was not drunk. She had gone to bed with a sore throat which has persisted for weeks now.

She informed SW of incident last night. John had been drunk last night after a period of obstinence. According to Ann she had gone to Paisley to be out of the situation but he had continued to cause a disturbance in her absence. William was in Geilsland for his mid week overnight stay (this went well although Ann-Marie did not take him out as arranged).

John had been causing such a commotion that a neighbour across the street had come out of his home. John is said to have gone into his garden and assaulted him. The police were called and John spent the night in custody. He is said to have returned to the house this morning, shouting and accusing Ann of 'getting him lifted' [REDACTED]

After he burst the door in, Ann is said to have gone to a neighbour's home. The police were again involved but John had left before they arrived.

Ann is again talking of obtaining an Interdict against him and keeping him out of the home. The children all appeared to be in good spirits and William in particular seemed pleased with Ann's proposal to keep John out. SW encourage William to go immediately for help if John returns as the family expect him to do.

SW had difficulty discussing events with the family as a man, known to the family, arrived during the visit with a very large, german shepherd dog. This is said to be the family's new dog. SW expressed concern about the cost of feeding such a large dog but the man, who brought the dog insisted that it didn't eat a lot and would take anything. William is said to have wanted the dog although Ann herself doubts that his interest in it will last.

SW left, feeling quite concerned by a) John's recent behaviour in spite of his recent assurances that he would try to keep situations in control. b) Ann's drinking c) the arrival of a dog, which the family can ill-afford to keep and d) the disturbance in the neighbourhood which seems certain to ensure the family's eviction.

GMC/AP

20 April 1993

CASE RECORD

Burgess Family

15.04.93 Gelated School telephoned to say William had not appeared the previous evening. His mother had telephoned to say she did not know where he was. Later William telephoned to say he had the cold and would not be coming.

Home visit made by Myra Speirs. William lying on the couch watching video, not easily engaged, finally grudgingly roused himself to say he had the cold. Worker stated need to be at Geilsland and offered lift to there immediately. William claimed had doctor's appointment in early afternoon.

Situation within the home was that mother was out shopping, John was looking after the children. He presented as sober, and was able to take on board what the worker was saying about William and the school. John stated he was about to prepare lunch, he didn't know when Ann would return. Lorna was also seen but Scott and Harry were out playing. Christopher was seen.

Worker returned to office, telephoned Geilsland to inform of situation and they agreed to follow through.

21.4.93 Grace McGinty informed William had obtained a sick line which was submitted to Geilsland to where William returned on 19.4.93.

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20.4.93

Phone call to Teve, RCA re John's drinking. He is said to be making little progress. Makes arrangements re controlling drinking but does not keep to them, e.g. drinking sometimes 15 cans at a time.

Currently, John said to be trying to take only 2 cans per day instead of totally abstaining then binging.

Phoned John's Probation Officer, Irene McKechnie, Craigielea Area Centre - not available.

H.V. - not available.

H.V. - NOT IN.

H.V. Later - approx 6.45 p.m. Family argument in progress. John drunk and Ann asking him to return to Paisley. John verbally abusive to both Ann and S.W. - threatened at one point to go out and smash S.W.'s car and rose to do it before thinking better of it. When John refused to move, Ann considered going to relatives with the children and William asked to be taken back to Geilsland. With the prospect of being left on his own, John seemed to realize that it was in his own interests to settle down and he made an effort to do so. Ann and William then decided to stay. All children seen except Lorna. Informed family re Review Case Conference. Ann ^{expecting} children to stay on the Register and, therefore, not attending review.

21.4.93

Phoned Housing Department - Mr. Murray. There has been an increase in complaints during the last 3-4 weeks. In addition to John's recent assault of neighbour, William also is said to have struck someone. Housing Department awaiting case to be called to court but likely to evict thereafter, in view of steady number of complaints. S.W. enquired re accommodation for the Burgesses if they are evicted. According to Mr. M. they would have to go to Homeless Unit. They would decide whether or not to offer accommodation.

22.4.93

H.V. early re Case Conference today as in previous interview. Case Conference was said to be yesterday. Ann aware that Case Conference is today but still not coming.

Review Case Conference. See minute. Positive reports from the schools, apart from Scott bullying but Children's names retained ON THE REGISTER under physical injury.

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23.4.93

Phoned Irene McKechnie John's probation officer. Informed her of recent concerns. John has been in to see her and has informed her that Ann was also charged by the police during one of the recent incidents.

23.4.93

H.V. to inform family re outcome of Case Conference. John at home and sober. Very apologetic re his behaviour towards S.W. earlier this week. Lorna seen. Informed family of positive school reports - Harry, Lorna, Christopher, Scott not present.

28.4.93

H.V. re William. Ann is alone doing housework. Had talk with her re Scott.



Ann also concerned re children's contact with Billy Culzean (mid thirties). Billy is said to have been attacked on two occasions recently by local residents for his practice of allowing young boys into his home.

On first occasion, boys involved Ann and she phone for ambulance. He was unconscious and badly beaten up. On second occasion, recently he is said to have been cut on face by a group of men who burst into his home while Scott was there. Scott witnessed the attack and had nightmares for a few nights after the incident. He has tried to avoid discussing the subject since, although Ann appreciates that it may help him to do so.

Ann also angry with attitude of neighbours today. She has again been charged with B. of P. According to Ann, she was shouting at the dog who has run off.

30.4.93

H.V. to see younger children. All well. John absent during interview and family not forthcoming as to his whereabouts. Ann somewhat cool at start of visit. S.W. suggested to her the possibility of the family meeting with S.W. in a planned way to discuss the family's way of handling difficulties - i.e. resorting to violence. S.W. suggested it may be worth family considering other ways of dealing with difficult relationships. Ann not in favour of this - S.W. visiting only to see the children..

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Scott not around but was fetched from park. S.W. spoke with him re bullying and re his own feelings about bullies and Lorna and Harry civil but having to be drawn into conversation. Christopher fast asleep.

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7.5.93

HV John at home. Ann said to be away to Paisley with Lorna. Latter going to stay with friends in Paisley. Other children out playing, John accompanied SW to park to see them. Harry, Scott and Christopher seen at the park. Harry with James Morrison and his younger brother Willie (James previously said to be a bad influence on William). According to James he will be leaving Balrossie soon and going to college next year. Says he is doing better himself.

All well otherwise. Garden overgrown and family have no lawnmower. Can't borrow from neighbours and turned down by DSS.

11.5.93

HV approx 6.30 pm. No-one at home. Saw Lorna, Scott and Christopher in park when leaving. Allan bright and cheery, well clad, Christopher with jacket for evening coolness. Ann said to be at the 'paddy' which is at the river Gryffe, William Harry said to be about, Lorna said to have had a bad day at school other pupils calling her names eg 'nithead'. Ann said to be going to complain to school.

12.5.93

Informed SSW re last night's visit.

SW informed by I Smith, Area Manager, that neighbour has 'phoned and has appointment to see him tomorrow. [REDACTED] has mentioned that there was an incident at the Burgess home last night and this morning.

HV 12.30 - no-one at home.

HV later, Ann and John both at home with younger children. Both appeared to have been drinking but neither was drunk. Ann had grazing and cuts on her right forehead and bruising on both sides of her upper right arm. According to Ann she fell when returning from river, hitting her head on the kerb. John had come to her aid and was helping her up.

Neighbours are said to have 'phoned the police and John spent the night in the cells but was released without charge. Ann said to have returned home about 10 pm. John said to have returned from Paisley about 8-8.30 pm and to have been at home with children. Lorna at her mother's request confirmed that this was the case.

John said to have missed his appointment with probation officer today. SW enquired re possible disturbance this morning. According to John, he returned home 6.30 am this morning and there was no further incident. Harry out with friend and Wm at Geilsland this evening. During visit, SW also shown list of complaints made by housing department for court case on 5.7.93 for eviction. Ann and John will be consulting solicitor, SW concerned to see state of German Shepherd dog which had tail down and a dirty piece of towelling wrapped round an obviously painful leg, result of fight with Sparky.

13.5.93

SW informed by SSW Myra Speirs of meeting between Area Manager and Mr Scott.

Latter had alleged that Ann and John 'fell' out a taxi about 11 pm on evening of 11.5.93. Earlier that day police are said to have carried out a 'dawn raid' on the house and took John away. He returned at midday and was taken away by police again after further incident when he and Ann got out of taxi, (early morning)

Neighbours said to be under the impression that social work department is providing furniture recently acquired by Ann. Wm also said to be going off to school in taxi and returning half hour later. Wm also said to be setting his dog on young children - police have been involved.

In view of allegations, decision taken that SW will require to check out whereabouts of Ann and John in future of children apparently on their own.

SW also asked to obtain updated school reports on children.

17.5.93

HV to inform Ann and John of allegations. Lorna in the house, Scott and Christopher playing outside and Wm arrived later. Harry at friend's house.

John taking dogs out for a walk when SW arrived. Ann upset by arguments said to have been caused by Wm who had been sniffing gas.

After allowing her to talk re this, SW raised matter of [redacted] allegations (did not divulge source). Re returning home in taxi at 11 pm. Ann at first stated that a neighbour, Irene was looking after children. She became very upset, shouting at SW adopting a threatening stance and demanding that SW leave, SW remained seated and Ann stormed off upstairs. When she returned, she appeared to be making an effort to be more reasonable, complained re neighbours, gave them as cause of her own drinking.

Ann's anger flared again. She also began to deny neighbours allegations - she didn't get out of taxi. She returned from river having had a couple of cans. John already at home.

John returned at this stage and Wm returned soon after. John supportive of Ann's position and tried to calm her.

Forewarned Ann and John that if children are ever on their own again, SW will be checking out the adults whereabouts and if necessary will be making alternative arrangements for the children's care.

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Care notes read Lillian 21/5/93.

17.5.93

CASE DISCUSSED WITH SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

PRESENT SITUATION AND ISSUES RAISED

Family situation again chaotic and very difficult to check all angles. Ann recently hostile to the department, not living straight and ---- worrying children are telling lies to cover up for their parents.

However children clean, tidy, apparently well fed and suitably clad for ~~even~~ evening.

Nothing available through outward bound causes.

PLANNED WORK

1. Weekly visits to monitor situation
2. Liase with schools.
3. Liase with Craigelea re John Rogers prob suspension.

20.5.93

HV to see house. John answered the door, was drunk and refused SW access as it was late - 7.15 pm. SW was informed that she could only visit during 9 am and 5 pm.

SW had intended to visit earlier but had been unavoidably delayed and had not arranged a definite time. SW not happy about leaving Christopher out playing in the charge of John but he would not tell SW whether or not Ann was at home. Meanwhile, John seeing SW speaking with Christopher ^{called} him in. When he didn't move, John came over and picked him up. He was abusive to SW and threatened to cut her face from ear to ear if she reported back on incident. He stood close to SW and demonstrated. SW tried to speak calmly.

Ann then came out, bawling and shouting at SW complaining re coming at this time, saying she had approached a solicitor about it. She appeared to have been drinking but not to be drunk. A neighbour was outside talking to someone and became the target of Ann's abuse. She threatened to beat her up because of something she had said to William. William was by now outside and also had told Mr Scott, neighbour, also came out to his gate and asked to speak with SW.

This led to further verbal abuse being hurled at Mr Scott and SW. SW suggested to Mr S that it would only exacerbate the situation to speak with him at this time and he agreed.

When Ann had begun shouting in front of the whole neighbourhood, John appeared to realise that the situation was getting out of hand and he tried to calm Ann and encourage her back into the house. When they had gone inside, SW left - with some misgivings as William was still cycling up and down the street.

SW felt that stand by should be alerted but could not give advice re care of children 'phoned SSW M Spiers and informed. Decision taken not to contact stand by as I Smith Area Manager on holiday and unable to be consulted re question of care.

21.5.93

'Phoned Gryffe High - re Harry and Lorna. Mr Strachan sent word that Harry is causing no concerns. Lorna's guidance teacher not available.

28.5.93

SW intended visiting before 4 pm today but delayed helping another client with removal.

Met John Roger in the town. He was sober and friendly - said he and Ann had been expecting visit since last week. Scott and Christopher with John and appeared to be in good spirits.

HV later. Ann rather subdued but friendly. She was knitting during visit. Still angry re neighbours.

SW informed re contact with housing earlier this week (Ann and John 13th on waiting list for house in Ferguslie Park. Area Manager has agreed that Dept will pay outstanding arrears - £63.08 if this is only reason for delay in housing allocation). SW suggested that Ann start paying arrears. She informed SW that she has been declared bankrupt and will not have to pay the arrears, anyway.

She intends getting a letter for housing from her solicitor. In view of her intention not to pay, SW informed her of Depts' decision.

Harry seen - said to have been off school last week with asthma. Informed Ann and John, who had returned home during interview, that a week's absence should be accompanied by a medical line in future.

Lorna also seen. Seemed to be all right but some sores on her face.

William main focus of discussion during this interview - re leaving school.

SW little concerned re Mr Strachan's 'no concerns' response when Harry had been off school for a full week. Concern previously expressed re attendance.

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Ann not seen 4/6/93

31.5.93

H. Visit re Wm. Latter buzzing and causing concern. Belligerent towards SW during visit. S.W. arranged to see round house tomorrow. During discussion, Harry said to drink. When asked directly he avoided answering and left the room.

1.6.93

H.V. to see house. Everyone in good spirits. All children at home. Harry and Lorna taking rest of this week off school due to school activity week (they did not get their choice of activity), Lorna showed SW round house. All in reasonable order and a clean washing out on the line. Anne's tumble dryer broken again after she has just spent £30 getting it repaired, SW arranged to enquire if Department will help with cost of repair.

Ann also concerned re Christopher, who is said to be unwilling to share a room with Scott. Ann suspects the latter has been bullying Christopher but Scott denies it.

William in better spirits and more positive about his plans for spending his time while waiting for employment.

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3.6.93

Escorted William home from Kilmarnock Sheriff Court (Referral to Reporter after incident at Geilsland).

Views aired and situation quite calm when SW left. Ann quite clear that William must not 'buzz' at home and William accepting this. Tempers flared at times and SW very much aware of how quickly the situation can change.

4.6.93

H. Visit re William. All well. John appearing to have had a drink but relatively sober.

7.6.93

Home visit. Ann and rest of family depressed re housing situation. Another Court citation hand delivered and Ann very aware that she has nowhere for family to go. All family present.

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16.6.93

Phone call from Mr. Strachan re Harry's P.E. clothes. He will be taking P.E. studies next year and staff feel it may encourage him if he has a decent PE kit. SW arranged to request funds for this and took the opportunity to mention that Harry had been off for a week when he last reported no concerns. Not sure that Mr. S. took the point from his point of view, letter re poor attendance would go out automatically thus dealing with matter. SW explained that Harry not actually seen that week.

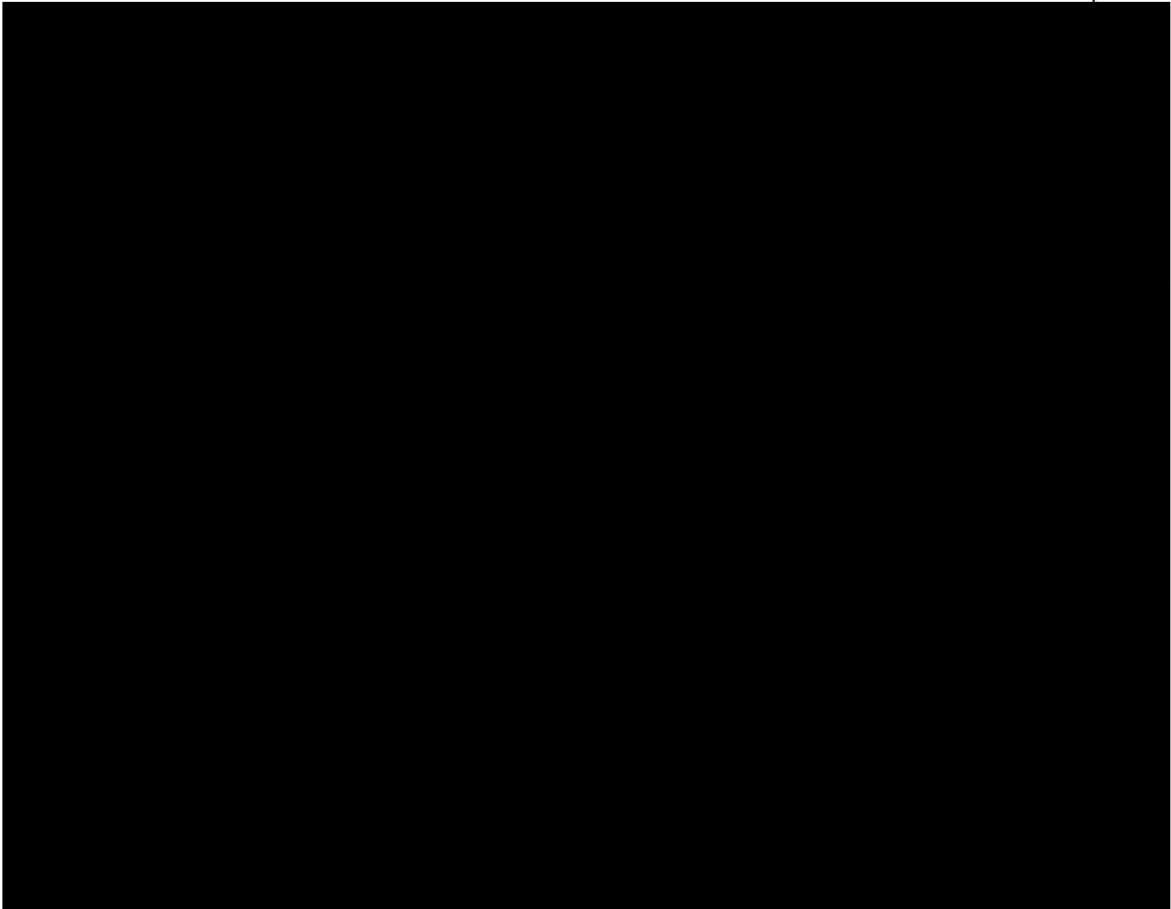
H.V. later. William out but rest of family at home. John sober. H He has seemed less drunk than usual recently. SW commented and was informed that he has changed his pattern of drinking and allows himself three cans on nights he is drinking. This is working better for him.

Harry almost caught up in a fight at school today with a view boy. He managed to keep his temper. Encouraged him to steer clear of boy meantime. (Mr. S. had mentioned incident - both boys to be interviewed tomorrow). SW raised matter of P.E. kit.

Harry feels he has a PE kit and would rather have a school uniform! He agreed that he was proud to be a member of Gryffe High School. Buttle Trust application possible source of funds and school grant doesn't cover cost. Agreed to make application for Harry and Lorna.

All well with rest of family.

CASE NOTES READ 18.6.93 M. SPEIRS.

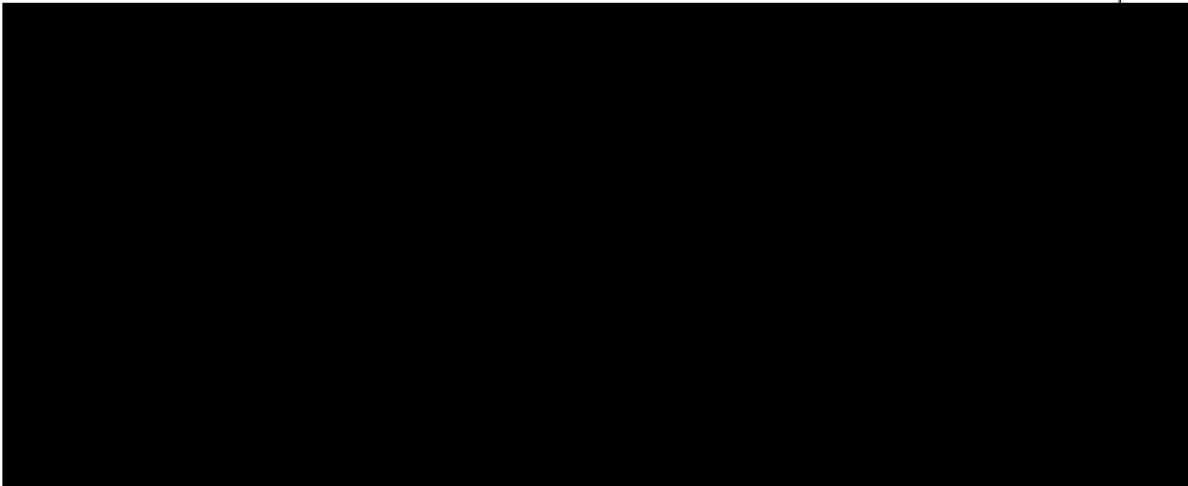


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24.6.93

H.V. William and Harry at home. John and Ann said to have gone to hospital with Christopher re lump. Asked SW to visit tomorrow.

CASE NOTES READ 25.6.93 MYRA SPEIRS.


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H.V. All family except Scott, who was out playing, seen. Discussed forthcoming court appearance (Housing). No contact from lawyer but Mrs. Burgess going to Court on 5.12.93.


All well with other children. Ann and John sober.GMcG/al
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BURGESS FAMILY

6.7.93

Home visit made, John and Anne both home with Harry, Lynda and Scott. Christopher was at the nursery and said to be doing very well. Harry told me he was fed up already with school holidays, he spends most of his time playing with the sega games and sleeping.

Scott came in from playing to be asked where he had been, he claimed up the park but Lorna was quick to tell him she had been to the park and he had not been there. Scott then admitted he had been down at the back of the park where the river runs through, having been told by his mother to remain in the street. He was then told he was grounded but within five minutes Lorna had received money to go out to the church meeting in the park and Scott also received the money and went off to the park.

Anne is concerned about her court appearances, she had one last week for abandoning her children on 14th December last year when all records show the children were home as was Anne who was in bed after a day out with her girlfriend. John was there to watch over the children. Lawyer attempting to meet with fiscal to find out what it is all about. On 13th a charge of breach of the peace will be heard which was a result of the neighbour approaching Grace McGinty to ask her to come to speak with him and Anne telling the neighbour to go inside and mind his own business. Again the lawyer is said to be dealing with the issues.

Appointment with Housing Dept. in Area Centre on 13th. Anne is still hopeful of an offer but has been told informally there are not enough five apartments left in Ferguslie. The house she wants is from the local authority not the new housing association who are seen to be too strict. Anne states she has several five apartments in mind, some of which are being used for decant at present, but will be available eventually.

8.7.93

Tel. call from RCA. On 7.7.93 Anne and John had turned up for their respective appointments for counselling but had a row in the waiting room. John was interviewed and stated he was now back in Paisley in his own flat and would be staying there. He had stated previously that he did not like children

Anne was subsequently interviewed and assured the counsellor that she was happy to see the back of John and they would simply go their separate ways. Worker said this was unlikely to remain the case for long.

Now notes written 8/7/93

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12.7.93

H.V. Discussed Housing situation. Ann did not appear in Court last week and does not know outcome. Letter received from solicitor asking her to complete legal aid forms urgently and indicating that case has been sisted meantime. Ann, however, wishing to pursue private let - flat at Broomlands Road in Paisley. She showed SW from owner requesting £400 deposit and £400 advance rent. DSS said to be prepared to pay advance rent but not deposit. Ann and John both keen to pursue this and asking if SW Dept. can help with £400 deposit. They have asked relatives - no money forthcoming yet but they still hope to get £200. S.W. not sure if Department able to help at this stage as family have not actually been evicted. Ann feeling that house will be gone by then and she may be out on the street.

S.W. arranged to discuss with Sen. and report back. Encouraged Ann meantime to keep her appt. at Ferguslie Housing (13.7.93). Ann has been informed that this likely to be a waste of time.

All children seen. Lorna temperamental, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

John had been drinking. New programme is for 6 cans every four nights. Suggested to him that he is unlikely to be responsible after 6 cans.

Phoned Mr. Paton, Housing, re last weeks court appearance. Lease continued for one week and permission granted to seek legal aid.

13.7.93

Discussed situation with sen. M. Speirs. She knows area of flat for rent. Concern that building is mainly privately owned. There may well be a recurrence of present situation.

I. Smith, Area Manager will have to make decision re deposit.

Phoned Mr. Paton, Housing re outcome of Court case. He hasn't heard anything further. H.V. to encourage Ann to continue to fight eviction and to inform re deposit etc. re private let. Ann and John insisting that they will ensure family's good behaviour in building. Flat also said to be near sister and in better area to support William re buzzing, offences than Ferguslie.

Ann does intend to fight eviction and to keep Ferguslie appt.

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Phoned Lorraine Crawford, Ferguslie Housing and discussed Burgesses situation.

CASE DISCUSSED WITH SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER 13.7.93Present Situation & Issues Raised

Family situation remains chaotic. Family back in court re decree for eviction. Lawyer neg. for time and legal aid but Ann failed to follow through in this. Will contact Housing Dept. to check the situation.

Family crisis regularly between John and Ann. Children tend to react to this and behaviour various accordingly.

Wm. doing reasonably well. Pleasant when worker visited. Scott giving concern as he seems to be hitting back at the community.

Ann asking for help toward £400 deposit on private tenancy in Broomland St. Paisley. Will discuss with A.M. on his return.

Planned Work

1. Contact Housing re court decisions.
2. Contact Area Centre.
3. Speak with A.M. on his return.
4. Weekly visit.

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26.7.93

Phoned Ferguslie Housing (041 840 2100). Spoke with Allocation Officer, Terry Bowie. Ann quite well placed for own door flat.

Terry will contact Johnstone Office tomorrow. S.W. to phone tomorrow re whether or not they will re-house family in view of current court case.

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Housing officer, Mrs Kane, visited house this morning before grass cut and before house tidied. Ann not sure re. result of inspection. Mrs K. mentioned blackened cupboard (result of fire started by Chris) Ann arranged to paint it.

Spoke with Scott and Lorna. Encouraged Scott to stay out of trouble and arranged to take him out on return from annual leave.

Took Wm out for a while - see Wm's file.

23.7.93

'Phone call to Housing, Johnstone re. housing inspection. S/W asked to contact Ferguslie Housing re. this.

'Phone Terry Bowie. House failed inspection on several counts. S/W informed re. grass now cut. Asked for more info. re. decision. Terry will 'phone Johnstone.

'Phoned later. Only other matters mentioned specifically - mural on wall and crayoning on walls, although said to have failed on several counts.

S/W enquired re. possibility of further inspection and was asked to speak with Mr Paton, Neighbourhood Manager, Johnstone re. this. It was suggested that it may be helpful if Area Manager 'phoned.

S/W discussed with I Smith, Area Manager, and he 'phoned Mr Paton. Latter agreeable to further inspection but Ferguslie must request this!

'Phone call to Terry Bowie, Ferguslie and informed. she will ask for inspection on Monday. S/W to inform Ann.

H.V. later to inform Ann of forthcoming inspection.

26.5.93 CASE NOTES READ MYRA SPEIRS SSW 

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Burgess family

29.7.93

Check visit undertaken by duty worker but could gain no access. Returned later and spoke with William who had just returned from his work. He thought his mother might not be back for another half an hour so worker left. House poor. Inspection had been undertaken on Wednesday but William did not know what had happened.

30.7.93

SSW did home visit and spoke with Ann and John. Only William and Harry were present, the younger children had just left to go to the library.

The inspection had been passed and Mr Murray from the Housing Department was due later in the day to speak with Ann.

Ann had been at the doctors on the previous day and had been held up there that was why she was later home. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Anne hopes to have completed her move to the new house by then. Arrangements for the care of the children are still that John will look after them, he feels he will manage this and Anne feels William and Harry are a good help within the house so they should manage for the two days she will be in hospital.

The younger children did not return but are said to be well. They have not been out playing too much and are quite bored, feeling they want to be back at school. Lorna and Harry have told Anne they wish to remain at Gryffe High so Anne feels she will obtain weekly bus tickets to allow them to do this, particularly as Harry is going into his exam year.

Contact made with Hugh Smiley, Christopher has been in all week other than today which was only for two hours and Anne had decided not to send him. No concerns although asking what arrangements had been made for the children when Anne goes to hospital. Information given.

M. J. [Signature]

BURGESS FAMILY

6.8.93

Home visit but only William, Harry and Scott were at home. Scott had been grounded by his mother as he had been returned home by the police following an incident of shoplifting in the local store. Scott insisted it was Christopher and his friends who had taken the stuff but Scott was being blamed and Ann was not taking a chance. William had been left in charge, when asked he said he just ignored Scott so didn't really get any hassle from him. Felt he could manage fine.

Christopher was at nursery who on contact were stating that they had no concerns. Ann had arranged to collect him today as she was attending Hospital.

William had said Ann was at hospital with John and would not be back until the afternoon. The family had not had any word from the RDC Housing but they are hoping that Grace will contact RDC next week.

Lorna was out with her friends and would not be home until teatime.

M. J. M. 6/8/93

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9.8.93

PM - 'phone call from Ann. She is in Paisley Maternity Hospital, Ward 33 and going to labour suite 2 pm. 'Phoning to enquire re children being taken in care. She and John had just had an argument and John refusing to care for children.

Discussed with Ann. During 'phone call John returned and eventually situation resolved to the extent that John agreed to collect Christopher at nursery and care for children. SW offered to approach relatives but Ann decided this not necessary. Impression gained - Ann overwrought. SW arranged to visit John tomorrow - 9.30 am re how he is managing with children.

Later 'phone message from Mrs Tobias SW RAH expressing anxiety re care of children.

Discussed situation with Area Manager before returning call. Voluntary reception into care can be offered if this seems necessary.

'Phoned Mrs Tobias she has had no direct contact with Ann but overheard her talking to staff and staff concerned. No information to indicate a change in present arrangements.

10.8.93

HV as arranged. John up. Christopher at nursery, Harry and Scott at home. All well. Ann had baby boy, John 5lb 6 oz, early evening yesterday. Everybody pleased and according to John, co-operating in Ann's absence. Lorna in bed. John said to have only had 'a couple of cans' to celebrate the baby's birth but Scott did comment that John didn't come in until 11 pm and children couldn't go to bed as he had key. SW commented that 'the cat was out the bag'. William said to be in charge. Children visiting the hospital with John today. No further word re housing but Mr Murray has been out to see Ann twice but no message left.

12.8.93

'Phoned Mr Murray. He passed house on inspection. Ferguslie dealing with case now.

'Phoned Ferguslie Housing. Ann viewing house tomorrow. She is said to have returned from hospital yesterday.

13.8.93

'Phone call received from Mr Murray. Incident in cul-de-sac last night. Ann, John and some of children charged! According to Mr M this could jeopardise their move.

HV all family at home, Ann and John have visited house in Ferguslie, are pleased with it and have boys. House said to be very near Ann's sister. SW raised matter of incident yesterday.

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Lorna said to have been involved in fight with another girl in cul-de-sac. Ann in neighbour, Susan McLeod's home. Another neighbour, Betty Cameron (neighbour shouted at by Ann in street in SW's presence recently) said to have accused Ann of as usual, going off and leaving her children unattended. Ann was angry, began physically fighting with Betty. John said to have gone over to house try to intervene. Susan's husband arrived and became involved with John, William and Harry also involved. Police called afterwards by neighbours and the four members of the Burgess family were charged. According to Ann and John, police were not interested in their side of the story. SW encouraged family not to become involved with neighbours during next few days.

Scott said to have been charged with theft from shop, two weeks ago. Friend caught with something up his jumper and told shop keeper re Scott having battery in his pocket from another shop.

Battery was for friend's toy. Talked with Scott and arranged to take him out after family's removal.

Ann has bought pram from neighbour - £50 to be paid out her IS on Monday. Children all have their school clothes except Harry who needs trainers and a schoolbag. SW had requested money from Buttle Trust but latter intending to request report from school with resultant delay. Arranged to request grant from this dept to assist in view of expenses for family at this time. Christopher very attention seeking but said to be getting more attention than usual.

17.8.93

SW not back in office until today - family's removal date. Requested grant, turned down but £22 charity money (Gazette and Cash for Kids) given, FOR TRAINERS FOR HARRY

Later, delivered cash while out with another client. Family had just moved in to 86 Ferguslie Park Crescent, downstairs 4 in a block flat. Some of bedrooms in good decorative order and some good carpeting left. House itself appeared in good condition.

18.8.93

'Phone call from Gryffe High 10.45 am enquiring re situation. Informed that Lorna is attending Castlehead School from today and Harry should be at Gryffe High.

18.8.93

HV to take Scott out. Scott good company and saying all the right things re recent offences - said he is going to keep out of trouble at Ferguslie but on return home SW learned that he had been annoying girls in the area, calling them cows, tarts (what he has heard at home?).

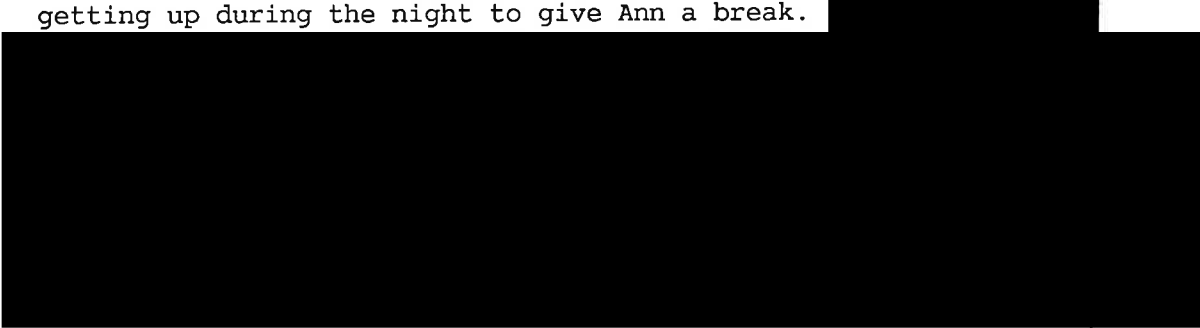
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Scott went out to play but was soon in crying because a girl's big brother had 'battered him'. Both Harry and Ann rushed straight out in a temper, Harry hitting Scott for not hitting back before he went. It was perhaps coincidence but he had told Scott to hit back if anyone hit him before Scott went out and when Ann returned she had been informed that Harry had told the boy to hit Scott.

Family in general very titch (reaaction to recent events) except for John, who was sober and in very sensible mood. He had tried to stop Ann and Harry rushing out. John showing off his son to everyone. Moses basket placed beside his chair and he has been getting up during the night to give Ann a break.



Encouraged all to continue to give Christopher as much time as possible. Ann agreed that older boys have little time for Christopher just now and Harry in particular is enjoying new arrival. Latter was in school today - very touchy when asked.

Ann also annoyed that although she still has keys for house at B of W due to be handed in on 21.8.93 - doors have been padlocked. She had intended collecting her mail for next few days. SW suggested she could seek access but she did not wish to pursue this.

19.8.93

'Phone call from Ann. Decision re request for grant for removal has been sent out by DSS to B of W. They would not discuss with her. Said she must have letter. Ann going to lawyer's appointment. SW arranged to 'phone housing and Ann to 'phone back later.

'Phoned housing. House said to be insecure on Tuesday night. Wm said to have gone in window and this was reason for securing it. Mr Murray agreed to go out to house to collect mail but later reported that there was no mail there. Meanwhile, Ann didn't 'phone back.

20.8.93

'Phone call from Mr Strachan, Guidance Teacher, re Harry. Informed him re Harry's wish to remain at Gryffe High and of SW intention to request bus pass. Informed him re contact with Buttle Trust re PE Kit.

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Leave notes read  20/8/93

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'Phone contact with IT groupworker, Guy Cochrane, 'Ferguslie. Arrangements made for Scott to join primary group in his new area.

26.8.93

Home visit. All family at home. Scott, Lorna out playing. Ann sister May?, arrived during visit and Christopers playing indoors with one of her children, who was about his own age seemed to be quite happy.

Baby John crying when not being nursed. John still getting up to attend to him during the night. John was having a can of beer during visit but was quite sober and says he can't drink a lot and get up to attend to baby.

Focus of discussion mainly on William - concerns re work, behaviour and his spending of money and Scott - 2 charges Scott said to have settled down in general and now in Craigielea Primary. No problems so far.

Lorna liking Castlehead and Harry happy to remain in Gryffe. He has been given PE shirt by school. Mother to pay £13.

2.9.93

CASE DISCUSSED WITH SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

PRESENT SITUATION AND ISSUES RAISED

Now settled in Ferguslie but the same problems arising. RSS again involved through adults arguing and fighting. Situation is therefore the same for Anne who is apprehensive that she will again become isolated in the community.

HARRY - attending Gryffe and still settled.

JOHN - Seems to be thriving - gets lots of attention from other children.

PLANNED WORK

1. Weekly contact at family home.
2. Report on Scott.

GMcG/AP
2 September 1992

1.9.93

Phone call from Eleanor McPhail, SSW, Craigielea re contents of standby referral dated 31.8.93, regarding incidents at the Burgess household.

Later received phone call from SW, Craigielea, who reported noisy arguments each night and of one evening in particular when Ann ran out of the house, holding baby seemingly as safeguard. John is said to have knocked her to the ground and dragged her along. Neighbour went out but couple then went indoors.

1.9.93

H.V. John and Ann putting pictures up in living room and have been doing some decorating. John appeared to have had something to drink but reasonably sober. No obvious smell of drink but Ann also appeared to be under the influence of something - too relaxed. Wm. has suggested that his mother uses drugs - hash - on more than one occasion. SW wondered if she had had anything today.

Discussed recent standby referral and referral from social work client in Ferguslie.

According to Ann and John last Saturday night Ann had been taking John Jr. with her when going to visit her sister. It was about 8 p.m. and John felt it was too late for the baby to be out. He shouted to Ann to bring him into the house and according to both, she returned. Both denied any fighting.

Both also denied allegations that the children had been seen running out of the house.

Re stand by referral - John said to have been out with 2 friends/relatives on 30.8.93 as arranged. He had intended to drink and to stay in his flat overnight but forgot his key. He had returned home about 11 p.m. when Ann was in bed. She was annoyed at being wakened, shouted a bit, then gave him the key.

Ann and John became defensive and complaining re being watched again by neighbours. SW reminded them of their hopes when they moved to this area and that it would be up to them what kind of reputation they gained now.

PROGRESS NOTES

All children seen during visit. Lorna nursing baby. She finds children in the area very cheeky and quick to use bad language and is not altogether settled. Harry doing OK. Ann enquired re bus pass - no word from Ed. Dept as yet.

Scott said to be fighting a lot. He was involved in fight today - said he was protecting cousin. Ann pointed out that cousin has lived here all her life and doesn't need protecting. Scott seemed reasonably happy - otherwise - settled in his new school, going swimming tomorrow. Informed him that I.T. Worker to visit next week re group.

Lorna note read 3/9/93 M. Klein

7.9.93

Phone call from Terry Bowie, Ferguslie Housing re family. Letters received from several neighbours re arguments between Ann and John, two recent incidents, and stating that John is drinking every night.

Housing Dept. can still evict on original grounds. Council not proceeding with Court action meantime but will do so in the event of any further incidents. Couple will be informed in writing. Terry sympathetic but council will have to act if written complaints from neighbours continue. Of particular concern are claims that the children are running out of the house semi clad.

GMcG/al
8 September 1993

Lorna note read. 8/9/93

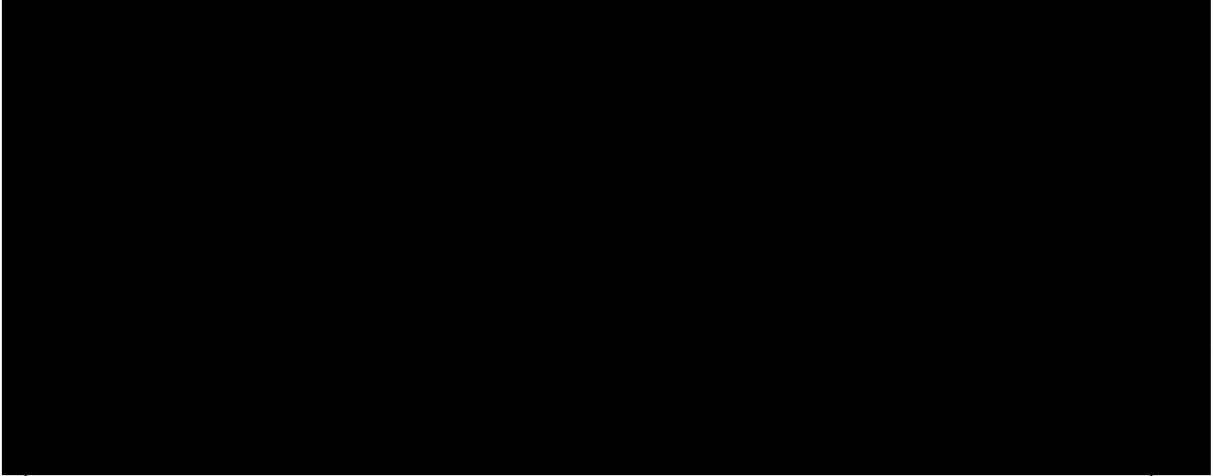
PROGRESS NOTES

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9.9.93

H.V. All family members at home.

Informed Ann and John re contact from Housing. They have had visit from Housing Officer, who will be visiting again on 11 September 1993. John volunteered that he had again gone out drinking on Monday night and forgotten the key to his flat. He had again wakened Ann about midnight, had a verbal slanging match, then left.



SW informed family that request for Harry's bus pass was refused. Harry himself busy doing homework.

House appeared clean and tidy - doors to bedrooms open and all in good order.

John, Jnr. lying contentedly on floor and clearly gaining weight.

13.9.93

Phoned H.V. Betty Wilson, Glenburn Clinic: 041 884 3221. Betty has not yet seen family - has been putting notes through wrong door. Informed her that all seems well at present but that children on Children Protection Register and gave her a little of background re violence. She will visit again today.

GMcG/al
15 September 1993

[REDACTED]

16.9.93

HV all family members seen. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Christopher received no sympathy from Harry, who shouted at him for crying and pushed him roughly out of the way. Ann did turn the TV off to show her annoyance at Harry.

All reasonably well otherwise. House in good order - family still awaiting visit from Housing Officer. Family now getting on better with neighbours in general but upstairs neighbour still complaining. Ann intending to complain in turn. No incidents this week.

Scott starting Paisley Group next week. Informed him re good report received from headteacher, Ann also reassured by this. SW to enquire re local community groups for Scott.

John continuing to share getting up to feed John jnr with Ann and still the proud father.

GMCG/AP

21st September 1993

For K. G. + Ann.

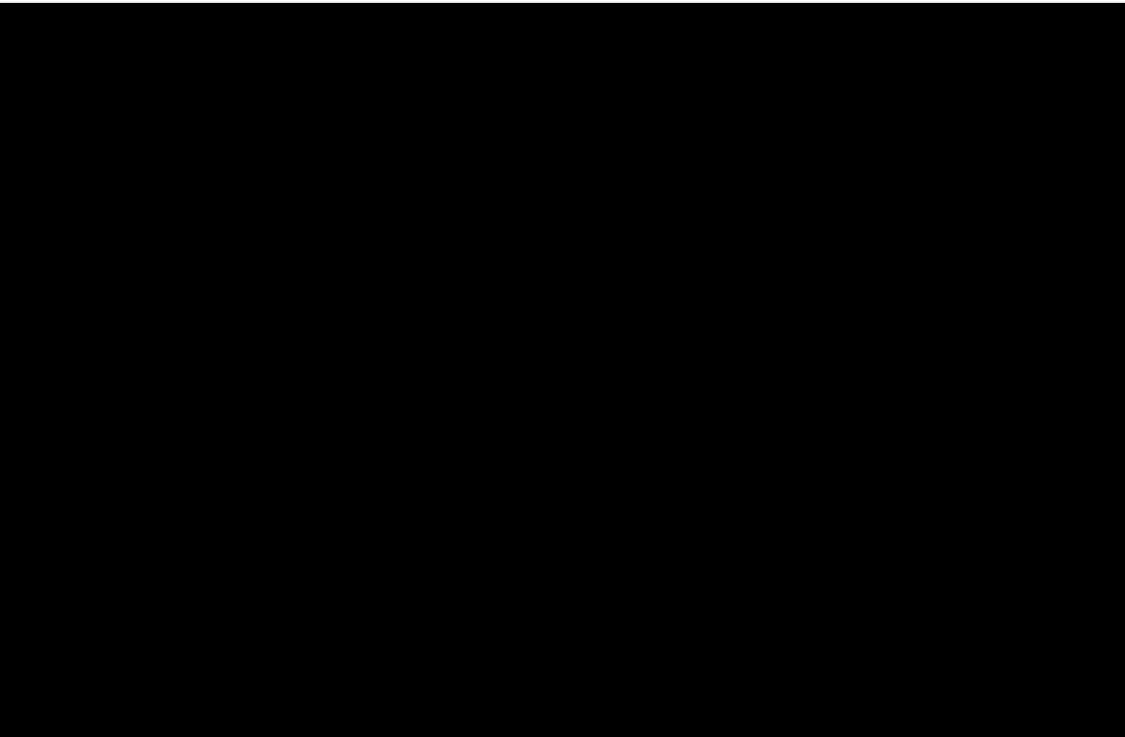
PROGRESS NOTES - BURGESS FAMILY

23.9.93

'Phone call to Guy Cochrane IT Worker, Craigielea re interests in community for Scott.

Activities available locally. Guy will make enquiries and inform Scott and Ann directly.

HV all quiet Ann and Harry both independently attributed this to John not drinking. Latter is hard up rent and council tax arrears. Discussed importance of John keeping flat. During visit, John laughing and joking with Ann and Harry, John jnr contented. Encouraged John to consider this as more desirable than sit when he is drinking - John did not look entirely convinced (feeling poorly when off drink).



30.9.93

HV All family at home except William. John still sober - said to have had 2 cans only since last visit. He is on medication from GP to help.

Main concern Wm who has been put out of the house due to sniffing in house and later breaking windows at weekend.

Lorna - more settled this week. SW has no work re group due to stat holiday and day course since last visit. Ann encouraging Lorna to join school activities but latter not interested.

Harry grounded for theft of neighbour's bike with Wm (each says the other took it but both were riding on it).



Case notes read Iain Smith - Area Manager.

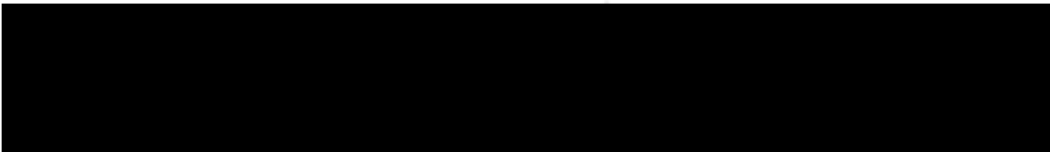
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SW intended to visit faily but delayed at office and therefore decided to visit tomorrow.

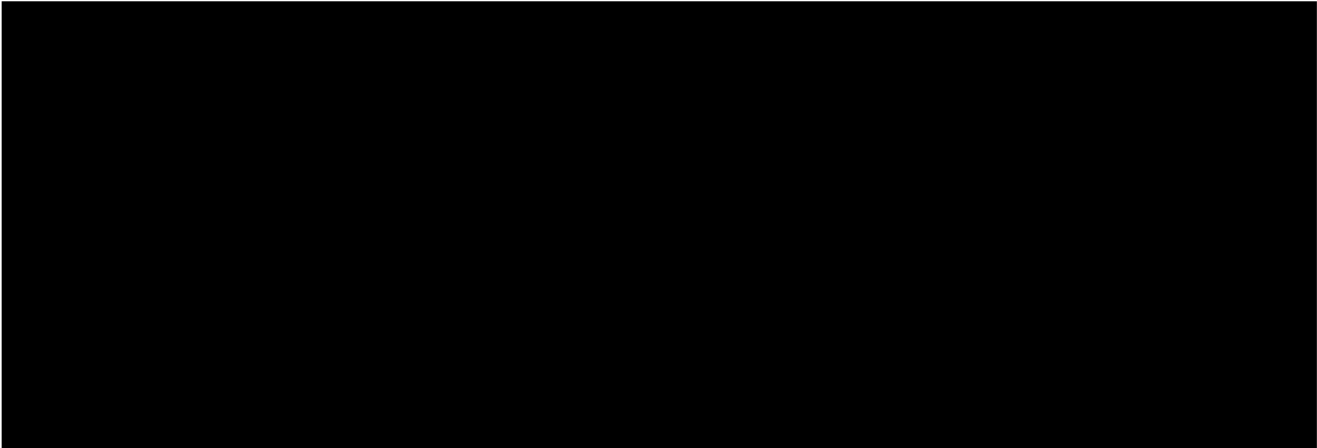
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'Phone call from Ann to enquire if SW visiting today. Concerns re Wm.

HV all family at home. John conspicuously not speaking - generally he is chatty. Most of discussion concerend Wm - see his file - and Ann's decision not to allow him to return home.



Harry - said to be causing no problems since bike incident. Not out a lot, siad to be working quite hard on homework.



Family life said to be much more settled when Wm is not around.

John jnr being nursed to sleep by Ann. Well cared for.

11.10.93

Review case conference - 25.10.93 - 2 pm.

Gave brief background and informed Mr D re Review Case Con.

GMcG/AP
18th October 1993



18/10/93

13.10.93

Phone call from Eleanor McPhail S.S.W. Standby Referral received. Phone call received from John Rodger, drunk, alleging that "SHE'S DRUNK" and requesting that his son be removed. Caller then hung up. M. Speirs, S.S.W., met with Eleanor McPhail re. transfer of case.

14.10.93

Phone call from Catherine Quinn from Home/School/Employment Project at Castlehead. She will be visiting Burgess family and maintaining contact with Lorna and Scott. S.W. gave brief background info. Catherine Quinn's tel. no. - 041 848 0639.

Harry, Lorna and Chris all well. Family said to be more settled in William's absence.

S.W. on annual leave during week of 18.10.93 - 22.10.93. Two home visits made by S.S.W. - No reply. Due to acute staff shortages and school holidays, Senior unable to follow up further.

26.10.93

Home Visit - no reply. S.W. sure that someone was in (saw shadow of someone on two occasions looking out the window).

27.10.93

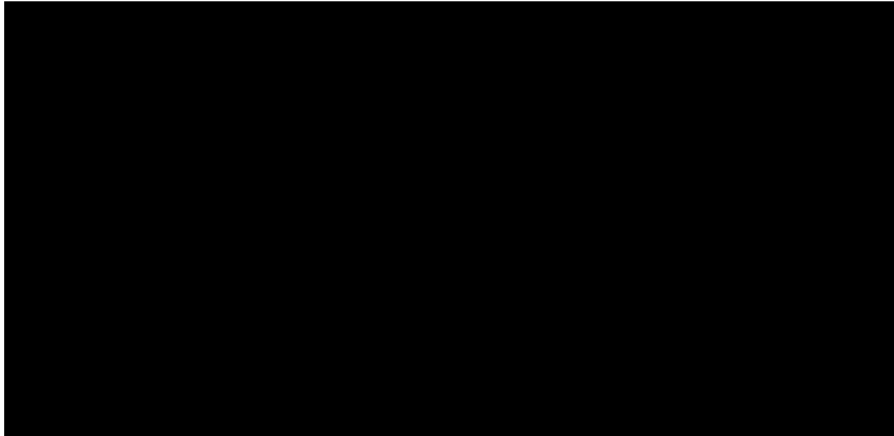
Home visit - All the family at home except Scott. Ann was aware of S.W. visit last night but said she was out.

Ann and John not attending Case Conference tomorrow. Ann in Court for trial re. incident almost a year ago.

Ann volunteered that John was drunk at weekend and was shouting outside, causing a disturbance. John admitted to going on a "bender" and stated that he is going to attend the A.P.C. Clinic at Dykebar and use anti-buse tablets to keep him off the drink.

It appears that Ann has given him an ultimatum. *John & Ann were both due to appear in District Court on 25/10/93 re B&P charges. Ann fined £40, John turned up, drunk!! and case could not be heard. Ann paying fine of £5 per wk.*
S.W. praised Harry re. recent school report and he seemed pleased. He managed to pass recent Modern Studies assessment.

27.10.93 Cont.



Both Ann and John upset because health visitor had called in to see John jr. mentioning that she had to provide a report for S.W. latter assured Ann and John that this was not the case and thought that visit may be in connection with Case Conference tomorrow. Both Ann and John also unhappy that children's names likely to remain on the register. Arranged to phone Ann with result of Case Conference.

28.10.93

Phone call from Mr. Strachan, Gryffe High. All well with Harry but he had a week off school just prior to October holiday. No mention of this by family to S.W. last night. Harry's asthma said to be part of the problem in note from Ann.

Phone call also received from Headteacher, Craigielea Primary. Scott O.K. apart from recent theft which Head Teacher has dealt with informally.

Phoned Ferguslie park Area Housing Dpt. Spoke to Mrs. Robertson who has received letter of complaint from neighbour re. Burgess family. Police said to have been called at midnight on Saturday night. John had left before they arrived but was back again at 4 a.m. causing a disturbance in the neighbourhood. Mrs. Robertson also reported that re. the much earlier incident of John fighting with Ann in the garden when she had the baby, a delegation of neighbours had come to report that Ann was shielding herself with the baby. Mrs. Robertson has warned Ann in writing that her tenancy is at risk.

28.10.93 Case Conference

William's name taken off the register.

Harry, Scott, Lorna, Christopher names remain on the register.
Category - Physical Injury.

John jr.'s name added to the register - Physical injury.
Reporter to be notified re. addition of John jr.'s name to the register.

S.W. decided not to phone Ann re. news as she is likely to be very unhappy re. John jr.'s name on register. Decided to pay home visit to inform.

29.10.93

Home visit - no reply.

30.10.93

Saturday morning. Decided that it would be better to phone rather than leave info. until next week. Phoned Ann. Learned from B.T. that phone is in John's name (041 889 9068) Ann accepted well the news of the other children's names being on the register but "blew up" at mention of John jr.'s name being put on register. She shouted to John who came to phone, hurled abuse at S.W. and hung up. S.W. phoned back but made no progress. Phone again hung up by John.

1.11.93

Phoned Ann. Latter stil angry - not willing to meet with S.W. or be introduced to worker from Craigielea. Ann said to have consulted solicitor and asked for Case Conference Minutes.

S.W. phoned back soon after and pointed out that children stil subjects of Supervision Orders and that there is a legal requirement for family to co-operate with S.W. Dept. Also pointed out benefits of S.W. support at this stressful time of year for family.

Ann eventually agreeable to meeting with Social Workers on 4.11.93 at 12.30 p.m.

Later spoke to Area Manager. Minutes available to Ann after any corrections i.e. approx. 2 weeks time.

GMCG/EMS
5th November 1993

La 18/2/94

BURGESS FAMILY

4.11.93

H.V. to introduce new S/W, May Hughes. Ann on her own. John said to be in bedroom with John jnr but not willing to let S/W's see the baby.

Introductions went well and informed Ann of decisions of Case Conference and that she can have a copy of minutes after corrections in about 2 weeks' time.

Both workers tried to re-assure Ann that John's name being on register had nothing to do with how he was physically cared for on a day-to-day basis.

S/W arranged to visit family later to see children.

Visited later. All children seen. All well. Harry wearing new trainers said to have been bought by Wm and Scott has new fishing rod from same source. Wm now back in the family home.

S/W arranged to request Sec. 12 payment for P.E. top for Harry. School provided this at start of term and are awaiting payment.

5.11.93

Sec 12 payment of £9.99p granted. Cheque will be sent to Gryffe High School.

GMCG/CC
8.11.93

MRS. ANNE BURGESS 14 SOUTHVIEW CRESCENT BRIDGE OF WEIR

This family was housed into 14 Southview Crescent Bridge of Weir 14.5.88 Self, and four children from 15 Iona Drive Glenburn on a Priority Group 3 (medical) Edward Graham common in law husband moved in March '89 Left March '90 approx.

COMPLAINTS:-

SHOUTING, FOUL LANGUAGE, VANDILISING TERRORISING NEIGHBOURS TRES. PASSING

INVENTORY OF CORRESPONDENCE

04.09.91	Behaviour of family and callers to house.
05.09.91	Mr. Murray visited re letters position explained to Mrs. Burgess
14.10.91	Letter received re anti social behaviour intimidation and harassment POLICE CALLED Tyres slashed foul language.
05.10.91	Letter received re verbal abuse inside and outside house comings and goings of teenage children house being used like a refuge - periodic changing of men friends, theft of milk from round about neighbours door steps
07.10.91	Complaining re the coming and going of people and the noise level
08.10.91	Trespassing through neighbours garden causing damage to trees and fencing ringing of door bells by Burgess family
10.10.91	Callers at Burgess causing disturbance abusive language at all hours POLICE CALLED 3 TIMES.
11.10.91	callers causing problems family disturbances
11.10.91	verbal warning issued
16.10.91	Stones being thrown garden flowers being vandalised when Mrs. Burgess approached all neighbours get is abusive language
16.10.91	Stone throwing and abusive language
23.10.91	Chapping of doors by Burgess children requesting money trespassing abusive language
30.10.91	Trespassing, foul language
11.11.91	Burgess family verbally warned
12.11.91	Councillor Watson re numerous complaints he has received
18.11.91	Setting fire to garden - fire brigade called - foul language illegal lodger causing trouble at present awaiting trial for a stabbing incident
29.11.91	throwing of stones, eggs being thrown at neighbours door, fires being lit at neighbours door Burgess boys

CONTD.

29.11.91 PUTTING LIT PAPERS THROUGH LETTER BOX.

30.11.91 Rubbish being dumped by Burgess family unbagged at side of house causing a possible health hazard - verbal abuse to neighbours by self and family

03.12.91 Mr. Murray visited along with Mr. Paton - A Baby sitter was asleep on settee house littered with broken glass, an electric fire being used with bare wires showing dangerous items lying about, hole in bedroom ceiling son stated he caused damage repairing his motor cycle in attic, Urine smell front bedroom burnt debris graffiti on outside wall Young child running about no shoes

05.12.91 Items being thrown at neighbours property illegal lodger returned, number of callers, lit papers at neighbours door

10.12.91 complaints re condition the Burges are keeping their home and property, illegal lodger, number of callers, lit paper at neighbours door. Graffiti on building, breaking of street lights.

16.12.91 constant harassment by children on neighbours property

17.12.91 Mr. Murray visited accom. by Mr. Paton and Mrs. McGinty re findings at previous visit - children now in care

26.05.92 Mr. Murray called arranged visit House improved

16.06.92 Illegal lodger, anti social behaviour of lodger and Mrs. Burgess, threats to neighbour by family

17.06.92 Mr. Murray visited warned re above housing application updated

18.06.92 threats with weapons to neighbours, under age drinking, intoxicating behaviour of Mrs. Burgess and John Rodgers, Burgess family seen drinking in the street

18.06.92 drunken condition of Mrs. Burgess and lodger also unrestrained dog attacking and causing a nuisance

20.06.92 complaint re on goings at 14 Southview Crescent, threats, fear to go out in case meeting with the Burgess

22.06.92 Dr McLaren on behalf of several patients concerning the stress the Burgess family were putting them under

22.06.92 Foul language, loud music 2 - 5 O'clock a.m. urinating outside of house trees passing, threats. POLICE CALLED

22.06.92 NEIGHBOURS 6 children frightened to go school because of threats by the Burgess family, threats with weapons, also threatening to burn certain houses down.

23.06.92 Incident 14.06.92 approx 8.p.m. children playing

23.06.92 contd. when child assaulted by two of the Burges boys metal bars were used children fright. to go to school as they were threat.

24.06.92 Unrestrained dog causing a nuisance

01.07.92 Fight in Burgess house Burgess childrencrying outside for police as their mother was being battered by John Rodgers front door glas smashed POLICE CALLED

02.07.92 Violence Drinking and general noise

03.07.92 Tres passing vandilism knocking of doors and ringing of door bells

08.07.92 Intoxicated behaviour, abusive language, threats, John Rodgers removed to hospital on his return a major fight broke out in the house

09.07.92 Mr. Murray Visited verbal warning issued

10.07.92 tres passing under age drinking sniffing glue

14.07.92 Written warning issued Police report requested

24.07.92 Police report returned

24.07.92 Mrs. Burgess claims the harrassment is being put on her family.

29.0792 trespassing, abusive language rude signs

04.08.92 tres passing abusive language slings being used POLICE CALLED

06.08.92 Mr. Murray called re above

24.09.92 Mr. Murray called advised her re her housing application and Medical application

20.10.92 complaining re lack of action being taken considering what the neighbourhood is having to put up with

01.11.92 tres passing through neighbours gardens

02.11.92 Interview at neighbourhood office with a family claiming : to be the subject of constant harassment by the Burgess family.

02.11.92 tres passing and distruction to neighbours premises

03.11.92 letter received from Mrs. Burgess requesting relativein need. points for Paisley

04.11.92 threats to neighbours family POLICE CALLED 3.11.92

09.11.92 Mr. Murray visited deny tres passing since new fence errected claims other residents use paths

10.11.92 Final written warning issued.

12.11.92 letters received complaining about mis use of new fence

16.11.92 Two letter from T. Graham M.P. from residents complaining

16.11.92 contd. Two letters from T.Graham M.P. from residents complaining and confirming all the on going problems being experienced by the residents living in the surrounding area to the Burgess family

16.11.92 Mrs. Burgess phoned Mr. Paton re final letter
Mr. Paton explained re conditions Mrs. Burgess would not accept that she was responsible for her childrens BEHAVIOUR or that of her CALLERS complained about the condition of a neighbours fence as she was worried re either her youngest son being injured firstly the fence is a trellis fence and secondly the child should not be in her neighbours garden.

Letter received from Councillor MacLaren concerning the on going problems of the Burges Family as his surgery is continually being consulted by people complaining re the family.

13.12.92 Letter received re the new fence being vandalised by William Burgess

15.12.92 Phone call re two incidents involving Police
Mrs. Burgess put John Rodgers out but confirmed that she would take him back next day Police called 5.p.m. and 9 p.m.
Social Worker in attendance.

Your Ref:

My Ref: AP/AW

Contact: Mr Paton

Tel: 0505 21666

Fax: 15th Decemeber 1992



Renfrew
DISTRICT COUNCIL

*Johnstone Landward
Neighbourhood Office*

Mr Ian Smith
Manager
Social Work Department
Laighcartside Street
Johnstone

Dear Mr Smith

Ms A Burgess, 14 Southview Crescent, Bridge of Weir

The above named family are continuing to be a problem, despite receiving a final written warning. Before I instigate legal action against this tenant, I feel we should have a meeting to discuss the case in full, as there are young children involved. I have written to the Police Department with times and dates of incidents asking them to confirm in detail their findings.

I would suggest Thursday 17th December 1992 at 2pm, if this time and date is not suitable, please advise a new time and date. I will be unavailable from Tuesday 22nd December until 29th December 1992.

Yours sincerely



Allan Paton
Neighbourhood Housing Manager

RECEIVED
13 DEC 1992
Family line to G. McCarty
STANDARD AREA OFFICE



GMcG/SC

16 November 1992

Mrs McGinty

Mrs C Barron
9 The Esplanade
GREENOCK

Dear Mrs Barron

Re Burgess Family, 14 Southview Crescent, Bridge of Weir

The above family have been known to Social Work Department for some years. The mother Mrs ann Burgess, is a single parent with five children, William (15), Harry (13), Lorna (12), Scott (10) and Christopher (3). The children are at present subject of supervision requirement orders.

They were in care (neglect) last Christmas and since their return home Mrs Burgess has worked hard to maintain better standards in the home. However, recently Christopher got a hold of some matches and burned down a cupboard containing clothes for Harry, Scott and Christopher.

The children, particularly the boys, are sore on clothes and this request is to assist Mrs Burgess with the cost of warm clothing and footwear for the children. A grant of £200 is requested from Children in Need. I do hope you are able to help.

Yours sincerely

Grace McGinty
Social Worker

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

RENFREW DISTRICT

Date Of Hearing

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Outcome

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REPORT TO CHILDREN'S HEARING

BURGESS
 Name William, Scott, Harry, Lorna, Christopher Date Of Birth 19-9-77, 23-6-83
 25-9-80. 4-5-89
 Address 14 Southview Crescent, B.O.W. School Attended Wm. - Kibble School...
 Wm. - Kibble School, Paisley Harry - Gryffe High
 Religion Lorna
 Scott -B.O.W Primary
 Christopher -H,S,N

Grounds Of Referral:

In need of care and protection

Basis Of Report:

Departmental records. The Social worker has also had regular ongoing contact with the family since October 1992.

Family Details:

Name	Age	Relationship	Employment/School Other	Income and Source
Ann Burgess	31yrs	Mother	Housewife	I S
William Burgess	15yrs	Son	in Kibble School	
Harry Burgess	13yrs	Son	At school	
Lorna Burgess	12yrs	Daughter	At school	
Christopher Graham	3yrs	Son	Attends Nursery 4 days.	

Contact With Other Agencies:

Kibble, Gryffe High, Bridge of Weir Primary, Health Visitor, Police,
 R.D.C. Housing Dept.

Report Compiled By:

Grace McGinty

Date Completed:

3rd December 1992

FAMILY BACKGROUND

The mother Ann Burgess (31yrs) originates from the Paisley area. Her father died when she was 3 years old. Her mother soon met and later married someone else. Mrs Burgess is the fourth of seven children in the family. Her step father worked and Ann is said to have got on well with him but her mother was an alcoholic. The children were often locked out when she was drinking and had to fend for themselves. She died more than a year ago. Mrs Burgess still keeps in regular contact with two sisters in Paisley.

[REDACTED] Some time later she married Harry Burgess, who is the father of Harry, Lorna and Scott. Mr Burgess was involved in the Territorial Army and was described as being strict and fairly physically punitive with the children. The marriage was fairly stable for a time but stormy. Mrs Burgess shouts a lot and Mr Burgess is said to have been violent towards his wife at times. The two parted on several occasions before their final separation in 1987. Mr Burgess now has another family and does not keep contact with his children. The paternal grand mother has tried to maintain some limited contact with them.

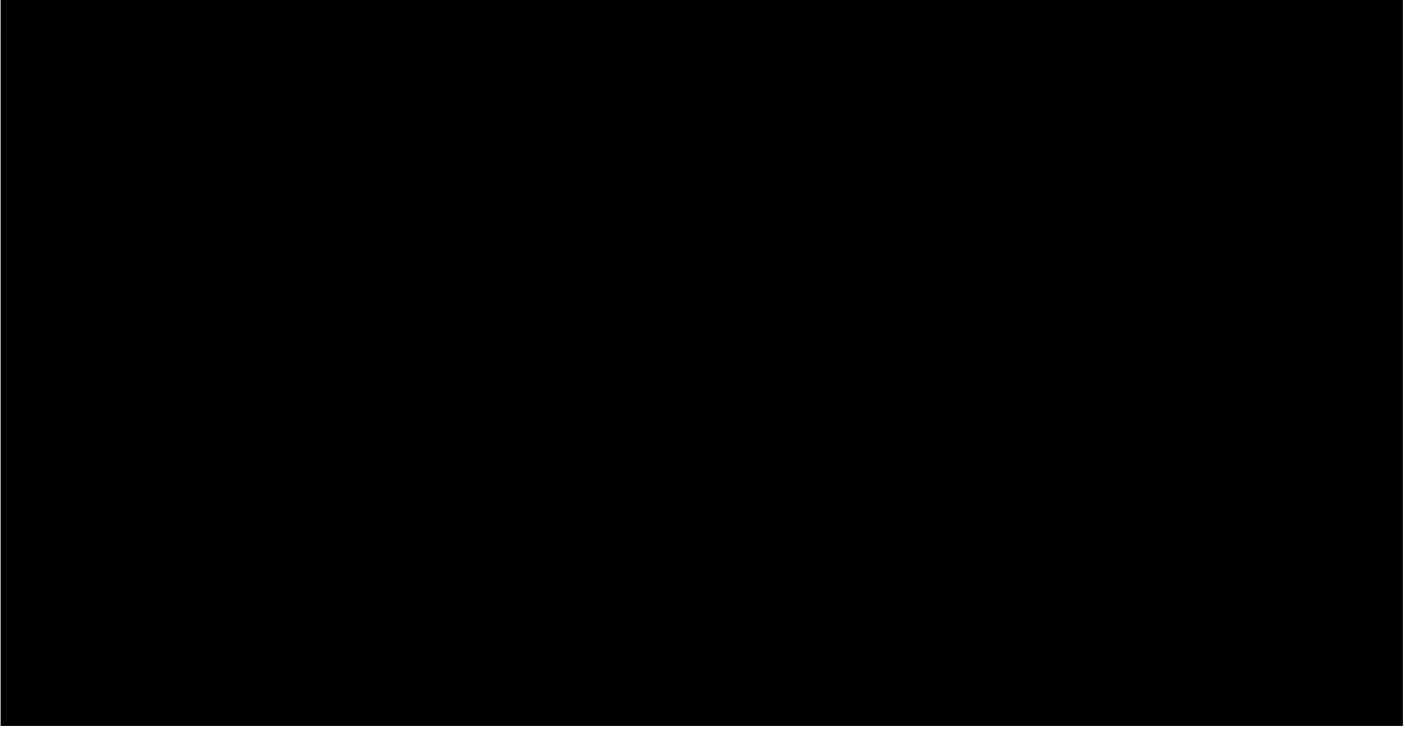
From 1988-1990 Mrs Burgess had a relationship with Eddie Graham, the father of Christopher. He was a heavy drinker, often leaving the family destitute stealing from the home. Again, there was violence between the partners before his final departure. Mrs Burgess has been with her present partner Mr John Rodger since August, 1991. He also is a heavy drinker. He was in employment when the couple first met but has been unemployed during this year. In February Mr Rodger's father died and since then his drinking has increased with detrimental effects on the family. He is presently unfit for work due to injuries he sustained from falling being attacked when drunk. Mr Rodger has volunteered little background information to the writer. He retains his own council flat at 16 Sandhole Street, Paisley. When supplying information for a recent background report to a social worker from that area he gave a picture of a secure stable home background. He had also asked the writer not to divulge any information about his connection with the Burgess family. This rosy picture seems a little at odds with his recent assertion during interview that there was a murder and an attempted murder in his home.

He has volunteered that his father was a heavy drinker and that he himself has been drinking since age 11 years. He has several previous offences for Breach of the Peace with one 7 year sentence for attempted murder. Following his recent court appearance he was placed on 1 years Probation.

Mr Rodger can present as a sensible, supportive person when sober.

Mrs Burgess is a reasonably capable housewife and mother but, perhaps due to her own upbringing, she appears to lack the personal resources to cope on her own with a large family and seek the support of a partner. Her own low self esteem leads her to accept abusive treatment from her partner.

All the children were in care from the period 16-12-91 - 31-4-92 because of physical neglect. Mr Rodgers was living in Paisley then and Mrs Burgess was leaving the children in the care of an unsuitable 17 year old for lengthy periods most days while she went off to Paisley. The condition of the house was described as filthy. Since the children's return home, Mrs Burgess has worked hard, at times with the support of Mr Rodger, to provide reasonable standards of physical care and seldom uses babysitters.

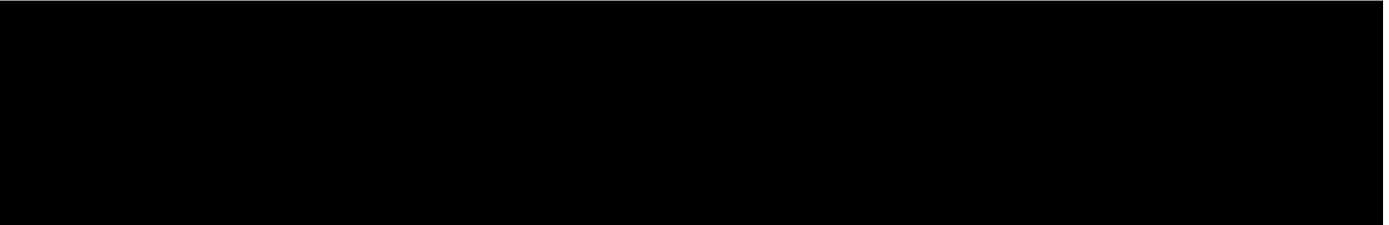


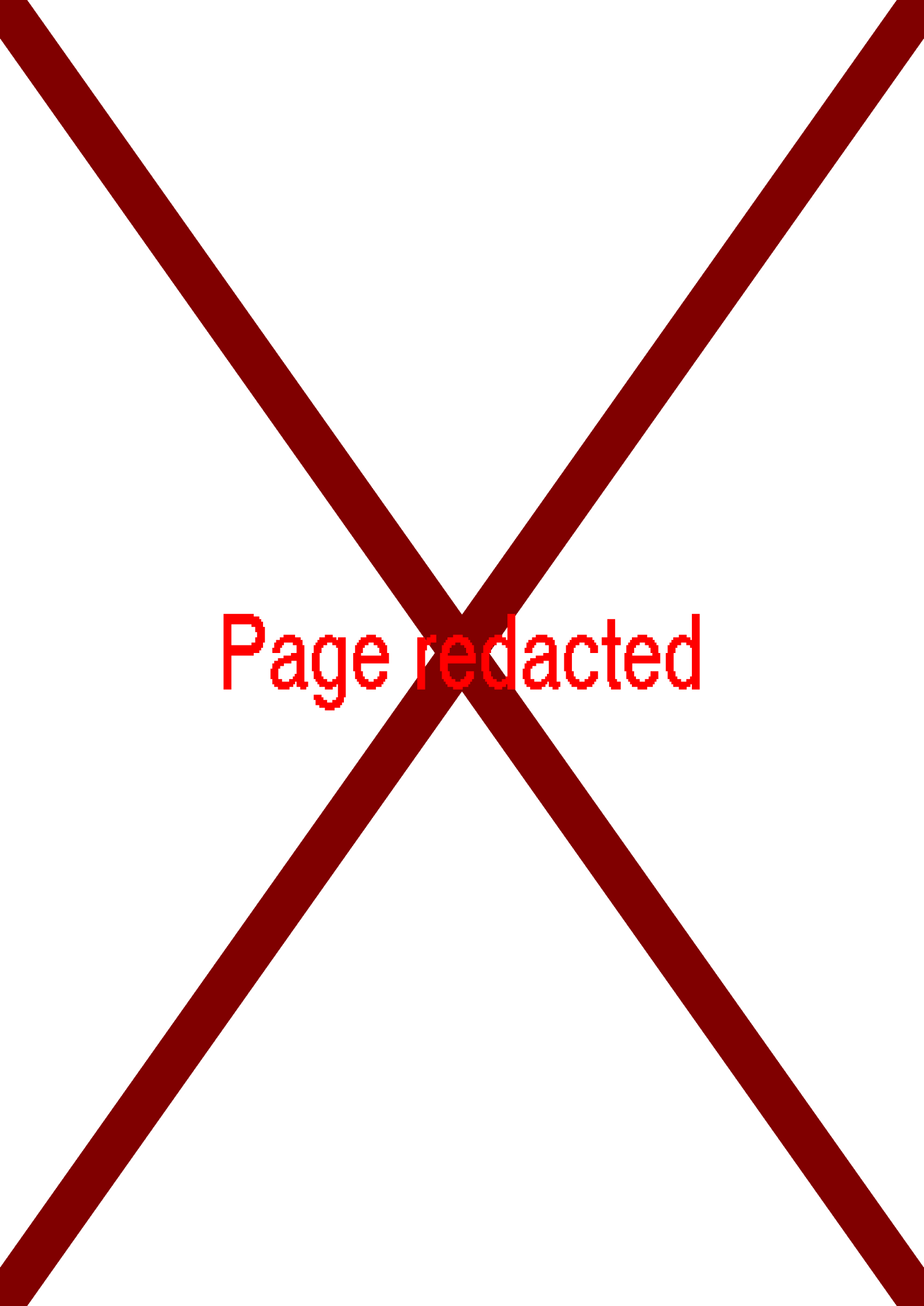
HARRY

Harry appears to be reasonably settled at home. He has relatively good relationship with his mother and Mr Rodgers. He suffers from asthma and this was given as a reason for poor attendance at school during the earlier part of last session. Harry is anti-authoritarian and also quick to lash out when he considers himself provoked. He had two lengthy suspensions from school last session but then appeared to settle better. He has had some absences from school this session but appears to be better integrated and happier in school.

There has been some indication that Harry is becoming involved in minor offences in the community and may have involved himself recently in 'buzzing' with William.

A befriender is currently being sought for Harry.





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HOME CONDITIONS

The home is a 5 apartment semi detached council house in a quiet area of the village.

The home is in reasonable decorative order but sparsely furnished and showing signs of family violence eg, holes kicked in doors, damage to walls.

The house is , however, much improved since the children were taken into care and standards of housekeeping appear to be reasonable. With Mrs Burgess's co-operation, periodic checks of the whole house are undertaken by the social worker to ensure a basic standard of cleanliness.

The violence between the partners, the delinquent behaviour of the children (William gets most of the blame) , and the family's general lack of consideration/ respect for neighbours has brought numerous complaints from neighbours to the housing department and some to this department. The result is that Mrs Burgess recently received a final warning letter regarding her tenancy. She has requested a move to Paisley to be nearer the support of wider family.

PRESENT REFERRAL

A neighbour contacted the stand by service after one of the children had come to his door for help as his mother's boyfriend had belted her and she was bleeding. The police were subsequently contacted. John Rodgers was expelled from the house but Mrs Burgess refused to prefer charges or accept medical attention. Both partners were drunk.

When the stand by officers visited the home Mrs Burgess was still well under the influence. William and Lorna were out at friends in Houston. Christopher and Scott were said to be asleep in bed. William arrived home at 11-30pm and although angry at the state of his mother, was very co-operative with the officers.

Harry ran off soon after the officers arrived and Lorna also ran off when she arrived home soon after William but later returned. Lorna , Scott and Christopher were taken to their Aunt's in Paisley to stay overnight.

When the Social Worker visited the next day Mrs Burgess had a large swollen graze / bruise on her right forehead. She sat down gingerly and said she was covered in bruises. Mr Rosgers had caused this by kicking her repeatedly when she was on the floor. He had previously been asked to leave, had left then returned to carry out the assault.

Regarding her own drinking, Mrs Burgess said she had known she was going to get a doing and had deliberately taken a drink as she then does not feel the beating so much. Lorna later independently sais she had known something was going to happen before she left at 5-30pm because of the mood John was in.

Mrs Burgess admitted that the two badly blackened eyes she sustained a few weeks ago and were said to have been caused by a fall had been caused by Mr Rodgers. She had charged him on that occasion but later withdrew the charge. On that occasion Mr Rodger is said to have been put out and returned with his brother the following evening. Both had been drinking. Ann is said to have refused him entry but he got in anyway and assaulted her. When his brother tried to intervene, Mr Rodgers is said to have cut his face. the Social Worker asked Lorna, Scott and Harry if they were frightened of Mr Rodgers. All said they were. Asked if he had hit them, they all said no but Lorna said he had threatened lots of times. Scott also said that when he had been watching Mr Rodgers kick his mother, the latter had turned to him and 'booted' him out of the room. Mrs Burgess suggested it was a push, although Scott had demonstrated the kicking action. During this interview Harry also threatened to leave if Mr Rodgers returned. Mrs Burgess was quite clear that she would not be accepting Mr Rodgers back and would be seeing her solicitor about an Interim Interdict against him.

When visited later in the week, however, she had changed her mind, had had contact with Mr Rodgers and was planning a reconciliation. Since then she has in fact accepted at least some of the blame for the incident, saying that she had hit him over the head with a lamp. At a subsequent interview Mr Rodgers stated that he felt that the extent of his retaliation was justified and deliberate.

RECENT CIRCUMSTANCES

During October Mr Rodgers was said to be back in the home but attending the Royal Council for Alcohol regarding his drinking. Mrs Burgess stated that she and Mr Rodgers have come to an agreement that he will go to his own flat when drinking.

He has appeared to be trying to control his drinking at times since then. However, he is clearly continuing to drink in the Burgess household and there have been two major arguments in the home leading to his departure. The first began at 4am one Sunday morning after he is said to have consumed 24 cans and a half bottle of spirits in one day. The second happened on the evening of the 1st December and concerned Mr Rodgers who had left the home the previous day, returning drunk, breaking ornaments and kicking holes in the living room door, threatening Mrs Burgess to the extent that she had to leave her home and stand in the pouring rain with Christopher. Harry, Lorna and Scott were in the home at the time. Mrs Burgess had eventually to involve the police to expel him from the house. When the Social Worker visited later that evening, Mrs Burgess was half expecting Mr Rodgers to return and was clearly afraid of this happening.

Once again she was saying that he would not be allowed to return to the home.

ALCOHOL

Mr Rodgers is clearly continuing to abuse alcohol and this appears to be affecting his health in that he feels unwell and has pain in his kidney area.

His hope has been to reduce his drinking, not to stop. His counsellor from R.C.A. contacted the social worker recently to state that little headway was being made with Mr Rodgers and even the prospect of a Children's Hearing does not appear to be motivating him sufficiently to reduce his drinking significantly.

CONTACT WITH SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

At the case conference held on 20-10-92 all the children were registered under the category of Child Abuse. It was also felt that unless Mr Rodger was either outwith the home or the situation improved dramatically and he was prepared to co-operate and receive help with the alcohol problem, then it would be in the children best interest if they were removed from the home.

The decision of the case conference was given to Mrs Burgess. Since then weekly contact has been maintained with all members of the family. The additional pressures with the children being placed on the register again and the prospect of a Hearing have put on the family have been evident. The social worker's relationship with family members deteriorated for a time but is at present reasonable.

ASSESSMENT

Mrs Burgess is clearly motivated to keep her children out of care and in many respects the standards of care she is providing for her children are good.

Of major concern however has been her unwillingness to take on board the adverse affects on the children of the continuing violence in the household. It is not felt that Mr Rodgers when sober would deliberately physically abuse any of the children but when he is drinking, it is felt that the risk of the children being caught up in and injured by the violence is very real. It is felt that the level of risk should be considered by a Childrens Hearing.

Mrs Burgess is at present stating her intention of keeping Mr Rodgers out of the home. If she does not keep to this, the Hearing may wish to consider whether or not the children should remain within the home.

Grace D. McGinty

Grace McGinty
Social Worker
GMcG/MD
3rd December 1992
10 Laighcartside Street
Johnstone

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

RENFREW DIVISION

REVIEW REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

NAME Harry, Lorna, Scott, Christopher Burgess

DATE OF BIRTH 22.08.79, 25.09.80, 23.06.83, 04.05.89

ADDRESS (and home address if different)

SCHOOL

86 Ferguslie Park Crescent
PAISLEY

RELIGION

SECTION OF LEGISLATION 44(1)(a)

REASON FOR REVIEW AND BY WHOM CALLED:

Local Authority Annual Review

NEW GROUNDS OF REFERRAL (if appropriate):

N/A

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES SINCE PREVIOUS REPORT:

Ms Burgess has given birth to a son, John Rodgers (D.O.B. 09.08.93)

CHANGES IN SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT OR WORKER:

From Grace McGinty to May Hughes (Oct 93)

CONTACT WITH OTHER AGENCIES:

REPORT COMPILED BY:

May Hughes, Social Worker
Craigielea House
c/o Portacabins, Bankfoot Road, Paisley

DATE REPORT COMPLETED:

1st February 1994

REVIEW REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

Harry, Lorna, Scott, Christopher Burgess
86 Ferguslie Park Crescent
Paisley

Nature and Extent of Contact

Since the family were last at a hearing on January 1993 they have moved from Bridge of Weir to Ferguslie Park.

The case was formally transferred to myself at a Child Protection Review Case Conference on 28.10.93 at which time all the children's names including John's remained on the Child Protection Register, under the category of Physical Injury.

Since then the family have been visited weekly after which the children accompany the writer to a group, held at the Social Education Unit. This allows them to have individual time with me to discuss any difficulties they might be experiencing. It also allows me to assess their interaction with their peers.

During these sessions I have been impressed with the children's honesty in discussions and their behaviour in a group setting.

Lorna, Christopher and Scott are always keen to attend these sessions and have not missed any. Harry is less keen and prefers to go when he knows there will be others of his own age group.

Individual Progress

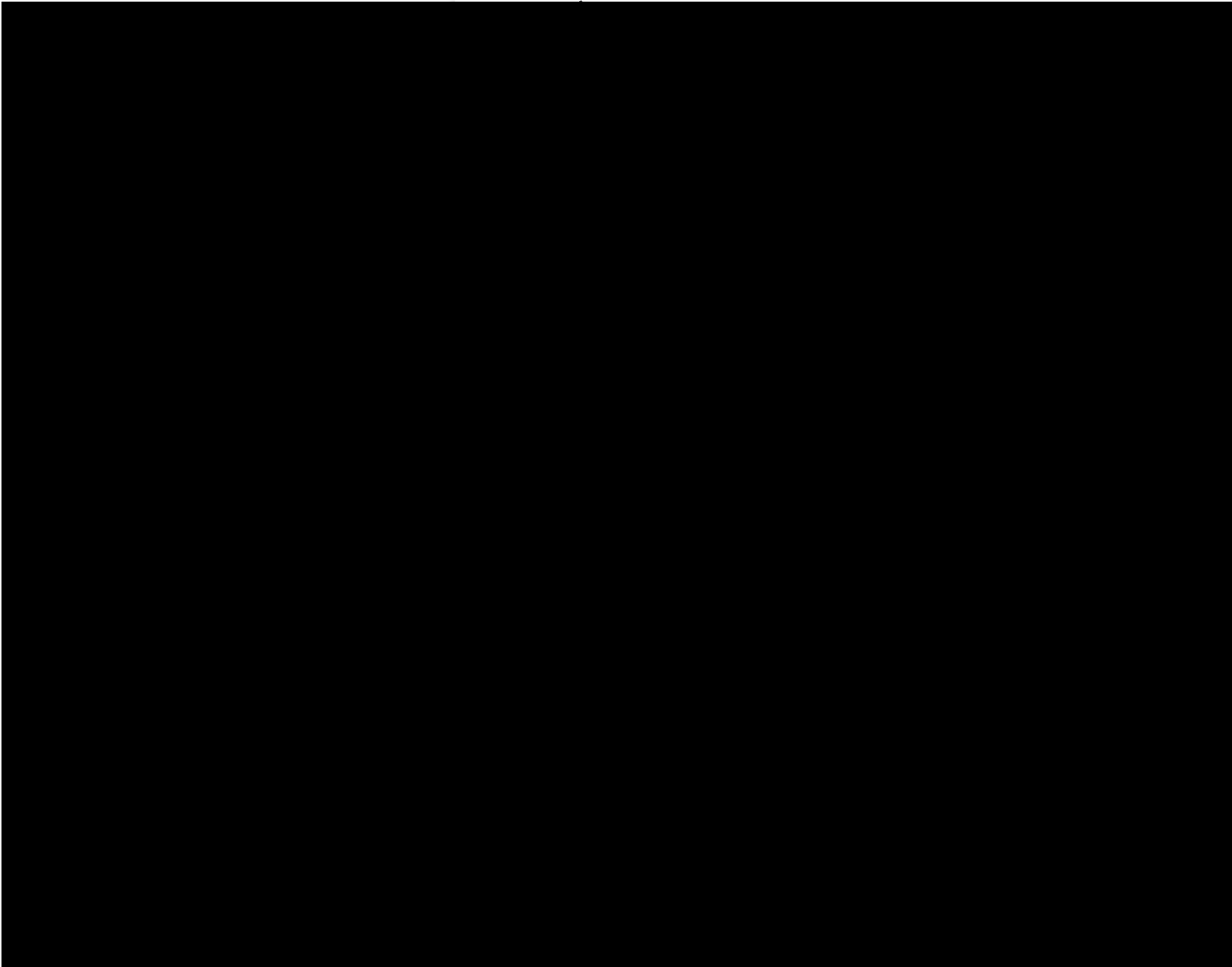
Harry

Despite returning to the Paisley area to live, Harry chose to remain at Gryffe High, where he continues to make fairly good progress. There are still occasional problems with fighting in the playground but overall Harry is enjoying school and considering the distance involved has made a considerable commitment.

In the community, Harry has no major problems and rarely goes out of the house.

Overall, Harry causes no real concern and continues to make good progress.





The Parents/Caretakers

Ms Burgess and Mr Rodgers have had a much more settled lifestyle since returning to Ferguslie. Since my involvement began, there has only been one occasion when their relationship caused any concern.

Having the support of her extended family who live in close proximity has given Ms Burgess the confidence to deal with arguments in a more positive way.

If things are becoming strained between them, Mr Rodgers will return to his own tenancy for a few days and this seems to provide a period of respite after which they are able to resume their relationship.

Both Ms Burgess and Mr Rodgers continue to attend Renfrew Council on Alcohol and during my involvement there has been no evidence of alcohol abuse.

On 28th January 1994, Ms Burgess appeared at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court in connection with charges of fraud, committed early in 1993.

She is currently on bail for 3 weeks until a Social Enquiry Report is completed. It is expected that because of the nature of the crime she will receive a custodial sentence.

In the event of this happening, Child Care arrangements have been discussed with the family and Ms Burgess has arranged for her sister to stay in the family home. Supports have been offered and at present these are not required. The family however are aware that they can request these should they feel the need.

Assessment & Recommendation

At the onset of my involvement at a Child Protection Review Case Conference the decision taken was that Harry, Lorna, Scott and Christopher were to remain on the Child Protection Register. The new baby, John, was also to be included on the register.

Since then there have been a very settled period and all family members are co-operating with the Social Work Department, working on issues identified. The level of concern at present are not as heightened as they once were and this improvement will be discussed at the next Child Protection review to be held on 9th February.

Whilst it is to the family's credit that they have made very positive moves towards improving their situation, it is felt that there is still some way to go.

It is therefore recommended that Harry, Lorna, Scott and Christopher's Home Supervision Orders are continued to facilitate future intervention.

The minutes of the Child Protection Review where John's name was placed on the register have been passed to the Reporter for his consideration.

May Hughes
Social Worker
Craigielea House

May Hughes

MH/CGC
01.02.94



Initial Case Conference Minute

Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures

Surname: BURGESS		Date of Case Conference: 20th October, 1992		
Forename(s): William Harry Lorna Scott Christopher		D.O.B.: 19.9.77. 16. 22.8.79. 14 25.9.80. 13 22.6.83. 10 4.5.89. 4	Relationship:	
Other Adults:				
Home Address: 14 Southview Crescent Bridge of Weir.		Present Address:	Previous Address:	
Mother/Female Caretaker (Specify):				
Surname: BURGESS (Mother)		D.O.B. (Age):		
Forename(s): Ann				
Previous Address:				
Father/Male Caretaker (Specify):				
Surname:		D.O.B. (Age):		
Forename(s):				
Previous Address:				
Referred By: Standby	To:	Area Team:	*	Date:
		Standby:		Time/Ref. No.:
Area Team: 10 Laighcartside Street, Johnstone.	Key Worker: Mrs. G. McGinty			
Area Team Manager: Mr. I. Smith	Alleged Perpetrator (if known):			
Type of Injury (if appropriate):	Legal Status of Child/ren: 441(a)			
Legal Action Taken:	C.C. Regarding: BURGESS FAMILY			
To: Area I. Smith 10 Laighcartside Street Johnstone PA5 8BY	Held On: 20th October, 1992			

Recommendations and Agreed Tasks:

Person/Agency Responsible:

- 1) Registration to take place in respect of all Burgess children under the category of 'Physical Abuse'.
- 2) Review of Supervision Order to be requested and Children's Hearing to be asked to consider reception into care unless Mr. Rodger either leaves the home or co-operates with the department and seeks help via Dykebar.
- 3) Liaise with Housing Department regarding possible move from the area.
- 4) Grace McGinty to continue as Key worker.
- 5) Review in 6 months or as appropriate.

Strathclyde Regional Council.

Key worker - G. McGinty

Key worker.

Category of Registration (tick as appropriate):

Name of Child	Physical Abuse Sexual	At Risk Sexual	Physical Abuse	At Risk Physical Abuse	Physical Neglect	Failure to Thrive
William Burgess			*			
Harry Burgess			*			
Lorna Burgess			*			
Scott Burgess			*			
Christopher Burgess			*			

Dissent:

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NOTE TO ADDRESSEES

IF YOU DISAGREE WITH ANY ASPECT OF THIS REPORT YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE AREA OFFICER IMMEDIATELY IN WRITING. IF YOU AGREE WITH THE CONTENT PLEASE RETURN THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BELOW.

I have received a copy of the report of the Case Conference/Review and agree with the content and recommendations.

BURGESS CHILDREN

Signature:

Date:

(a) Chairperson

(b) Present (names)	Designation	Agency
I. Smith M. Speirs G. McGinty K. Gattens S. Norton Sgt. W. Gray S. MacDonald G. Clowes G. Ross A. Newlands S. Graham	Area Manager/Chairperson Senior Social Worker Social Worker Health Visitor Acting Nursing Officer Key Worker Student Head Teacher Teacher Admin Assistant/Minutes	Strathclyde Regional Council Linwood Health Centre Community Involvement Hugh Smiley Nursery Linwood Gryffe High School Bridge of Weir Primary Johnstone S.W.D.
(c) Invited but unable to attend	A.D.O.	Social Work District Headquarters

Summary of discussion etc. (To be read in conjunction with Initial/Review Report Form).

Chairperson introduced those present and explained purpose of Case Conference.

Burgess family are well known to the Social Work Department. All children have previously been placed on the Child Abuse Register - from 20.12.91. (neglect) until June this year when de-registration took place given the progress made.

Present referral relates to an incident on 12.10.92. when Standby were alerted by a neighbour that one of the Burgess children had sought help as his mother's boyfriend had assaulted her and she was bleeding.

(Full Standby report circulated and read by those present - see attached).

Although this violence was not directed towards the children, serious concern was expressed that they could get caught up in it all as Scott appeared to have done on this occasion when he reported being 'booted' out of the room by Mr. Rodger when watching him kick his mother.

Following referral being received by Area Team from Standby, Mrs. MCGinty, Social Worker, visited the family home. Initially no one at home however Mrs. Burgess soon arrived in a taxi with Lorna, Scott and Christopher (Harry was in the house).

Mrs. Burgess had a large, swollen graze/bruise on her forehead, and advised worker that she was badly bruised over the rest of her body. Mrs. Burgess told Social Worker about the incident the previous evening and stated that John had been removed by the police. Apparently both were under the influence of alcohol, Mrs. Burgess stating that she knew she was 'going to get a doing' and had taken drink deliberately so she would not feel the beating so much. One of the children, Lorna, also stated that she knew something was going to happen because of the mood John was in.

Mrs. Burgess also admitted that previous injuries sustained a few weeks ago had been as a result of a beating by John.

Mrs. Burgess was quite clear that she would not have Mr. Rodger back in the home particularly when Harry had stated he would not remain there if John came back. She advised that she would be seeing her solicitor next day and would discuss obtaining an Interim Interdict against John.

Relationship between Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. Rodger has been a continuing problem. The couple drink, argue and become violent towards each other and concern is felt by various agencies that the children may get caught up in this. Mr. Rodger seems to have a serious drink problem and appears not to want to cease this habit. Visits to Dykebar A.P.C. have been fruitless and in fact the Hospital has discharged him as he was arriving at the clinic under the influence of alcohol. Prior to Mr. Rodger's heavy drinking the children were benefiting from his influence in the home. This has now changed and the children are now afraid of him.

Senior Social Worker, Myra Speirs, visited the family home on Thursday, 15th October, 1992. Mrs. Burgess' attitude had changed and she was now extremely angry with the Social Work Department. She stated that the children had never been hurt by Mr. Rodger and could not see that they could get caught up in things or be affected by the violence around them.

She had seen a lawyer however, had not discussed an Interim Interdict against Mr. Rodger, rather looked at what powers the Social Work Department had. She was extremely negative about the whole situation and stated that she would have Mr. Rodger back in her home and the Department could do nothing about it. This was a complete reversal of what she had told Mrs. McGinty on the 13th October.

Sgt. Gray advised meeting that this incident was a series in a catalogue of events and although there was enough evidence to charge Mr. Rodger with assault Mrs. Burgess would not take the matter further (this being the usual pattern of events).

Police have received a number of complaints from neighbours both in the immediate vicinity and surrounding areas about the anti-social behaviour of this family. The children themselves are now beginning to have a number of offences recorded against them. (William - Violence - Breach of the Peace - Assault and Harry - Assault). Generally they do not appear to be controlled by their carers.

Recent information from Housing Department would appear to be that procedures for evicting the family are in their final stages.

Schooling - Harry (Gryffe High). A change in attitude has been noted in Harry recently and he now appears to be working satisfactorily although attendance can be erratic. Mrs. Burgess reports he has an asthmatic condition and if this is the case and his attendance is affected then his work will suffer.

There have been problems outwith the classroom with confrontation with his peers which can end up in physical aggression. Recent incident in school involving an injury to Harry's hand (school were unaware of any problems at school having been told by Harry the injury had happened outwith school) has resulted in Mrs. Burgess claiming neglect on schools part.

Health Visitor reported no particular areas of concern. Children not seen as they are always out when visits are made. There had been allegations from the neighbours regarding the children being out late at night and advice had been given that Social Work Standby should be contacted if this was the case. Nothing reported recently to Health Visitor.

It would appear that since de-registration of children in June situation within the home has deteriorated in terms of the couples drinking. Although reports are not as serious with regards to individual children as previously, in fact there appears to be some improvement in terms of this - the drinking is a major cause for concern and what harm may come to the children whilst Mrs. Burgess and Mr. Rodger are under the influence of alcohol and display violence towards each other. The real fear is that the children may get caught up in all of this and may try to assist mum when she is being assaulted which could result in injury to themselves.

Concern also expressed about the seriousness of assault on Mrs. Burgess and the fact that she anticipated this and her way of dealing with the situation was to indulge in alcohol in order to feel less pain.

The fact that the couple do not see how their violent, aggressive behaviour can affect the children also gives great cause for concern. They are unable to talk through their differences and their way to 'sort things out' is to assault each other.

With regard to the couple being evicted and rehoused in another area would, it was felt, not make any great difference to them. It may result in less

referrals to Social Work and Police as residents in another area may be more tolerant of this type of anti-social behaviour and would deal with issues in their own way.

Major concerns were expressed by all present regarding the children. Mrs. Burgess appears unable or unwilling to take on board the concerns people have and sees no real risk to the children. Given the reports received and concerns raised the general feeling of the meeting was that the childrens names should be placed on the Child Protection Register. It was also felt that unless Mr. Rodger was either outwith the home or the situation improved dramatically and he was prepared to co-operate and receive help with his alcohol problem, then it would be in the childrens best interest if they were removed from the home. It was felt that Mrs. Burgess should be given this ultimatum for the sake of the children.

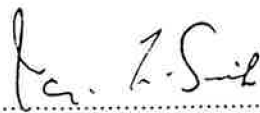
Decisions -

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- 3) Liaise with Housing Department regarding possible move from the area.
- 4) Grace McGinty to continue as Key worker.
- 5) Review in 6 months or as appropriate.

Date of next conference/review:

6 months or as appropriate

Minute prepared by:

Signature: 

Area Officer/Chairman: 

23rd October, 1992.

Date:

STAND-BY SERVICE

SERIAL NO:- 109962

OVERNEWTON CENTRE
52 LUMSDEN STREET
GLASGOW
Telephone : 041-357-3696
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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT CHILD ABUSE PROCEDURES CA1 DOCUMENT

To:-
Area Team: LAA
Address:

Distribution:- LAA
REPORTER
DM
DOCC
APOCC
RSS

DISTRICT:

Previously Known to Standby Service YES/NO:- YES

DATE:- 12.10.92 Time Referred:- 21.15
 Time Completed:- 02.35

SUBJECT CHILD/CHILDREN

SURNAME: BURGESS ALIAS:
FORENAMES: WILLIAM DATE OF BIRTH: 19.9.77
 SEX: MALE

SURNAME: BURGESS ALIAS:
FORENAMES: HARRY DATE OF BIRTH: 22.8.79
 SEX: MALE

SURNAME: BURGESS ALIAS:
FORENAMES: LORNA DATE OF BIRTH: 25.9.80
 SEX: FEMALE

SURNAME: BURGESS ALIAS:
FORENAMES: SCOTT DATE OF BIRTH: 22.6.83
 SEX: MALE

SURNAME: BURGESS ALIAS:
FORENAMES: CHRISTOPHER DATE OF BIRTH: 4.5.89
 SEX: MALE

HOME ADDRESS: 14 SOUTHVIEW CRESCENT, BRIDGE OF WEIR

PRESENT LOCATION OF CHILD/REN: 2 NORTH STREET, PAISLEY (AUNT GEORGA GIBB)
HARRY ABSCONDED - POLICE NOTIFIED.

2 Children in Household if not included in above

NameAgeSex

3 Parents or Caretakers of Child

Name: ANN BURGESS

Address: 14 SOUTHVIEW CRESCENT

BRIDGE OF WEIR

Name:

Address:

4 Child's G.P.

Name:

Address:

Tel. No:

5 Was the Child Abuse Register checked in respect of this family?

Yes/No: YES If yes, was it positive? Yes/No: NO

If yes, which names were on the Register?

6 Was the local Area Manager contacted in respect of this case?

Yes: YES

No:

If yes, please state what information/advice was given by Area Manager:-

7 Name of Referrer: [REDACTED]

Tel. No.: [REDACTED]

(a) Details of Problem as given by referrer:

Stating that one of the Burgess children has come to his door asking for help as his mother's boyfriend has belted her and she is bleeding. [REDACTED] states that there is a great commotion taking place in the house.

21.25 hrs - Call [REDACTED], complaining of the commotion at the Burgess home and that he believes the children should be removed. He has already written to the Director of Social Work.

21.20 hrs - Telephone call to Johnstone Police - PC K360 Huchieson - Police agreed to attend immediately.

21.30 hrs - Telephone call [REDACTED] well known - de registered 6/92 - history of complaints from neighbours - drink related problems.

21.50 hrs - Telephone call from police. Boyfriend expelled from house, mother refusing to prefer charges or accept medical attention.

R W Penman

(b) Specific request of referrer:

Investigation.

(c) Further Action, if any, referrer proposes to take:

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Summary of subsequent action and outcome of investigation by Standby Service:-

22.00 hrs - RSS workers Margaret Swan and Cathy Stevenson called at 14 Southview Crescent. Police were present, mother Ann Burgess came from upstairs and appeared well under the influence of alcohol.

Workers enquired about the involvement of 4 children and were informed by Ann Burgess that the younger children Scott and Christopher were asleep upstairs while William and Lorna were with friends in Houston. Harry who was at the front door when workers arrived appeared to have ran off and couldn't be found.

Police officer, who were going off duty stated that they did not charge Ann Burgess because they had in the past seen her in a worse condition. However police acknowledged that Ann Burgess' behaviour had deteriorated since the arrival of the social workers and agreed to send two other officer to assist.

In the interim Ann Burgess became more abusive to workers but continued to plead. Workers enquired about family members who would be willing to assist her at this time but although initially unhelpful and uncooperative she finally gave the details of her sister Georga Gibb, 2 North Street, Paisley tel no. 887 0652.

Telephone call to Georga who stated that given she had a child of her own she would not be able to leave the house but agreed to take all children.

Workers waited until 11pm as Ann Burgess stated that the children would be home by this time. However she started to make various excuses saying that Lorna would be staying overnight with a friend (name and address unknown). At approx. 11.30pm William arrived feeling very angry at the condition of his mother who was covered in blood, a swollen forehead and a badly cut ear as a result of being assaulted by her boyfriend John Rodger whom she refused to charge, despite encouragement from both police and workers. She also refused medical assistance.

William at this point claimed that this was a regular occurrence and was particularly angry that it should upset his leave from Kibble School but he was assured that the situation was not his responsibility and William became very cooperative when he learned that the children were going to his aunts.

Ann Burgess became verbally aggressive against William saying that he shouldn't believe workers who were taking the children into care.

Shortly afterwards Lorna arrived but ran off when she saw police and social workers. At this point Ann Burgess prompted Lorna to run away and that she didn't want to see her again.

Prior to workers removing the children with the assistance of William and police Ann Burgess continued to blame children for being traitors saying that they wouldn't see her again. She infact incensed the situation and appeared happy that the children were hysterical saying that it was the fault of the Social Work Department.

M Swan

Continuation Sheet No: 1

Serial No: 109962

Workers escorted children, who were calm on arrival at aunts who received them warmly.

NB - Aunt Georga Gibb, 2 North Street, Paisley only able to keep children overnight as she is working and would appreciate if area team contact her first thing Tuesday morning 887 0652.

Harry who ran off was reported to police as missing person.

In conclusion both workers concerned about situation and level of childcare and feel that the situation will re occur frequently in the future.

M Swan

Summary

Referral from neighbours regarding the assault on Ann Burgess by her boyfriend John Rodger. Initially investigated by the police who removed John Rodger from the house. No charges against carers.

William returned to Kibble. Lorna/Scott/Christopher to aunt Mrs Gibb, 2 North Street, Paisley. Harry absconded.

R W Penman

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9 (a) Present Injuries, Nature and Extent (to be provided by Medical Practitioner).

(b) Were X-rays or photographs taken? YES/NO:- No

(c) If yes, by whom?

(d) Name of Consultant/Physician who carried out examination of children:-

(e) Name of Hospital:-

10 Was Section 37, Place of safety implemented? YES/NO:- No

If yes, in respect of whom?:-

11 (a) Were the police contacted regarding this incident? YES/NO:- Yes

If yes, please state:-

Name of Police Officer Contacted:-

Rank:-

No:-

Division:-

Office:-

TEL NO:-

Time Contacted:-

Date Contacted:-

(b) Please indicate any information given by the police on this family (particularly if they have any knowledge of previous offences of violence within the family):-

(c) Did the police indicate they would investigate? YES/NO:-

(d) If yes, if possible give details of investigating Police Officers:-

Name:-

Rank:-

No:-

Name:-

Rank:-

No:-

(e) Give details of any adult person who is being/has been charged with any offence arising out of the circumstances:-

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12 Please suggest any further areas which require immediate investigation/assessment by Area Team.

- (a) Immediate contact with Georga Gibb, 2 North Street, Paisley 887 0652.
- (b) As appropriate.
- (c) Liaise with police re Harry's whereabouts.
- (d) Up date alert re management of this case.

Investigating Social Workers:-

Name (a) Margaret Swan Designation:- Social Worker

Name (b) Cathy Stevenson Designation:- Social Worker

13 Should the Area Team convene an immediate case conference on this family, the following times would in the light of the Standby Service work pattern, be most suitable to the investigating Social Worker/s:-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Report Seen By: R W Penman

Duty Senior Social Worker

Burgess Family

Tried to phone Aunt re children

13.10.92

Home Visit. No reply, neighbour, [REDACTED] come out to say Ann had left at 8.15am alone.

Neighbours said to be fed up with fighting between Ann and John.

Ann then arrived with Lorna, Scott and Christopher, in a taxi, Harry was already in the house.

Ann had large swollen graze/bruise on her right forehead. She sat down gingerly and said she was covered in bruises. John had caused this by kicking her repeatedly when she was on the floor.

She had asked him to leave and he had appeared to be leaving willingly after she packed his bags. He had got to the corner of the cul-de-sac then had turned back and had assaulted her. The police had eventually taken him away.

Asked re. her own drinking, Ann said she had known she was 'going to get a doing' and had deliberately taken a drink as she then doesn't feel the beating so much. She herself said that she should have left with the children earlier but pointed out that Lorna and William were in Houston.

Lorna later independently said that she had known something was going to happen before she left at 5.30pm because of the mood John was in.

Ann admitted today that the two black eyes she had a few weeks ago had been caused by John. On that occasion she had put him out and it was the following evening when he returned with his brother. Both had been drinking. Ann is said to have refused him entry but he got in anyway and assaulted her. When his brother tried to intervene, John cut his face. Because of his lengthy spell in prison for assault, Ann feels that it is quite possible he has contacts who could 'kill her', 'break her jaw' as he has threatened. This is why Ann didn't charge him last night. Social Worker mentioned that she had taken him back after the last assault. He is apparently very apologetic afterwards, says he can't remember. Ann says now that she doesn't accept this.

Ann is quite clear now that she is going to keep him out. When Harry said he wouldn't be here if he came back. Ann said that she had told him before he could go to his gran.

Social Worker asked Lorna, Scott and Harry if they were frightened of John. All said they were. Had he hit them? Lorna and Harry said no but Lorna said he had threatened lots of times. Scott said he had and said last night when he was watching John kick his mother, John had turned to him and 'booted' him out of the room. Ann suggested it was a push although Scott had demonstrated the kicking action.

Given what the children were saying social worker stated that in her opinion the children should not be in the home if John is. Ann said that she would not want to see the children going into care and intended keeping John out. She is due to see her solicitor tomorrow at 4.00pm and will discuss the possibility of an Interim Interdict against John.

Re. Dykebar - Hospital is said to have discharged John from the A.P.C. as he has been going to the clinic while under the influence. Re. John being under the influence at the Review last week, Ann agreed that he had been abusing his prescribed medication, taking 15 tablets that morning. She also mentioned that John had taken an overdose on a previous occasion when she had tried to leave him.

House in a reasonable order. Children all suitably clad except that Christopher had no socks on. His face was dirty and Harry was cooking breakfast when social worker left. It seemed clear to social worker that Ann recalled the elements involved in the children coming into care last time and was trying to ensure that they could not be used again.

Reported back to Senior and Area Manager.

Grace McGinty

Grace McGinty
Social Worker

GMcG/DG
13.10.92

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

RENFREW DISTRICT

D.A.S.U. REFERRAL FORM

This form should be completed on all children who have been received into care or for whom reception into care may be a consideration and forwarded to D.A.S.U. by noon on Friday prior to case discussion on Tuesday a.m.

SECTION A: FACTUAL DETAILS

<u>Name</u>	<u>D.O.B</u>	<u>Religion</u>
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William Burgess	19-9-77	
Harry Burgess	22-8-79	
Lorna Burgess	25-9-80	

<u>Home Address</u>	<u>Previous periods in care</u>
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NONE

14 Southview Crescent
Bridge of Weir

<u>Present Address</u>	<u>Child's current Legal Status</u>
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Wm, Harry, Scott - Carsewood Childrens Home	Place of Safety Order (Police)
Lorna - c/o Mr & Mrs Leishman (Emergency foster parents)	
3 Yarrow Court, Halfway, Cambuslang	

<u>Date of R.I.C.</u>	<u>Significant Medical Details including G.P.</u>
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17-12-91

Harry - Asthmatic
Christopher - asthmatic, dry skin
Otherwise family in good physical health

School attended prior to R.I.C.

William- Balrossie
Harry - Gryffe High
Lorna & Scott - B.of W Primary

Details of parents/carers

M. Ann Burgess, mother, single parent
John Rodgers - co-habitee

Proposed School

No arrangements made for Harry, Scott or Lorna
Residential place in Balrossie requested for
William. Christopher to continue attending at Hugh
Smiley

Siblings

D.O.B.

Previous periods in care

SECTION B: HOME CIRCUMSTANCES

Identify the factors which led to the reception into care (or proposed reception into care)

No food in the house, house filthy, children filthy. Lack of bedding. Co-habitee drunk and taken into custody. Mrs Burgess drunk, became so abusive and caused such a disturbance that although decision had previously been taken to leave the children given the house approx. 1.30am, and the fact that some of the children were asleep in bed, the children had to be removed. Place of Safety Order was implemented by police.

What resources/initiatives have been employed to keep the child in the community?
Please give details of any previous discussions/meetings held

Mrs Burgess had been fully warned on several previous occasions that her lack of parental responsibility for her children was likely to lead to their coming into care. Offers of a homemaker were refused. Financial help had been given on several occasions. Scott was involved in Primary Group run by this department. Residential place for William was already being sought. Family had been referred to Reporter as being in Need of Care & Protection, report with Reporter.

SECTION C: PLACEMENT DETAILS

What is the recommended placement for the child?

Hearing arranged for 23/12/91.

William - Balrossie Harry, Scott, Lorna, Christopher to remain in present placement

What are the objectives of the placement? (particularly with reference to rehabilitation)

To allow Mrs Burgess time to improve home conditions and to show commitment to her children.

Any other comments (use additional sheet if necessary)

At Child Abuse Case Conference on 19-12-91. Children were placed on 'At Risk' register - NEGLECT

Decision was to recommend to Hearing that the Place of Safety Order be continued for a further 3 week period.

SOCIAL WORKER.....*William M. G. in Gentry*..... DATE.....*20.12.91*.....
SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER.....*Angie Spurr*..... DATE.....*20.12.91*.....
AREA TEAM.....*Johnstone*..... Tel.No:.....*50 24431*.....

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2 Children in Household ~~if~~ not included in aboveNameAgeSex

3 Parents or Caretakers of Child

Name: ANN BURGESS

Address: 14 SOUTHVIEW CRESCENT

BRIDGE OF WEIR

Name:

Address:

4 Child's G.P.

Name:

Address:

Tel. No:

5 Was the Child Abuse Register checked in respect of this family?

Yes/No: YES If yes, was it positive? Yes/No: NO

If yes, which names were on the Register?

6 Was the local Area Manager contacted in respect of this case?

Yes: YES

No:

If yes, please state what information/advice was given by Area Manager:-

Case well known to area team. Scott McMillan not fit to care for the children. When Mrs Burgess is there she is capable of caring for the children. Referral has been made to reporter. Mrs Burgess has been warned that if conditions don't improve and if she leaves the children for long periods area team may remove children on Place Of Safety Order. Request RSS visit/assess - remove children on POSO if necessary.

STAND-BY SERVICE

SERIAL NO:- 091340

OVERNEWTON CENTRE
52 LUMSDEN STREET
GLASGOW

Telephone : 041-357-3696
Linkline: 0800 811 505

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT CHILD ABUSE PROCEDURES CA1 DOCUMENT

To:-
Area Team: LAA
Address:

Distribution:- LAA
DOCC/DM
APOCC
REPORTER
FAMILY FINDING
JL
RSS

DISTRICT:

Previously Known to Standby Service YES/NO:- YES

DATE:- 16.12.91

Time Referred:- 22.20
Time Completed:- 04.56

SUBJECT CHILD/CHILDREN

SURNAME: BURGESS
FORENAMES: WILLIAM

ALIAS:
DATE OF BIRTH: 19.9.77
SEX: MALE

SURNAME: BURGESS
FORENAMES: HARRY

ALIAS:
DATE OF BIRTH: 22.8.79
SEX: MALE

SURNAME: BURGESS
FORENAMES: LORNA

ALIAS:
DATE OF BIRTH: 25.9.80
SEX: FEMALE

SURNAME: BURGESS
FORENAMES: SCOTT

ALIAS:
DATE OF BIRTH: 22.6.83
SEX: FEMALE

SURNAME: GRAHAM
FORENAMES: CHRISTOPHER

ALIAS:
DATE OF BIRTH: 4.5.89
SEX: MALE

HOME ADDRESS: 14 SOUTH VIEW CRESCENT, BRIDGE OF WEIR
CHRISTOPHER & LORNA WITH FP MR & MRS LEISHMAN, 3 YARROW COURT, CAMBUSLANG
TEL NO. 641 3379

PRESENT LOCATION OF CHILD/REN: WM ABSCONDED
SCOTT & HARRY AT CARSEWOOD.

CONTINUATION SHEET

D.A.S.U.
REFERRAL FORM

SECTION A. FACTUAL DETAILS.

Scott Burgess	23--6--83
Christopher Burgess	22-7-79

SCHOOL ATTENDED PRIOR TO R.I.C.

Christopher - Hugh Smillie Nursery 3 days

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7 Name of Referrer: PC Armstrong K259Address: Johnstone PoliceTel. No: 50 21113

(a) Details of Problem as given by referrer:

Police have been visiting over the weekend in relation to William whom with another broke into Gryffe High School and other offences. On each occasion Mrs Burgess has been away in Paisley and has left Scott McMillan(17) in charge of the house and children. McMillan does not appear to be capable of caring for the children. Tonight William and Scott(8) set fire to a garden hut at Freeland Drive, Bridge of Weir. When police arrived there was a fracas which resulted in John McLachlan Rodger mothers co-habitee being arrested. Police searched the house:-

- 1) There was no food in the house.
- 2) The house was filthy - no furniture - no bedding and chaotic.
- 3) All the children were filthy - the police were particularly shocked with the condition of the baby who was ill clad.
- 4) All children had not been bathed for at least one week.
- 5) Scott McMillan has had the care of the children and is incapable.
- 6) All children are out with control.
- 7) The house is full of stolen property.

It was felt by the police that the children are physically neglected - and at risk. Police advise not going to this home without a police presence as potentially it is a violent situation.

(b) Specific request of referrer:

Investigation.

(c) Further Action, if any, referrer proposes to take:

Police will be submitting a subject report.

8 Summary of subsequent action and outcome of investigation by Standby Service:-

12.10 hrs - Margaret Collins and Robert Penman to Johnstone Police Office.

Workers initially spoke to Constable Graham Shaw and Armstrong, they said that whilst looking for William in relation to criminal activities they went to family home on Saturday. Scott McMillan was in the house caring for the children. He would not allow police into the house and said that children's mother was away for the weekend.

On the second visit that day Constable Brown K261 accompanied Constable Armstrong to the house. This time they were allowed entry to the house by Scott McMillan. They found the house to be in a filthy condition. The 2 yr old child Christopher was dirty and running around in his bare bottom, mother was still not there and police advised that she stays with boyfriend Rogers at 16 Sandhole Street, Paisley.

DC Stewart K365 visited the family on Sunday about 17.00 hrs but mother was still not at home. It was also reported that the police searched the house for goods, cigarettes and alcohol stolen from a shop. Some of the alcohol and cigarettes were found in the house. Scott McMillan was charged with theft by HB on Friday 13th but was not arrested and removed from the house because he was the sole adult carer for the children.

Tonight ie Monday 16.12.91 at 20.30 hrs neighbour [REDACTED] was out in the back garden and he saw William and Scott go into house at 22 Freeland's Gardens and set fire to a hut. [REDACTED] went into the house to phone the Fire Brigade and when he came out fire had gone out. He was about to cancel fire brigade when William & Scott and another child relit it. This time it burned furiously.

When police went to house mother allowed them in but boyfriend became abusive and aggressive he was so difficult that police had to call for assistance before arresting him and detaining him in custody. Wm was not found in the house but mother allowed them to search the house and police were appalled by the conditions within the family home. RSS advised police that it would be necessary for workers to visit and assess present situation. Police advised they would accompany workers.

12.35 hrs - Visit to family home. Police initially remained out of sight outside the house in order to prevent inflaming the situation. Mother opened the door she had been drinking but allowed RSS to enter. There was two cakes (sultana buns) on the sofa, which she was cutting up and eating. Scott McMillan was present and Harry was up, all of the other children including William were in bed. As we spoke to Mrs Burgess it was quite plain she had been drinking quite a lot her speech was very slurred and she was decrying the actions of the police earlier. She said they had "battered" her boyfriend for no reason and lifted him. We asked to see the children and she became increasingly excited and was very abusive shouting at workers to "get the fuck" out of her house she shouted so much that police entered the house. She calmed down and allowed us to see the children baby Christopher was in bed with Lorna. He was wearing a T/Shirt and a nappy and was very dirty. Lorna was fully clothed in her school outfit and she too was dirty. The room was strewn with dirty clothes and there were no sheets or pillow cases on the bed, both children were fast asleep we looked them over but did not strip them as there was no specific allegation of abuse.

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We moved to Scott's room which was filthy the floor was covered in rubble, dirt, spent matches empty yoghurt cartons and dirty clothes. Scott himself was asleep on the mattress fully clothed and covered by a sleeping bag. Harry was restling around wide awake and clearly excited by the nights events. William was asleep in a side room off the living room. The living room and William's room were relatively tidy. The kitchenette was a bit messy but the most worrying feature was the total lack of food. The fridge was completely empty and Harry said his mother would get food on Tuesday when her giro comes. He said they had had soup and toast for tea.

He produced a small empty soup can which persumably had been shared amongst the five children. There were piles of rubbish in a small space between the kitchen door and the back door. Workers discussed the situation and conferred with Sr on duty. It was agreed that since home conditions were still the same as had been seen by area team and children were asleep in bed (with drunk boyfriend Rodgers in jail) it would be inappropriate to remove children to upset them tonight.

We went back into the house to advise mother of decision. She started drinking again and had turned up her hi-fi loudly. We suggested she should get off to bed stop drinking and turn down the record player. She started shouting "take the fucking weans away", she repeated this several times getting increasingly excited, it became clear she had had a lot of drink she would not be reasoned with. All efforts to calm her down failed and it was apparent she was not in a fit state to care for her children, she said she was going to sit up all night awaiting her boyfriends release. Her behaviour became quite uncontrolled. Area Manager had advised that Scott McMillan is unfit to care for the children on his own and mother's behaviour worsened rapidly. Police again became involved expressing great concern and indicating a Police POSO would be implented. Mother charged up the stairs screaming and shouting and causing great distress to her children. She lay over them in the bed. A further telephone call was made to her Sr on duty and it was agreed that RIC of children now necessary. The two older boys Harry and William were very angry with their mother and were shouting at her. Harry became very emotional and said he would kill himself. (A police officer had to remove his tie from him as he said he was trying to tighten it around his neck). The removal of the children was very harrowing they were extremely upset and their mother's behaviour exacerated the entire situation. When Scott, Lorna and the baby were in social workers car they calmed down fairly quickly and accepted explanation from workers as to why their removal was necessary. They were told mother would be allowed to see them fairly soon.

William in the meantime absconded from the scene and Harry was taken in the police car as there was no further room in RSS car.

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Police implemented a POSO. There were not sufficient places available for five children but since baby Christopher clung tightly to Lorna he was placed in foster care with his sister. Places were obtained for the three boys in Carsewood and Harry and Scott were quite calm and reasonably accepting on arrival there. Carsewood staff did expect two boys and 1 girl as initially thought appropriate and did not have three male places however since William had run off the problem was not imminent at that stage.

It was noted that baby Christopher was quite a strange unresponsive child [REDACTED] apart from clinging tightly to his sister his responses were almost animal like.

NB - Both Lorna and Harry said it is their school Christmas Party tomorrow.

M Collins

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9 (a) Present Injuries, Nature and Extent (to be provided by Medical Practitioner).

(b) Were X-rays or photographs taken? YES/NO:-

(c) If yes, by whom?

(d) Name of Consultant/Physician who carried out examination of children:-

(e) Name of Hospital:-

10 Was Section 37, Place of safety implemented? YES/NO:- YES

If yes, in respect of whom?:- William, Harry, Lorna & Scott Burgess and Christopher Graham.

11 (a) Were the police contacted regarding this incident? YES/NO:- YES
POLICE CONTACTED RSS.

If yes, please state:-

Name of Police Officer Contacted:- ARMSTRONG

Rank:- CONSTABLE No:- K259 Division:-

Office:- TEL NO:- 502 1113

Time Contacted:- 22.20 Date Contacted:-16.12.91

(b) Please indicate any information given by the police on this family (particularly if they have any knowledge of previous offences of violence within the family):-

(c) Did the police indicate they would investigate? YES/NO:- YES

(d) If yes, if possible give details of investigating Police Officers:-

Name:- ARMSTRONG Rank:- K259 No:-

Name:- BROWN Rank:- K261 No:-

(e) Give details of any adult person who is being/has been charged with any offence arising out of the circumstances:-

John Rodger BOP (Boyfriend).

Ann Burgess will be charged under Section 12 CYAP Act.

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12 Please suggest any further areas which require immediate investigation/assessment by Area Team.

(a) Please liaise urgently with Carsewood and foster parents Mr & Mrs [REDACTED]

(b) Liaise with police re William (missing).

(c) Liaise with Reporter.

(d)

Investigating Social Workers:-

Name (a) M Collins Designation:- Social Worker

Name (b) R Penman Designation:- Social Worker

13 Should the Area Team convene an immediate case conference on this family, the following times would in the light of the Standby Service work pattern, be most suitable to the investigating Social Worker/s:-

1.

2.

3.

Report Seen By: A J Nicol

Duty Senior Social Worker

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TO BE COMPLETED BY AREA MANAGER

Standby Serial No: 091340

Report Date: 16.12.91

Name of Child: Burgess Children

D.O.B.:

Address: 14 Southview Crescent, Bridge of Weir.

As this form has alerted the Child Abuse Register, please complete this tear off slip and return to Child Abuse Registration section at McIver House:-

PLEASE DELETE AS APPROPRIATE

(a) In view of circumstances outlined in this report and any information held on this family by Area Team, alert should be withdrawn.

(b) Continue alert, case conference minutes to follow.

Signed:

M E M O R A N D U M

FROM A J Nicol
Senior Social Worker
Regional Standby Service
52 Lumsden Street
Glasgow.

TO Area Manager/SSW
LAA

TEL 041-357-3696

OUR REF JL/MD/RSS

YOUR REF

DATE 17.12.91

SERIAL NO 091340

SUBJECT BURGESS CHILDREN
14 SOUTHVIEW CRESCENT
BRIDGE OF WEIR

I refer to the above report and would request that you provide an up-dated Alert to the Regional Standby Service after decisions have been taken regarding the future management of this case.



A J Nicol
Senior Social Worker

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I certify that I have removed the child named below to a place of Safety, namely, JOHNSTONE Police Station under that authority granted by the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, Section 37(2). This matter will be referred to the Reporter to the Children's Panel in accordance with the above Act.

Please provide suitable accommodation in respect of the child until further direction is given by the Reporter to the Children's Panel.

CHILD/REN'S DETAILS

NAME: WILLIAM BURGESS

DATE OF BIRTH:

19.9.77

HOME ADDRESS:

14 SOUTHVIEW CREES BRIDGE GLEN WEIR. SEX: M.

HARRY BURGESS - 22.8.79 (MALE)
14 SOUTHVIEW CREES - BRIDGE GLEN WEIRSCOTT BURGESS - 23.6.83 (MALE)
14 SOUTHVIEW CREES - BRIDGE GLEN WEIR

Constable

JOHNSTONE

Station

K

Division

NOTE:

Accommodation provided as requested at:

Address: CARSONWOOD CHILDREN'S HOME
HOWWOOD

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

F.J. Kennedy L.L.B.

MEMORANDUM

From ... Reporters Department To ... Social Work Department

 Johnstone

SUBJECT: SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1968

CASES SUBJECT TO INVESTIGATION

The undernoted has/have been referred under Section 32. Please submit social background report(s) not later than ... 18 November 1992

Ref. No. 447/91 444/91
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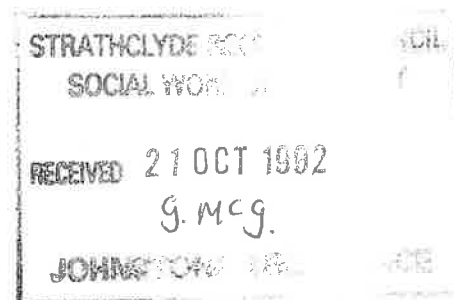
Grounds for Referral

Name and Address

William Burgess (19/9/77)
 Harry Burgess (22/9/79)
 Lorna Burgess (25/9/80)
 Scott Burgess (23/6/83)
 Christopher Burgess (4/5/89)
 14 Southview Crescent
 Bridge of Weir

Being in need of care and protection - 32(2) (c)

Please contact Mrs MacDonald for further details.



A.T.R.G. 15/11/92 - 9.30am.

Date 20 October 1992

.....
 for Reporter

SWD/5b

THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO AREA REPORTER IMMEDIATELY

Name(s)

Ref. No.(s) Reporter's Area Code

Receipt is acknowledged of formal request for Social Background Report

Date

(for) Area Officer

For Reporters Use Only
 REPORTERS DECISION

N.F.A.-39(1)

V.M.C.-39(2)

C.H.-39(3)

Date of actual C.H. to be given later

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

F. J. KENNEDY, LL.B.

SUBJECT: REPORTER'S DUTIES, ETC. (SCOTLAND) RULES 1971—RULE 5

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on..... Friday 10 January 1992
 at..... 10.00 a.m. within..... 10. Glen Lane, Paisley.....

A full list of those cited is undernoted, along with timing of each case.

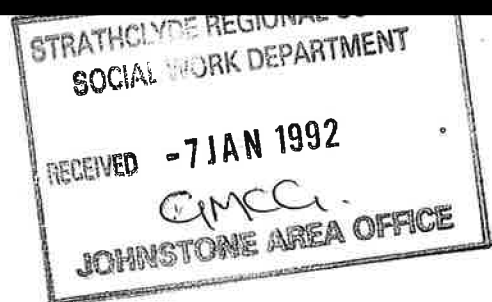
NameTime of CaseReason for Appearance

444/91	Scott Burgess	10.30 a.m.	ALL: Consider renewal of Warrant
445/91	Christopher Burgess		Section 37(5)
446/91	Lorna Burgess		SCOTT: Grounds
447/91	Harry Burgess		
448/91	William Brugess		
	14 Southview Crescent		
	BRIDGE OF WEIR		

c.c. SWD Craigielea
 Johnstone ✓
 West Yonderton

Date 30 December 1991

Angela Hefu
 for Reporter



STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

F. J. KENNEDY, LL.B.

SUBJECT: REPORTER'S DUTIES, ETC. (SCOTLAND) RULES 1971—RULE 5

NOTIFICATION OF HEARING

Herewith notification of a Hearing to be held on Monday 9th March, 1992
at 2.00 pm within 10 Glen Lane, Paisley

A full list of those cited is undernoted, along with timing of each case.

Name

Time of Case

Reason for Appearance

44/91	Scott Burgess	X	2.30 pm	All: Established Grounds
45/91	Christopher Burgess			
46/91	Lorna Burgess			
47/91	Harry Burgess			
	14 Southview Crescent			
	Bridge of Weir			

cc SWD: Johnstone, Abbey House & West Yonderton

Date 27th February 1992

RECEIVED -2 MAR 1992
for Reporter

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

F. J. KENNEDY, LL.B.

MEMORANDUM

From Reporter's Dept To Social Work Dept., Johnstone

re: Name Burgess Family Date of Birth

Address 14 Southview Crescent, Bridge of Weir

Further to the appearance of the above-named at a Hearing on 10.1.92

when grounds for referral were *not accepted/not understood by the child and the Reporter was directed to make a Section *42 (2) (c)/42 (7) application to the Court. I now write to advise you that

this case called at the Sheriff Court at St. James Street, Paisley

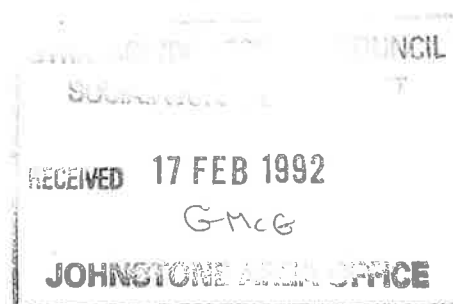
on ...13.2.92..... when the outcome was as follows:—

(1) Grounds Established in whole/part*

~~(2) Grounds not Established~~~~(3) Application Abandoned~~

~~*The referral consequently stands discharged/A~~ further Hearing will be arranged in due course.

A hearing date has been set for 3.3.92 (provisionally) please submit a supplementary report no later than 25.2.92



Date 14th February 1992

Shirley M. Tappan
for Reporter

*Delete as appropriate

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

RENFREW DISTRICT

Date Of Hearing

Outcome

S U P P L E M E N T A R Y
R E P O R T T O C H I L D R E N ' S H E A R I N G

Name WILLIAM
Harry, Lorna, Scott, Burgess - Christopher Graham
Address
HOME
12 SOUTHVIEW CRESCENT, BRIDGE OF WEIR
For Present addresses - see below

Date Of Birth 19-9-77
22-8-79, 25-9-80, 23-6-83, 4-5-89
School Attended WILLIAM-BALROSSIE, KILMACOLM
HARRY-Gryffe High. LORNA & SCOTT
Religion BOW Primary

NEW Grounds Of Referral:

Scott - referral in terms of Sec 32(2)(gg)SW(Scotland)Act 1968
as amended by the Solvent Abuse(Scotland)Act 1983

Basis Of Report:

At least weekly contact has been maintained with all members of the family
since last hearing.

Family Details:

Name	Age	Relationship	Employment/School Other	Income and Source
Ann Gibb	30	Mother	Housewife	Income Support
John Rodger	33	Above's cohabitee	Self-employed Fitter	
William	14	Son of Miss Gibb	At school	
Harry	12	Son of Miss Gibb	At school	
Lorna	11	Daughter of Miss Gibb	At School	
Scott	8	Son of Miss Gibb	At school	
Christopher Graham	2	Son of Miss Gibb	Attends Hugh Snellie Nursery 3 days per week	

PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF CHILDREN

William Newfield Resource Centre, Johnstone
Harry & Scott Carsewood Childrens' Home, Howwood
Lorna & Christopher Mr & Mrs Leishman(Foster Parents)
31 Yarrow Court, Cambuslang
Report Compiled By: GRACE MGINIY

Date Completed: 8 January 1992

Recent Home Circumstances

Following the last hearing on 23 December 1991, Miss Gibb and Mr Rodger have cooperated well with the department - keeping to access arrangements, accepting responsibility for recent home circumstances, and showing a willingness to change.

Due to public holidays, access with all the children has been restricted but they have maintained weekly contact with Harry and Christopher, more often with William, and at least weekly contact with Harry and Scott. There has also been telephone contact between family members.

Miss Gibb and Mr Rodger have continued to make improvements in the home cleaning, decorating, cleaning a backlog of washing. The couple have not proceeded as quickly as might have been hoped. Public holidays and lack of materials has been given as a reason for this. The writer will be inspecting the home again on the day before the Hearing, by which time Miss Gibb hopes to have completed all essential work and to have the home ready for the childrens' return.

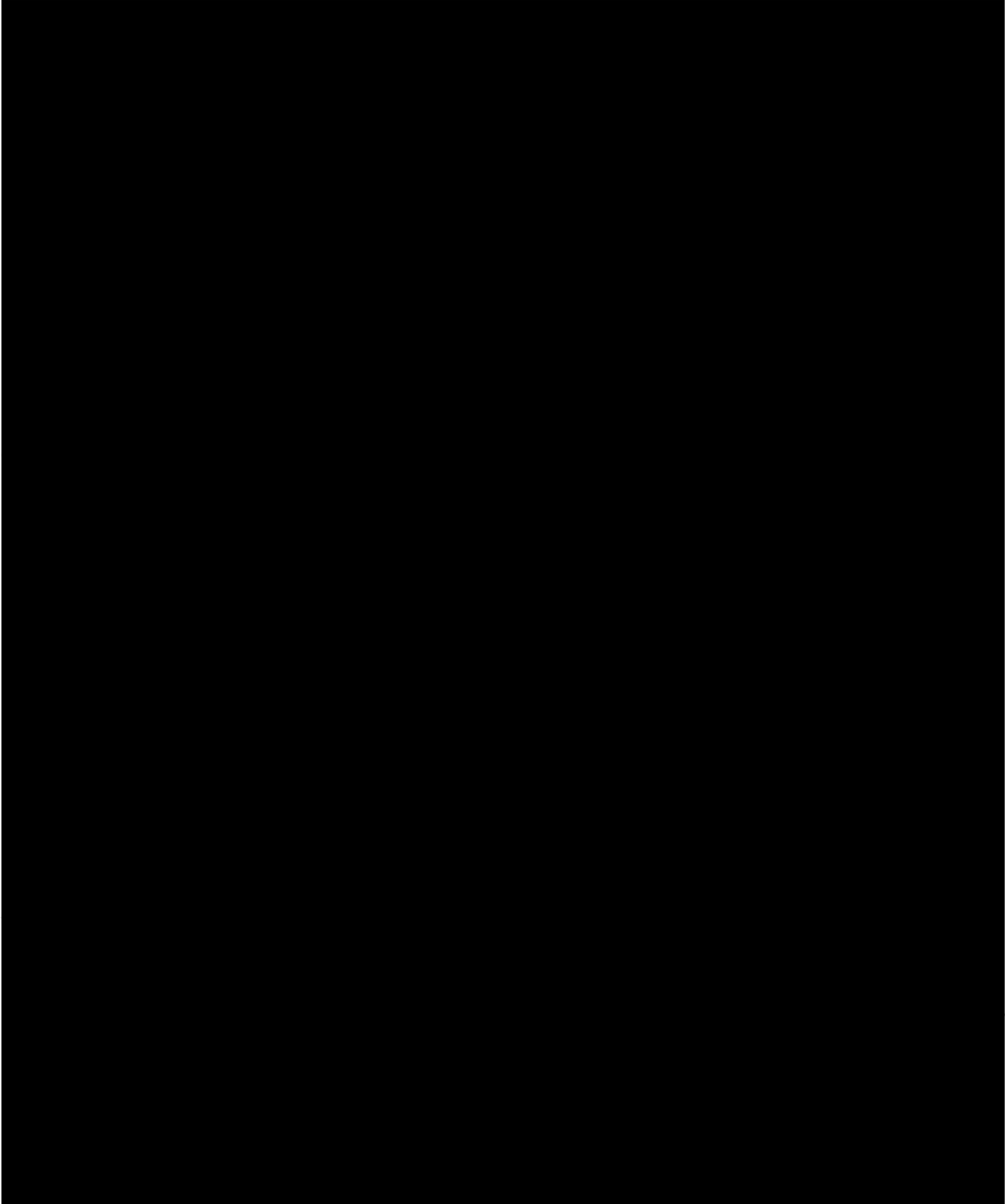
Miss Gibb's tumble dryer has now been repaired. A grant from the Department of Social Security has been sought to supplement bedding, replace a carpet, provide an extra heater. The Housing department has been requested to make repairs to windows and light fittings to improve the outward appearance and safety within the home.

Miss Gibb has stated her acceptance of the fact that her repeated absences from the home have been a major cause of the present reception into care and has undertaken to be at home much more often in the future.

Harry

Harry has settled well in care under the circumstances. He has shown some anger towards the Social Worker and towards his mother for the present situation but has acknowledged the need for all to change.

He himself, has stated a willingness to resume regular attendance at Gryffe High school if allowed home and is agreeable to joining this department's Incentive Group to help support him in his efforts at home and in school.



Involvement of Social Work Department

The Social Worker has been present at several access visits and has seen both Miss Gibb and Mr Rodger relate in a positive, friendly way towards all of the children.

It is felt that all of the children have responded favourably to access visits. Harry and Lorna in particular, and indeed all the children, although William may not wish to admit it, seem to have missed their mother and to wish to return to her care.

The children have also enjoyed contact with each other although on the negative side, their lack of control at times and their readiness to lift their feet to each other has been noted. Fondness between family members is apparent.

Discussion of family issues is and will be ongoing. It is suspected that Mr Rodger has a drink problem and so perhaps has Miss Gibb. On initial access visits, a smell of drink was detected by the Social Worker and on one occasion, remarked on by a member of staff at Carsewood, but the adults have appeared sober at all times when in contact with the children and Social Work. Miss Gibb has also continued to receive full Income Support and Child Benefit for her family and there is no evidence of where that considerable income has gone.

Assessment

Clearly, considerable efforts have been made by Miss Gibb and Mr Rodger to improve conditions at home. Miss Gibb appears to have missed her children greatly, to wish to have them home and to be prepared to cooperate with this Department and to act in a more responsible way to achieve this goal.

Whether, she is ready to resume the care of her children will be discussed with Miss Gibb on 9 January 1992 at a formal Child Care Review, which it is hoped, all official parties involved with the family will attend. A decision will then be taken as to this Department's recommendation to the Hearing and it is hoped to inform the panel verbally of that at the Hearing.

Grace D. McGinty

GRACE MCGINTY
Social Worker
GMCG/IL
8 January 1992

10 Laighcartside Street
Johnstone

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

F. J. KENNEDY, LL.B.

MEMORANDUM

From: Reporter's Department

To: Social Work Department

CRAIGIELEA/JOHNSTONE

Subject: Reporters' Duties and Transmission of Information, etc (Scotland) Rules 1971—Rule 6 (1) (2) (3)

In accordance with instruction contained in Rule 6 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:

Name:

Decision:

10 January 1992

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Scott Burgess
Christopher Burgess
Lorna Burgess
Harry Burgess
William Burgess
14 Southview Crescent
BRIDGE OF WEIR

ALL: 37(5) Warrant issued
SCOTT: Remit to Sheriff for
Proof

Date 13 January 1992

Date

*Delete as appropriate

for Reporter

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JOHNSTONE AREA OFFICE

Memorandum



From Grace McGinty
Social Worker
Johnstone Area Office

Tel 24431 Ext

To Reporter to the Children's Hearing
10 Glen Lane
PAISLEY

Our ref GMcG/SC

Your ref

Date 25 November 1991

Subject

Burgess Family: William Burgess (DOB 19.9.77)
Harry Burgess (DOB 22.9.79)
Lorna Burgess (DOB 25.9.80)
Scott Burgess (DOB 23.6.83)
Christopher Burgess (DOB 4.5.89)

This department has been concerned about the safety of the above children who are often left in the care of Scott McMillan (17) for some time. Their mother, Mrs Ann Burgess (30) is a single parent.

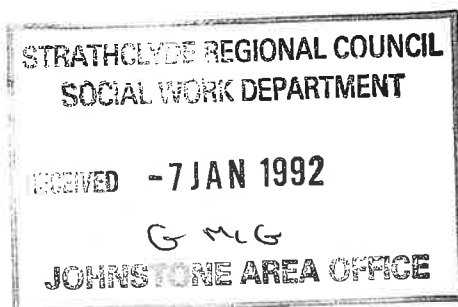
I wish to request that the matter be brought to a Children's Hearing and attach a Statement of Facts in support of this.

Grace D. McGinty

Grace McGinty
Social Worker

TO: 31/11/91

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Statement of Facts

19.11.91 4.10 pm

Social Worker, Shirley Gourlay called to collect Scott Burgess (8 years) as arranged to attend Primary Group. The door was answered by Scott. He did not want to go to the group and when asked if his mum was at home, he informed her that she was out and the babysitter, Scott McMillan was upstairs sleeping and "says he will batter us if we wake him up". His sister Lorna (11 years) shouted from the background "who the fuck is it?". When she appeared at the door and became aware of the situation about the group, she hit him about the ears and insisted he should go.

When the Social Worker was given access to the house by Lorna, Christopher (2 years) was seen by the Social Worker to be kneeling on the hearth in front of an open, well lit coal fire. The Social Worker had to remove him continually during the course of the visit as he kept returning to the fire.

Lorna also stated that Scott McMillan was upstairs sleeping and would batter her if he was wakened. When the Social Worker asked that he be wakened, Lorna, after going upstairs, reported that he was not in. She suggested "he must have gone to the shops or something".

Asked by the Social Worker if they had had their tea, Lorna replied that she had put pies in the oven but they would not be ready for another 15 minutes. When the Social Worker investigated she found the electric cooker on at 250° C. There was no handle on the oven door and the door itself was quite hot. The pies were ready and removed from the oven by the Social Worker. In 15 minutes time they would have been burned black. The pies were put out for the children by Lorna but Christopher ate nothing.

He had a dirty nappy, was smelly, his hair was dirty and he generally appeared quite unkempt. He had a bite mark on his right arm. When asked about it Lorna said he was always biting himself. Lorna showed herself well used to "mothering" Christopher when she changed his soiled nappy with the help of a towel, which she wet at one end to clean him. She also carried him on her hip and comforted him in a way which showed she was well practised.

4.45 pm

Scott McMillan (17 years), the childminder, returned. He said that he had only left the house at 4.00 pm and was visiting his girlfriend. He said that Mrs Burgess knows he visits his girlfriend and it is "OK" with her.

When the risks to the children were pointed out he said that Christopher didn't usually go near the fire and that Lorna was big enough to take charge.

After making the risks to the children clear and informing Scott McMillan that he must remain with the children, the Social Worker left for the group with Scott Burgess.

7.45 pm

The Social Worker returned with Scott from the group. Scott McMillan answered the door. Mrs Burgess had still not returned home.

11.00 am the following day

Two Social Workers, Shirley Gourlay and Grace McGinty, visited the home. Mrs Burgess seemed to accept that Scott had shown himself irresponsible in caring for the children and that he should not be left responsible for them again.

The bite mark on Christopher's arm was said to have been caused by the dog, Sparky. Christopher is said to torment the dog and that is why it bites him.

Mrs Burgess was informed that a report would be sent to the Reporter to the Children's Panel. Mrs Burgess could not accept this and repeatedly asked the Social Workers to leave and not to return. The Social Workers eventually left.

Grace McGinty

Grace McGinty
Social Worker

Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures

1. Name of Child William, Harry, Lorna & Scott Burgess Christopher Graham	5. D.O.B. 19.9.77; 22.8.79; 25.9.80; 22.6.83; 4.5.89
2. Home Address 14 Southview Crescent Bridge of Weir	6. Date of Initial Case Conference 20.10.92
3. Current Address (if different)	7. Date of Review Case Conferences 22.4.93
4. Social Worker Grace McGinty	8. Date of Next Case Conference
	9. Category of Registration Physical Injury

Visits during the previous 3 months (underline dates if child seen)

<u>23/4/93</u>	Lorna	<u>28/5/93</u>
<u>28/4/93</u>		<u>31/5/93</u>
<u>30/4/93</u>	All	<u>1/6/93</u>
<u>7/5/93</u>	Harry, Scott, Christopher	<u>3/6/93</u>
<u>11/5/93</u>	Lorna, Scott, Christopher	<u>4/6/93</u>
<u>12/5/93</u>	Lorna, Scott, Christopher	<u>7/6/93</u>
<u>17/5/93</u>	William, Lorna, Scott and Christopher	<u>16/6/93</u>
<u>20/5/93</u>	William, Christopher	

Children seen as listed.

All	<u>21/6/93</u>	William
William, Harry	<u>24/6/93</u>	William, Harry
All	<u>25/6/93</u>	All
All	<u>2/7/93</u>	William, Harry
		Lorna, Christopher
All	<u>6/7/93</u>	Harry, Lorna
Harry, Lorna, Scott, Chris.	<u>12/7/93</u>	Scott
	<u>13/7/93</u>	All

11. Specify any contact with other agencies involved during the previous 3 months (i.e. G.P., Health Visitor, School, etc.)

21/5/93 Contact with Gryffe High, re Lorna, Harry. All well.
Contact with BOW Primary, re Scott. All well.
Harry's and Lorna's school reports seen. Reasonably good.

William Regular contact with Geilsland - attendance good, some incidents.

12. Describe the current child/family situation

Children on school holidays. Great concern re future housing, as Court action being taken for eviction. Relatively calm period regarding drink and violence recently after a violent, aggressive spell. Particular neighbours in 'war' situation with family and this can be harmful for children. Ann and John's relationship with children varies from time to time. Fairly positive spell for William.

John seems to lack patience for Christopher at times, but latter's relationship with mother appears reasonably good. Bullying rife among siblings - Scott, in particular, subjected to bullying within family and in turn bullies in community and at home (Christopher).

Ann almost eight months pregnant and very anxious to be in settled home circumstances before birth of baby.

13. (a) Are you concerned about any features that have occurred during the last 3 months?	Yes YES	No
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(b) If YES please specify

Violence within home, aggression in local community. William's buzzing a problem but less so in recent weeks. Drinking of both carers. Ann seems to be drinking less recently but some concern for unborn child.

Court action underway for eviction for anti-social behaviour. Some hope, however, that house may be offered in Ferguslie Park.

14. Have you identified any additional resources which may assist? (specify)

R.C.A. involved with John Rodgers re his drinking. He is also on Probation.

It is hoped that move of house will ease current stress.

15. Future Treatment plan and any other remarks

To assist family concerning move of house.

To counsel individual children,

Signature *Grace M. Ginty*

Social Worker

Date 21/7/93

Date sent to District Manager

I verify that the Case records have been checked and countersigned each fortnight

Signature *[Signature]*

Senior Social Worker

Date 21/7/93

Date received by District Manager

Child Protection Procedures Review Case Conference Minute CP5

1b. Area Team responsible

Johnstone

Details of children involved. Tick box in first column if child is subject of case conference.

	2a. Surname/aliases	2b. Forename	3. Date of birth	4. M or F
First Child ☐	BURGESS	WILLIAM	19.9.77	M
Second Child ☐	BURGESS	HARRY	22.8.77	M
Third Child ☐	BURGESS	LORNA	25.9.80	F
Fourth Child ☐	BURGESS	SCOTT	22.6.83	M
Fifth Child ☐	GRAHAM	CHRISTOPHER	4.5.89	M
Sixth Child ☐				

5a. Home address	14 Southview Crescent Bridge of Weir
5b. Current address (placement type and address)	William - Geilsland School Beith

6. Female carer	Name: Ann Burgess	Home Address 14 Southview Crescent Bridge of Weir	Current Address (if different)
7. Male carer	Name:	Home Address	Current Address (if different)

8a. Date of initial case conference	20.10.92
8b. Date of review case conference	22.4.93
8c. Date(s) of previous review(s)	

Surname: BURGESS AND GRAHAM

9. Keyworker's name and status

Grace McGinty, Social Worker

10. What measures of care have been supplied since last case conference?

Action taken (enter ① in appropriate boxes)	First Child	Second Child	Third Child	Fourth Child	Fifth Child	Sixth Child
Voluntary social work support	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Place of safety order	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Referral to reporter	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Supervision requirement	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Further investigation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

11. Legal status if changed since last review or initial case conference (use code list):

First child Second child Third child Fourth child Fifth child Sixth child

Codes (Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 unless otherwise stated):

00=No legislation applicable;

01=Section 15;

02=Section 16;

03=Section 37;

04=Section 40;

05=Section 44(1)(a), condition of residence;

06=Section 44(1)(a), home supervision;

07=Section 44(1)(b);

08=Section 58(a) amended by Section 8(4) HASSASSA Act 1983;

09=Section 42(3);

10=Section 43(4);

11=Section 198/296(3) and 406 Criminal Procedures (Scotland) Act 1975;

12=Section 323 Criminal Procedures (Scotland) Act 1975;

13=Section 206/413 Criminal Procedures (Scotland) Act 1975;

14=Section 12(5) Foster Children (Scotland) Act 1984;

15=Section 26(1)(b) Adoption Act 1978;

16=Section 10 Matrimonial Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1958;

17=Section 12 Matrimonial Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1958;

18=Section 7 Children Act 1958;

19=Section 11(1)(b)

Guardianship Act 1973;

20=Section 24;

21=Other;

22=Section 39(2).

12. Placement of child at time of this review (use code list):

First child Second child Third child Fourth child Fifth child Sixth child

Codes: 1=At home; 2=Family relative; 3=Foster care; 4=Local authority children's home; 5=Voluntary children's home; 6=Residential school; 7=Assessment/reception centre; 8=Other (please specify):

13. Case Conference Details:

	Name	Designation in full and agency if not S.W.D.
Chairperson:	I Smith	Area Manager, Johnstone SW
Present:	M Speirs	Senior Social Worker
	G McGinty	Social Worker
	Mr Strachan	Guidance Teacher, Gryffe High School
	Mrs Newlands	Teacher, Bridge of Weir Primary School
	Ms McDonald	Hugh Smiley Day Nursery
	K Gattens	Health Visitor
Apologies:		
Invited but did not attend:		

Surname: BURGESS AND GRAHAM

14. Summary of discussion (if required use the separate insert pages provided)

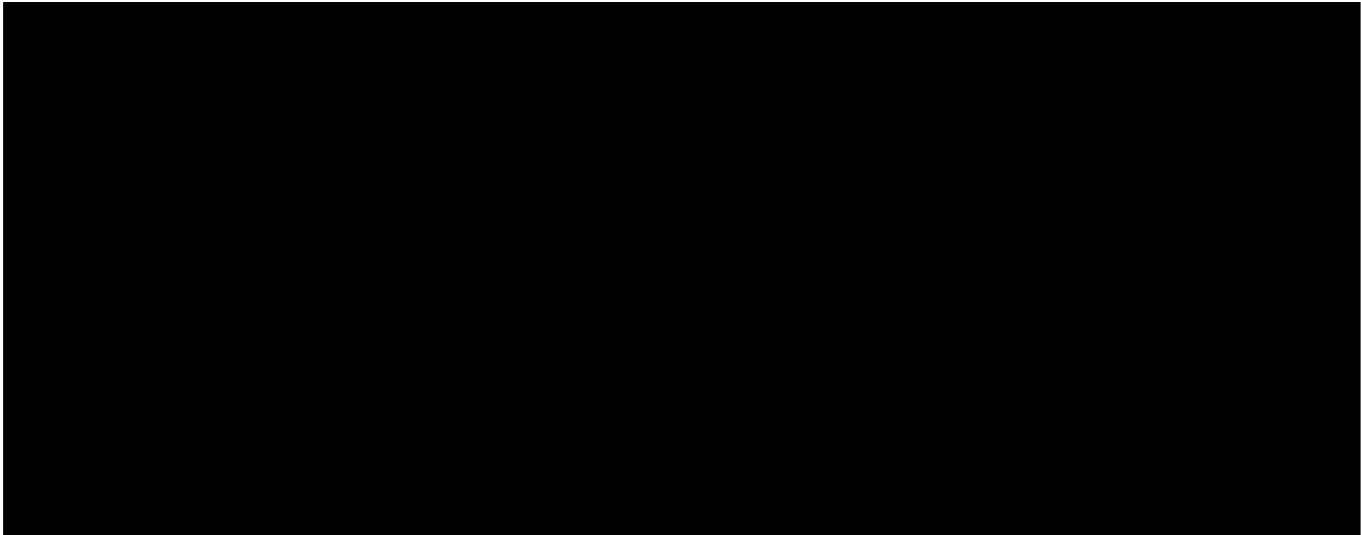
The children were registered in October 1992 under the category of Physical Injury - not because of actual physical abuse against them but because of the risk situation in the home as a result of the drink related violent incidents involving Mrs. Burgess and Mr. Rodger.

After Christmas things seemed calmer for a while but over recent weeks concern has risen again with the occurrence of several incidents in which the police were involved. The meeting noted William's involvement in a recent violent argument in the house and then subsequently smashing things up. He was under the influence of solvents on this occasion. Mr. Rodger also resorts to smashing things up around the home.

With regard to rehousing, Mrs. Burgess has to date limited her choice to an "own door" type in Glenburn. However, there have been a lot of complaints and protest about the family from neighbouring residents in Bridge of Weir and though a court hearing is yet to be set, it seems likely that Renfrew District Housing Dept. will be proceeding with eviction. Further to this, approach will have be made to the Homeless Persons Unit where no offer of alternative accomodation may be forthcoming if the family are considered "intentionally" homeless as a result of anti-social behaviour.



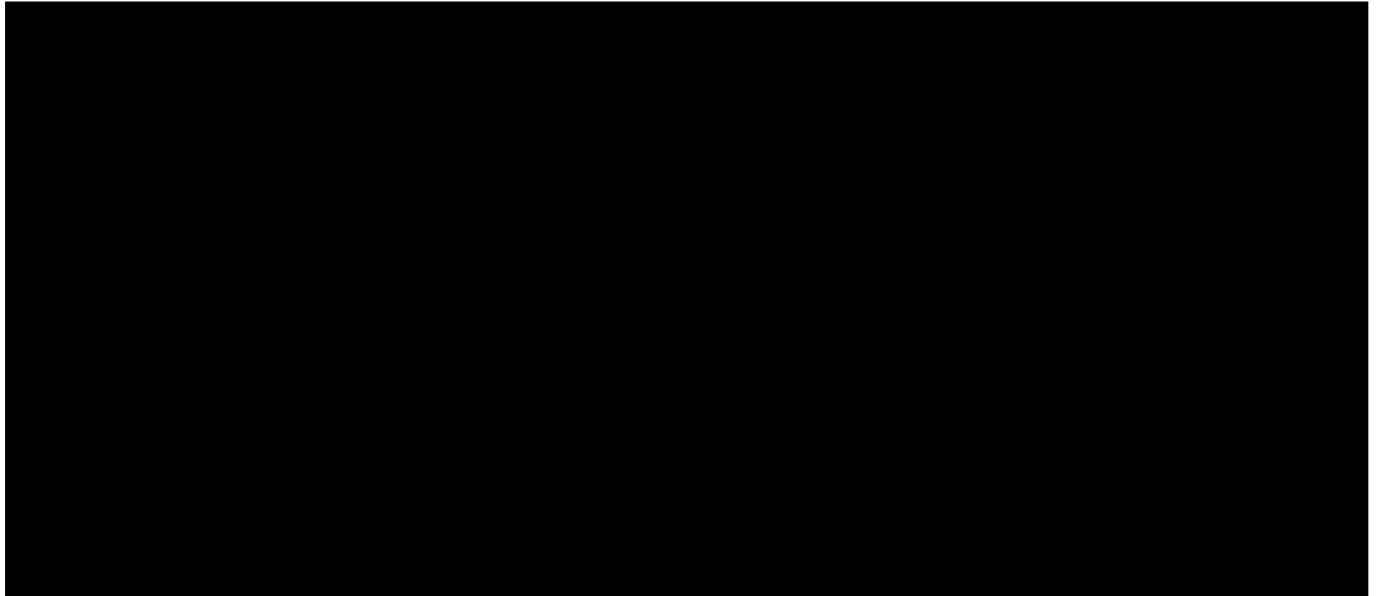
Harry is reported as doing quite well at Gryffe High School. In class he is well motivated and making an effort. His attendance can be a bit erratic but all absences have been covered by notes from home. His tendency to chestiness and the effects of incidents in the home could possibly account for much of the non attendance. Mr. Strachan noted that outwith class Harry has always been on the fringe of trouble. Recently there was suggestion of him having threatened another pupil with a bottle but this was never sufficiently substantiated.



Surname: BURGESS AND GRAHAM

Summary of Discussion Cont. Form CP5 Page 3a

BURGESS:



CONCLUSION

The meeting noted the positive reports on the individual children, seemingly despite the home situation about which concern must persist. The incidents over the last few weeks show little has changed. Alcohol abuse continues. Violence and aggression seem the accepted way of dealing with problems. Pending eviction is a potential source of further strain.

DECISIONS

1. Supervision Orders are still in force with regard to all of the children but their names will be retained on the Child Protection Register - Category: Physical Injury.
2. Grace McGinty will continue as key worker with the family.
3. Review to be held within 6 months - or earlier if required.

Surname: BURGESS AND GRAHAM

15. Recommendations and agreed tasks:

Person/agency responsible:

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2. Grace McGinty will continue as key worker with the family.
3. Review to be held within 6 months - or earlier if required.

16. Category of registration:

First child Second child Third child Fourth child Fifth child Sixth child

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Codes: 1=Physical injury; 2=Sexual abuse; 3=Failure to thrive; 4=Emotional abuse; 5=Physical neglect; 6=Deregistered as a result of this case conference; 7=Previously deregistered.

17. Reason for deregistration if resulting from this case conference:

First child Second child Third child Fourth child Fifth child Sixth child

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Codes: 1=Child taken into care and risk reduced; 2=Child moved away; 3=Child died; 4=Risk reduced; 5=Child transferred.

18. Case transferred (use code list)

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Codes: 01=Orkney; 02=Shetland; 03=Western Isles; 10=Highland; 20=Grampian; 30=Tayside; 35=Fife; 40=Lothian; 50=Central; 55=Borders; 60=Elsewhere in Strathclyde; 90=Dumfries and Galloway; 99=Outwith Scotland.

19. Dissent: Name: Agency:

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20. Application to Criminal Injuries Board:

Completed

Pending

Not Appropriate

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Date of next conference/review: Within 6 months

Confidentiality

Signature of minute taker

[Signature]

Signature of chairperson

[Signature]

The information in this document is confidential to you. It must not be disclosed to any other person or agency without the written consent of the case conference chairperson.

Date:

26.4.97

If you disagree with any aspect of this report you should contact the area manager immediately in writing.

Report for Review Case Conference

Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures

1. Children's Names William Burgess, Harry Burgess, Lorna Burgess, Scott Burgess, Christopher Graham.		2. D.O.B. 19.9.77, 22.8.79, 25.9.80, 22.6.83; 4.5.89.
3. Children's Addresses Wm:- Geilsland School Beith Others:- 14 Southview Cres Bridge of Weir	4. Home addresses if different 14 Southview Crescent Bridge of Weir	6. Date of Initial Case Conference 20.10.92 7. Category of Registration Physical Abuse
5. Parents/Caretakers name and address Ann Burgess 14 Southview Crescent Bridge of Weir		8. Date of current and previous Review Case Conferences 22.4.93
Recommendations of Last Review 1. Registration to take place in respect of all Burgess children under the category: Physical Abuse. 2. Review by Children's Hearing to be requested to consider reception into care unless Mr Rodger leaves home or co-operates with the department and seeks help re: his drinking. 3. Social Worker to Liaise with housing. 4. G McGinty to remain as keyworker.		

10. Legal position of child Wm - 44(1)b - Geilsland, Others - 44(1)a.

11. Significant changes since last Case Conference

(a) Child

The situation continues much the same for the other children.

(b) Family John Rodger had addressed his drink problem and has been regularly attending Renfrew Council for Alcohol for counselling. The violence at home had abated. During recent weeks however, there have again been several incidents involving the police and the situation within the home is again concerning.

(c) Social Work Department Involvement

This Department has been involved in encouraging both Ann and John to act responsibly in the interests of their children. This has involved the giving of practical assistance, as well as the discussion of issues as they have arisen.

(d) Involvement of Other Agencies

R.C.A. - A report today suggests that John is making little real progress.
Housing - During the last 3/4 weeks the number of complaints - always steady - has risen. John recently assaulted a neighbour and when decree is granted, the council are likely to evict.

12. Areas of concern

The drinking of the carers, particularly John. The level of violence in the household. The impression that, while the carers appear to co-operate verbally with the plans for the family to be together, they then act as if to sabotage these plans. In this regard, it is felt that John's interests as he sees them may not include the wellbeing of the family as a whole.

abuse.

13. Plans for Child including recommendations to Review Case Conference

The plans are to continue to work with this family in their home, to offer support to individual members and the family as a whole, to keep the children out of care. After seeing some initial effort on John's part to improving his own contribution, the writer is again doubting - in view of recent events - whether this family can make progress while he is with them.

A Children's Hearing is currently being sought for William to allow him to return home permanently and attend Geilsland on a day basis.

Scott will continue to attend Primary Group I.T. provision.

Liaison with school, nursery, housing, R.C.A., Drug Outreach Worker, and police will continue.

In view of recent events, it is recommended that the children's names remain on the child protection register.

14. Persons who should attend the Review including Staff from Area Team and Other Agencies, and Parents

Gryffe High	Iain Smith
Bridge of Weir Primary	Grace McGinty
Hugh Smiley	Myra Speirs
Health Visitor	
Nursing Officer	
J Rodger	
A Burgess	

Signature *Grace McGinty*

Social Worker

Date 21/4/93

Countersigned

Senior Social Worker

Date

Myra Speirs
21.4.93

Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures

1. Name of Child WILLIAM BURGESS, HARRY BURGESS, LORNA BURGESS, SCOTT BURGESS, CHRISTOPHER GRAHAM	5. D.O.B. 19.9.77, 22.8.79, 25.9.80, 22.6.83 4.5.89
2. Home Address 14 SOUTHVIEW CRESCENT BRIDGE OF WEIR	6. Date of Initial Case Conference 20.10.92
3. Current Address (if different) WILLIAM - NEWFIELD RESOURCE CENTRE	7. Date of Review Case Conferences -
4. Social Worker GRACE MCGINTY	8. Date of Next Case Conference APRIL 1993
	9. Category of Registration PHYSICAL ABUSE

10. Visits during the previous 3 months (underline dates if child seen)

22.10.92 6.11.92 30.11.92 21.12.92
23.10.92 13.11.92 1.12.92 23.12.92
29.10.92 EXCEPT LORNA 16.11.92 04.12.92 29.12.92
30.10.92 24.11.92 10.12.92 6.1.93
25.11.92 14.12.92 7.1.93
15.12.92 13.1.93
21.1.93
28.1.93

11. Specify any contact with other agencies involved during the previous 3 months (i.e. G.P., Health Visitor, School, etc.)

CONTACT WITH GRYFFE HIGH - HARRY'S ATTENDANCE AND BEHAVIOUR GIVING NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN.
LORNA'S ATTENDANCE AND BEHAVIOUR GOOD.

HOUSING DEPT - MEETING IN DECEMBER RE FAMILY'S ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR. LEGAL SECTION
CONSIDERING EVIDENCE FOR EVICTION ON GROUNDS OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR.

12. Describe the current child/family situation

HOME CIRCUMSTANCES VERY UNSTABLE DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER. JOHN DRINKING HEAVILY AND ARGUMENTS BETWEEN PARTNERS FRIGHTENING THE CHILDREN. ANN'S OWN DRINKING APPEARED TO BE INCREASING SITUATION WAS GIVING CAUSE FOR CONCERN - STANDBY AND POLICE INVOLVED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

WRITER WAS, HOWEVER, AWARE OF THE PRESSURES ON THE FAMILY AT THIS TIME - CHILDREN ALL IN CARE ONE YEAR AGO, FINANCIAL PRESSURES, FORTHCOMING CHILDREN'S HEARING AND CHILDREN BACK ON THE REGISTER. THE FAMILY HAVE ALSO BECOME ISOLATED IN THE COMMUNITY. SINCE BEGINNING OF JANUARY, SITUATION HAS SEEMED MORE STABLE. JOHN IS CONTINUING TO ATTEND RCA AND DOES SEEM TO BE TRYING TO CONTROL HIS DRINKING. ANN HAS BEEN SOBER DURING EACH VISIT AND CHILDREN HAVE SEEMED MORE CALM. ANN WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND CHILDREN'S HEARING (DUE TO NERVES) AND IT HAS BEEN CONTINUED.

13. (a) Are you concerned about any features that have occurred during the last 3 months?	Yes YES	No
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(b) If YES please specify

DRINKING OF BOTH PARTNERS AND RESULTANT ARGUMENTS, WHICH ARE AT TIMES VIOLENT. CONCERN IS THAT CHILDREN WILL BE CAUGHT UP IN THE VIOLENCE. IT IS NOT FELT, HOWEVER, THAT EITHER ANN OR JOHN WOULD DELIBERATELY PHYSICALLY ABUSE THE CHILDREN.

14. Have you identified any additional resources which may assist? (specify)

BEFRIENDER'S BEING SOUGHT FOR HARRY AND LORNA FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. S.W. LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY OF RESIDENTIAL, OUTWARD BOUND WEEK FOR BOTH ABOVE CHILDREN.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT LIAISING WITH HOUSING CONCERNING A TRANSFER OF TENANCY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM RELATIVES FOR ANN.

15. Future Treatment plan and any other remarks

1. RESEARCH OUTWARD BOUND OPPORTUNITIES.
2. CONTINUE TO LIAISE WITH HOUSING.
3. SUPPORT FAMILY THROUGH WEEKLY VISIT.
4. ENCOURAGE GOOD STANDARDS OF HOUSEKEEPING / CLEANLINESS BY PERIODIC INSPECTION.
5. CONTINUE TO LIAISE WITH NURSERY/SCHOOLS TO MONITOR ATTENDANCE, BEHAVIOUR.

GMcG/a1

Signature Social Worker <i>Grace McJunk</i> Date <i>5/2/93</i>	I verify that the Case records have been checked and countersigned each fortnight Signature <i>[Signature]</i> Senior Social Worker Date <i>5-2-93</i>
Date sent to District Manager <i>8-2-93</i>	Date received by District Manager

Strathclyde Regional Council
Social Work Department

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Renfrew District

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Our Ref: IS/SZ

Your Ref:

Date: 23rd June, 1992.

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Mr. I. Smith



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

AMENDMENT TO REVIEW CASE CONFERENCE MINUTE (CHILD ABUSE)
BURGESS FAMILY
14 Southview Crescent
Bridge of Weir.

Please note - Paragraph 7 - Harry recently had a week's supervision
from Gryffe High

should read - Harry recently had a week's suspension
from Gryffe High.

Apologies for any confusion this error may have caused.

Iain Smith
Area Manager.

Review Case Conference Minute

Social Work Department Child Abuse Procedures

Name of child(ren)	D.O.B.	Registration Category	Remain on Register	De-Register
BURGESS: William	19.9.77	Neglect		*
Harry	22.8.79	"		*
Lorna	20.9.80	"		*
Scott	22.6.83	"		*
GRHAM: Christopher	4.5.89	"		*

HOME ADDRESS

14 Southview Crescent
Bridge of Weir

PRESENT ADDRESS

William - Kibble School Paisley

CHANGES TO REGISTER (i.e. Address, A. Team, Key Worker, etc.)

De-registration

Date of Initial Case Conference: 20.12.91

Date of This Review: 10.6.92

Date(s) of Previous Review(s): 10.3.92 & 28.1.92

(a) Chairperson Iain Smith Area Manager Johnstone Social Work Department

(b) Present (names)	Designation	Agency
G. McGinty	Social Worker	Johnstone Team
M. Speirs	Senior Social Worker	"
C. McLaren	Officer-In-Charge	Hugh Smiley Nursery
S. McDonald	Key Worker	"
S. Norton	Acting Nursing Officer	Linwood Clinic
K. Gattens	Health Visitor	
Mr Gillies	Head Teacher	Bridge of Weir Primary
Mrs A Burgess	Mother	
Mr J Rodger	Cohabitee	

(c) Invited but unable to attend

REPORT

The Chairman explained that decision to register the 5 children under the Category of "Neglect" in December 1991 arose from concerns held by all agencies involved re lack of care and attention being afforded to the children and the home over a period of time. The purpose of the Review Case Conference will be to reflect over the last 6 months and decide if continuation of registration is appropriate.

DISCUSSION

Since Harry, Lorna, Scott and Christopher were returned to the care of their mother, Mrs Burgess and Mr Rodger have worked at maintaining improvement in standards and stability and seem committed to keeping the children at home. They clearly prefer Paisley to Bridge of Weir and spend most of their time during the day in Paisley. Social Worker felt it would be better if they could spend more time in the home. but the couple are, they say, always home for the children returning and household duties are appropriately organised and attended to. Housing transfer has been applied for and medical certificate submitted in support.

New Health Visitor initially experienced some difficulty gaining access to the home.



Harry recently had a week's supervision from Gryffe High, but the incident concerned was apparently minor. He has, in fact, been doing fairly well at school.



CONCLUSION

There has been progress. While certain concerns remain, the overall care of the children and the home has improved.

Social Work involvement will continue in respect of the Home Supervision and Residential Orders.

DECISIONS

1. All 5 children's names to be removed from the Child Abuse Register.
2. Grace McGinty to continue as Social Worker in respect of the 44 (1) (a) and 44 '1) (b) Orders.
3. All involved agencies to link in with Grace McGinty re any problems or concerns which may arise.

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Minute prepared by Signature
Area Officer/Chairman
Date

for 18/12
12.6.92

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To Area Officer

Mr Iain Smith
Area Manager
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I have received a copy of the report of the Case Conference/Review

held on

10/6/92

regarding

BURGESS: Family

and agree with the content and recommendations

Signature

Date

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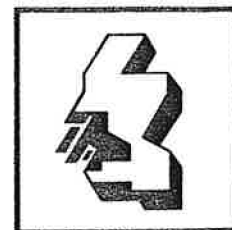
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AMENDMENT TO REVIEW CASE CONFERENCE MINUTE (CHILD ABUSE)
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Please note - Paragraph 7 - Harry recently had a week's supervision
from Gryffe High

should read

- Harry recently had a week's suspension
from Gryffe High.

Apologies for any confusion this error may have caused.

Iain Smith
Area Manager.

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From: D I R E C T O R O F S O C I A L W O R K

To: DISTRICT MANAGER
RENFREW DISTRICT

SUBJECT CORRESPONDENCE TO DIRECTOR

I attach a copy of correspondence recently received by the Director from [REDACTED] regarding the Burgess family.

On the Director's behalf please arrange for the matters raised to be given full consideration and prepare a draft response for the Senior Depute's signature by 27 January 1993.

Enc

c.c. Depute Director (Child Care).