

Roinn na Gaidhealtachd Highland

Reporter to the Children's Panel
For Highland Region
Peter S Ferguson B.A.

Highland Regional Council
Children's Hearing Centre
1 Waterloo Place
Inverness
IV1 1NB

Telephone 0463 243377
Telex 75313
Facsimile 0463 712232

Please ask for Miss Grant

Our ref: EG/MG (fresults.sw/9)

Your ref: Steve Rowan

12 October 1989

Mr. M. Tidey,
Area Team Leader,
(Rural West),
Kinmylies Builings,
Leachkin Road,
INVERNESS

Dear Mr. Tidey,

Children's Hearing

The case noted below has been considered by a Children's Hearing and disposed of as follows:-

PLACE:- Inverness

DATE:- 11.10.89

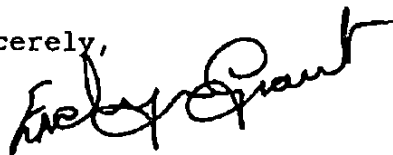
CASE

RESULT

Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72.
[REDACTED]
INVERNESS.

Hearing continued to allow
child and family to attend.
Next Hearing arranged for
Thursday, 26th October, 1989
at 7.30 p.m.

Yours sincerely,



encl.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS 7-OCT-1989	
ALLOCATION	INITIALS
ACTION	

Garth Pattison
Assistant Director
Children's Services

S Rowan
Social Worker
West Rural

SR/CF

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Stephen Rowan extn 778

Re: Colin Jamieson Sanders (DOB 11.03.72) - 3 Craig Dhubh Terrace, Inverness

Further to my last memorandum regarding this young man's financial plight, I have, as agreed, been attempting to "unlock" DSS benefits. This exercise has, so far, been unsuccessful in that despite applications and a visit by me to the DSS in Church Street, their Glasgow Head Office has refused to pay benefits on hardship grounds. This is because Colin is technically due five days worth of YTS Bridging Allowance which he must receive before any benefits can be awarded. The five days are worth approximately £10.70. We have now managed to get an application for the payment of this YTS Bridging Allowance which Colin took, as directed, to the Department of Employment. However, they have told him it will take approximately two weeks for the computer to process his application which would mean he can receive no money until after Christmas!

In the circumstances I request you authorise the payment of further money to Colin at the rate of £25.00 per week for the next two weeks (to cover the Christmas break) totalling £50.00 in accordance with Section 24 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. As per previous arrangements it is proposed that I will supervise the purchase of £40.00 worth of groceries and give Colin the balance of £10.00 for personal expenses (milk, bread, etc.).

Colin's father is still in Raigmore Hospital receiving radiotherapy following the removal of a brain tumour. Although Colin hoped to start work with his step-father this has not come about as he was only offered a couple of pounds for sweeping out this man's hairdressing shop. I am deeply concerned by the continuing difficulties we have faced with the benefits system and can find no alternative method of supporting Colin other than by ourselves.

Stephen Rowan

WHAT NEXT?

WHERE DO YOU GO FROM HERE?

At your careers interview you specifically asked for information on farming and gamekeeping.

We spent sometime discussing your previous experience working on an upland farm and clearly you enjoyed this and would like to continue training in agriculture. I then went on to explain that the only alternative to the HATC scheme was the Regional Council general agricultural scheme (see leaflet supplied).

We concluded by agreeing that you should apply for the Regional Council VTS in Agriculture and gamekeeping. Your application form will be forwarded to the Special Measures Unit of the Regional Council who will call you for interview in the New Year.

If you require any further help please don't hesitate to contact me again.

PAUL GARDNER

*We're not just here to be used once.
Careers Guidance is available whenever you
want. If you need to, come back and talk
some more.*

OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY 9am - 5pm

Call or Ring for an appointment

Tel. (0462) 236114/5

Please fill in this form (parts A — C), and then take it to the Unemployment Office nearest to your home as soon as possible.

Part A

Your surname

SANDERS

Other name(s)

Robin

Date of birth

11/3/72

Address

3 CREAG

DRUMH Terrace

National
Insurance
Number

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Are you a registered disabled person under the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act? ie. do you hold a green card?

YES ☒

NO ☐

Are you married or living with someone as if you were married?

YES ☒

NO ☐

Part B

Do you have any children?

YES ☒

NO ☐

Have you done any work or training in the last year?

YES ☒

NO ☐

Name and address of last employer/scheme

Station Hotel

Inverness

Mr Glenmury

Last period of employment/training

From: only last 21

To: P/T.

please turn over

for a YTS Bridging
allowance from

21/12/84 (date)

I understand that:
I must be prepared to accept
an offer of a place on the Youth
Training Scheme.

payment of YTS Bridging
allowance may be stopped if I
refuse such an offer.

[Signature]
21/12/84

Careers Office/Jobcentre use
of school/college
[Signature]

I am leaving May 1988

I am registered 21/12/1984

EMPLOYMENT
C E R T I F I C A T E

Name of Careers Office/Jobcentre

INVERNESS

Date(s) of last registration/Bridging
Allowance application

21/12/84 1984

Signed

Date 21/12/84

Careers Office/Jobcentre stamp

**INVERNESS
CAREERS OFFICE
46 CHURCH STREET
TEL 236114/5**

Notes:

Application for a YTS Bridging Allowance

Please fill in this form (parts A — C), and then take it to the Unemployment Benefit Office nearest to your home as soon as possible.

Part A Your surname <u>SANDERS</u> Other name(s) <u>John</u> Date of birth <u>11/3/72</u> Address <u>3 CREAG</u> <u>OHUBH Terrace</u> National Insurance Number <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> Are you a registered disabled person under the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act? ie. do you hold a green card? YES ☒ NO ☐ Are you married or living with someone as if you were married? YES ☒ NO ☐						Part B Do you have any children? YES ☒ NO ☐ Have you done any work or training in the last year? YES ☒ NO ☐ Name and address of last employer/scheme <u>Station Hotel</u> <u>Inverness</u> <u>Mr. Glenmury</u> Last period of employment/training From <u>only last 2 weeks</u> <u>P.T.O.</u> To _____ please turn over ►

Part C

I apply for a YTS Bridging Allowance from

21/12/84 (date)

I understand that:

- I must be prepared to accept any offer of a place on the Youth Training Scheme.

and

- that payment of YTS Bridging Allowance may be stopped if I refuse such an offer

Signed

[Signature]

Date

21/12/84

Part D

For Careers Office/Jobcentre use

Name of school/college

Perinton

Date of leaving

MAY 1988

Date of registration

21/12/1984

Name of Careers Office/Jobcentre

INVERNESS

Date(s) of last registration/Bridging Allowance application

21/12/84 1984

Signed

[Signature]

Date

21/12/84

Careers Office/Jobcentre stamp

INVERNESS
CAREERS OFFICE
46 CHURCH STREET
TEL 235114/5

Notes:



EMPLOYMENT
SERVICE

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES FORM

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY

Residential ☐
Community ☐
Day Care ☐

Short Term ☐
Long Term ☐

CHILDREN

Residential ☐
Foster Care ☐
Community Carer ☒
Day Care ☐
Short Term ☐
Long Term ☒

HANDICAPPED

Residential ☐
Day Care ☐
Short Term ☐
Long Term ☐

OTHER

Probation ☐
Supervision ☒
Home Help ☐
Short Term ☐
Long Term ☐

Full Name SANDERS, COLIN JAMIESON

Present Address* [REDACTED] New Address* 3 CREAG SHUTE,

STAVENESS
[c/o MR + MRS WALLACE] STAVENESS

Statutory Condition Imposed NONE

Name of Doctor NOT KNOWN - WAS D.O.B. 11/03/72

[REDACTED] Case Ref. 3401719701

School Attended N.A. To S. ROWAN
(Children only) INV. W. RURAL

Date of Change 30.11.1989

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

~~FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete)~~

Stop ☒
Start ☐
Amend Register ☐

EFFECTIVE DATE

30.11.89

Reason PLACEMENT DISCONTINUED

Name of FP/CC MRS KAY WALLACE

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Admission ☐
Discharge ☐
Temp. Change ☐

Reason

Establishment

Financial Assessment Attached ☐

DHSS Supplement applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken

Effective Date

Reason

Signed [Signature] Date 01.12.1989

Authorised [Signature] Date 1.12.89

OFFICE Action taken Register updated & adjustment made

Documentation completed by [Signature] Date 07.12.89

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Gaidhealtachd



Highland

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Please ask for Mrs. Macphersons

Our Ref: HM/MK(FResults.sw).

27 October 1989

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. M. Tidey,
Area Team Leader,
(Rural West),
Kinmylies Buildings,
Leachkin Road,
INVERNESS

Dear Mr. Tidey,

Children's Hearing

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PLACE:- Children's Hearing Centre, INVERNESS

DATE:- 26.10.89

CASE

RESULT

Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72
[REDACTED]
INVERNESS

Supervision requirement
terminated.

I enclose a copy of the requirement made together with the reasons for making the decision for your information.

Yours sincerely,

Hilary Macpherson,
Assistant Reporter

Encs.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT HEAD OFFICE 31 OCT 1989	
ALLOCATION	INITIALS
ACTION	

(reasons)

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Notification of a Decision of a Children's Hearing

Mr. Gordon Sanders,
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

The Decision

On 26th October, 1989 a Children's Hearing for Highland Region at

Inverness decided to terminate the supervision requirement relating to your son, Colin.

(a copy of any Warrant or Supervision Requirement is enclosed)

The Reasons

Colin has made progress in the last while, while staying with Mrs. Wallace. His entrance into the Army is imminent, but rests on the fact that he is not on supervision. However, without this, Colin still seems to show sufficient self-confidence to have no real requirement for a formal supervision requirement to continue.

Your Rights

You have the right to appeal against this decision.

Any appeal must be made with **THREE WEEKS** of the day the decision was made. It must be lodged with the Sheriff Clerk at the Sheriff Court nearest to the place where the Hearing was held. You are advised to consult a solicitor. You may be entitled to legal aid. You will be notified of when the appeal will be heard. An appeal against a Warrant will be heard within **THREE DAYS** of it being lodged. Please read carefully any leaflet with this letter. If you do not understand something please contact the Reporter at the **CHILDREN'S HEARING CENTRE**, 1 WATERLOO PLACE, INVERNESS. (Phone 0463 243377)

Reporter..... *EQ*

27 October 1989

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968
MG

Instrument terminating supervision requirement

Made on 3rd November, 1988 in respect of:-

Colin Sanders,
[REDACTED]

INVERNESS.

(Place and date)

Inverness

26th October, 1989.

A children's hearing for the Highland Region

hereby terminate [the foregoing supervision requirement]* ~~(the supervision requirement attached and~~
~~docketed with reference hereto)*~~ as from 26th October, 1989.


Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

**Delete as appropriate*



Garth Pattison
Assistant Director
Children's Services

Stephen Rowan
Social Worker
West Rural

SR/CF

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Stephen Rowan extn 778

Re: Colin Sanders, 3 Creag Dhu Terrace, Inverness

Colin survived the Christmas period on the money you authorised which has now run out. We are now going to try again to unlock DSS/YTS money.

I request you again authorise payment of £25.00 to Colin under Section 24 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 to cover the week from 4.1.90 to 10.1.90.

I will keep you informed of our progress (or lack of it).

Stephen Rowan

MEMORANDUM

To Martin Tidey
Area Team Leader
West Rural

From Stephen Rowan
Social Worker
West Rural

Your Ref.

Our Ref. SR/CF

Date

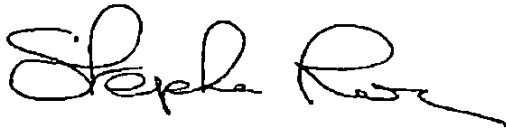
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Please Ask For Stephen Rowan extn 778

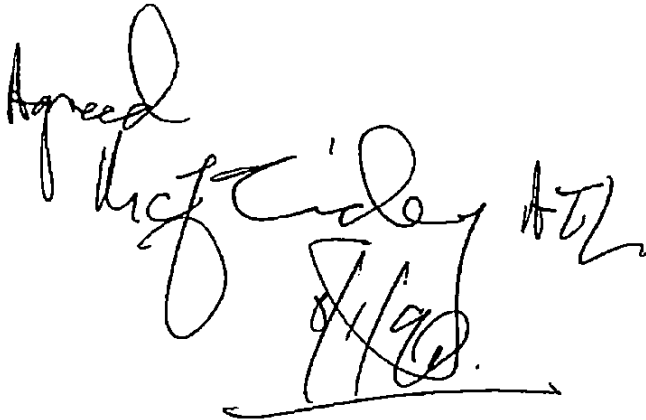
Re: Colin Jamieson Sanders - Nigg Fund Application

I request your authorisation to apply for the balance of the Inverness Nigg Fund, which currently stands at £14.37, towards the cost incurred in providing the above client with a household item.

Colin's financial circumstances remain unchanged in that, despite efforts, he receives no benefits and is therefore dependent on the monies afforded him through Section 24 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.



Stephen Rowan



S Rowan

SR/CF

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C Sanders Esq

INVERNESS

Dear Colin,

I had arranged for you to come up to my office at 3.30 pm on Friday 15th September, 1989. I assume that you were unable to make this appointment and I have arranged another time for us to meet at this office on Thursday 21st September, 1989 at 10.00 am. If you are unable to attend please contact me to arrange another time.

The things that we must discuss include your admission to the Army, particularly any medical things that need to be sorted out; employment if you do not enter the Army; Children's Panel - the annual review of your Supervision Order is due to take place shortly. I therefore hope to see you on Thursday.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Rowan
Social Worker

Martin Tidey
Area Team Leader
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Stephen Rowan

CO-OP
SUPERSTORE
INSHES
INVERNESS

Received the sum of £3.17
from January 1990
John Gadd

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ONIONS LOOSE	
1.18 lb @ £0.21/lb	0.25
LOOSE MUSHROOMS	
0.75 lb @ £1.32/lb	0.99
TURNIP SWEDE	
0.92 lb @ £0.19/lb	0.17
5LB POTATOES	0.75
10LB POTATOES	0.98
B/E VALUE BURGRS	1.09
CO-OP CORNFLAKES	0.76
L/L MEDIUM 800G	0.42
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WHISK&SERVE CUST	0.24
CO-OP EGGS	0.63
COOP STRW SPONGE	0.54
COOP RASP SPONGE	0.54
SCOT CHEDDAR COL	1.78
COOP BROTH MIX	0.33
BUIT BOLOGNESE	0.47
FRESH BEEF	1.20
SAUS/BURG	0.48
SAUS/BURG	0.63
COOP SAUSAGE	0.89
COOP ORANGE	1.65
CO-OP SILVERSOFT	0.35
MATTS SMK/SAUS	0.83
CLAYMORE MILK	0.91
COOP PASTA SHELL	0.42
CO-OP BEANS	0.24
CO-OP M/FAT PEAS	0.18
CO-OP M/FAT PEAS	0.18
CO-OP BEANS	0.24
HZ KETCHUP	0.59
CO-OP RICH TEA	0.33
MELLOW BIRDS	1.49
CO-OP BLEACH	0.41
P/WISE BOURBON	0.45

34 BAL DUE 21.83

CASH 22.00
CHANGE 0.17

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OPEN 9AM TILL 9PM
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Roinn na
Gaidhealtachd Highland

Department of Social Work
Director
J. Dick, B.A., D.M.S.

Highland Regional Council
Leachkin Road
Kinmylies
Inverness IV3 6NN

Telephone (0463) 234121
Telex 75313

with compliments

Received the sum of £50

John Gordon 21/12/89

Garth Pattison
Assistant Director
Children's Services

Stephen Rowan
Social Worker
West Rural

SR/CF

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Stephen Rowan extn 778

Colin Sanders, 3 Creag Dubh Terrace, Inverness

We continue to have difficulties unlocking DSS for Colin who remains unemployed, living at his father's - who is still in hospital. The DSS and Department of Employment disagree with each other on whether he must claim his remaining Bridging Allowance (£9.00 only) before making a claim for Income Support on hardship grounds. The Department of Employment believe the reverse applies and Bridging Allowance is paid only after the DSS claim is refused!

However, the Department of Employment now agree to accept the Bridging Allowance claim first - a process that will take "a few days" before payment is issued. When Colin finishes the £9.00 he can claim Income Support and the DSS say this can be decided "very quickly", possibly he might receive Income Support the following day.

Meanwhile, Colin has no income or means. I regret, therefore, having to ask you to authorise a further payment under Section 24 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 to the value of £40.00 - Colin has already had £10.00 emergency payment on 12.01.90.

I do not plan to request further assistance unless the Bridging Allowance does not come through by 19.01.90. I have requested written confirmation from the Department of Employment that Colin's claim for the £9.00 has been accepted.

Stephen Rowan

S Rowan

SR/CF

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C Sanders Esq

INVERNESS

Dear Colin,

I think we should meet for a talk about things. I have made an appointment for you to come to my office on Friday 15th September, 1989 at 3.30 pm. If you are unable to make this time please contact me to arrange an alternative.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Rowan
Social Worker

H I G H L A N D R E G I O N A L C O U N C I L
S O C I A L W O R K D E P A R T M E N T

Inverness and Nairn Division

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:

Surname SANDERS Date of Birth 11.03.72
Forenames COLIN JAMIESON Religion
Address [REDACTED] Inverness

Marital Status Occupation
is to appear at
in connection with the crime or offence of
Prepared by Stephen Rowan Designation Social Worker

ORDER OF COURT/DECISION OF HEARING

Circumstances Since Last Hearing

Colin has remained in care under Section 15. He was unable to find a start with YTS but found work for a short period during the summer cutting grass for Inverness District Council Parks Department. Colin had applied to join the Army and, I understand, his application has been successful. At the present time he does not have a start date but it is planned that he should remain in care until:

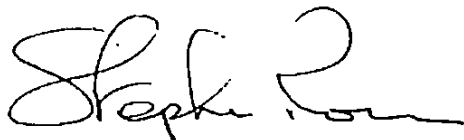
- (a) he finds permanent employment
- (b) he reaches age eighteen
- (c) he successfully completes six weeks basic training with the Army and signs up.

Colin's application to join the Army was delayed until minor corrective surgery on an ear defect was completed. This has now been done.

Colin has continued to have contact with both his father and his mother during the last year. Although at times this has not been without problems he has been able to maintain good contact with both. Colin's behaviour during the past year in care has, on occasions, been difficult but not outrageous. His Community Carers are willing to continue contact with Colin after he has joined the Army if he wishes. This might include lodgings when he is on home leave if he is unable to find room with his parents.

Summary

Colin has been in the care of this Department for a number of years, leaving briefly having attained age sixteen when he hoped to find his way in the world. Unfortunately, circumstances and changes in DSS benefits rules for sixteen to eighteen year olds caused him to be received back into care on a voluntary basis. There have been some difficulties in clarifying this Department's on-going commitment to Colin but it has been recognised that the recent support provided is acting as a "bridge" between Colin's difficult childhood and success in adulthood. However, in the circumstances there would seem little to be achieved by continuing this Supervision Order given Colin's age and the fact that this Department's involvement would not differ were the Order to be cancelled.



Stephen Rowan
Social Worker

STANDBY REPORT

AREA Inverness DATE 18.2.9/89
 TIME CALL RECEIVED 24.12.10 (24HR)

REFERRAL AGENT	MAIN PROBLEM (Rank 1,2,3)	SERV/RESOURCE PROVIDED
Self	Family/Soc Rels	Information/Advice
Relative/Friend	Abscondee/Runaway	Investigation
Police	Child At Risk/Abuse	Finance/Material
SWD Area Team	Other Child Problems	DHSS - OOHs
Residential Estb	Financial/Material	Residential Care
Vol. organisation	Housing Accommodation	Foster Care
Hospital	IM/Disorder Em Disturbed	Temporary Accom.
GP/Nurse	Physically Disabled	Mental Health Section
DHSS	Frail Elderly	Referred to Housing
Housing Department	Social Isolation	Ref to Soc Wk Team
Other/Not Known	Other/Not Known	Other

METHOD	ESTIMATED DURATION
No. Tel Calls Local	Less than 30 minutes
(30 mile +) Trunk	120-180 Mins
No Call Out	130-60 Mins
No Other staff cont	160-90 Mins
	190-100 Mins

TC to contact Police Station. *Thrift p guilty*
g-156 Gm p 74
 Nairn Police Station stating have Colin Jamieson
 Saunders in custody was warrant out for his arrest
 as did not appear in Court. Colin stating he is 18 yrs
 old although Police unsure of age.

Colin wished SW to be informed as he states is
 on care order! At moment his address is c/o
 13 Aracornet st Inverness. *Parent*
 Terrace Inverness. Steve Rowan is SW involved.

Colin due to appear in Court at 10.00am tomorrow
 Adviser to contact inform Steve Rowan of the
 above comments.

11.03.1972

District

Signed

E. MacKillop

S Rowan

SR/CF

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C Sanders Esq

Inverness

Dear Colin,

I was disappointed that you did not attend the Hearing held last night at 7.00 pm. As I told you before this was to be the annual review of the Supervision Order which had been placed on you in the past. In fact, I was proposing in my report to the Children's Hearing that this Supervision Order be cancelled. You may be aware that this has to be done before the Army will actually accept you! The Panel have set a new date for the Hearing on Thursday 26th October, 1989 at 7.30 pm. I will call at Kay's to collect you at 7.15 pm. If for any reason you think you cannot make this date please let me know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Rowan
Social Worker

cc Kay Wallace

S Rowan

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Stephen Rowan
Social Worker

cc Kay Wallace

Warden ...
HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES FORM

SW1/3/A

Oct 6/1/89
J.P.

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY

Residential ☐
Community Care Unit ☐
Day Care ☐

Short Term ☐
Long Term ☐

CHILDREN

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Foster Care ☒
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Long Term ☐

OTHER

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Supervision ☐
Home Help ☐

Short Term ☐
Long Term ☐

Full Name COLIN JAMIESON SANDERS

Present Address*

INVERNESS

(c/o WALLACE)

New Address*

Statutory Condition Imposed

S.15 S.W.(S)A'68

Name of Doctor

NOT YET REGISTERED

D.O.B.

11/03/72

Case Ref.

3401719701

School Attended
(Children only)

To

Due 2 1/2 weeks at £464
= £132.70

Date of Change

16th DECEMBER 1988

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete)

Stop ☐

Start ☒

Amend Register ☐

Reason

COME IN TO CARE

Name of FP/CC

MRS WALLACE

EFFECTIVE DATE

16/12/1988

16/12/1988

Change to
£120/12/88

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Admission ☐

Discharge ☐

Temp. Change ☐

Reason

Due 2 weeks for period 5 - 18/1/89
= £92.92

Establishment

Financial Assessment Attached ☐

DHSS Supplementation applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken

Effective Date

Reason

Signed

S.D. Rowan

Date

16/12/88

Authorised

Mrs Wallace

Date

16/12/88

OFFICE Action taken

Register amended & allowances paid

Documentation completed by

L.S. Palmer

Date

16/12/88

Roinn na Gaidhealtachd Highland



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For Highland Region
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Your ref:

Our ref: EG/MG (rsocial.ann/1)
Steve Rowan

5 September 1989

M. Tidey, Esq.,
Area Team Leader,
Highland Regional Council,
Kinmylies Buildings,
Leachkin Road,
INVERNESS.

Dear Mr. Tidey,

Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72.
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, Inverness.

I have arranged a Hearing for the purpose of the annual review of the supervision requirement relating to the above named child.

This Hearing will take place on **Thursday, 19th October, 1989** at **7.00 p.m.** at **Inverness** and I would be grateful if you could notify the Social Worker concerned and let me have a report in time for this.

Yours sincerely,

Evelyn Grant
Depute Reporter

05 SEP 1989

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

INITIAL REVIEW / PERIODIC REVIEW * (Please delete as appropriate)

Note — Complete questions 1 — 18 prior to Review

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1. Name of Child SANDERS, COLIN 2. Date of Birth 11.3.72
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3. Address of Parents FATHER — 3 CREAG RUBH TER. INVERNESS
MOTHER — ? BLACKWELL ST. DINGWALL
-
4. Present Address of Child [REDACTED] INVERNESS
-
5. Legal Position / Section under which Child is in Care 15 / 44(1)(a)
-
6. Date of Admission into Care 16.12.88
-
7. Date of Review 14.02.89 8. Date of Previous Review 26.10.88
-
9. Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate)

10. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Child since previous Review / Reception into Care

OCCASIONAL CONTACT + TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS.

- HAS NOT ATTENDED OFFICE INTERVIEWS WHEN ARRANGED.
- NOT BEEN IN WHEN VISITED AT FOSTER PLACEMENT.

11. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Family since previous Review / Reception into Care

FATHER IS ALSO S.W. CLIENT IN OWN RIGHT. SEEN ONCE DURING THIS PERIOD.

NO CONTACT WITH MOTHER.

12. Present situation with Family since Reception into Care / Last Review (full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family — substantiate if Care of Child cannot be assumed by them)

FATHER IS CONSIDERABLY DISABLED BY WORSENING EPILEPSY -

MEDICATION RENDERS HIM DROWSY / ASLEEP MOST OF EACH DAY.

UNABLE TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT COLIN.

MOTHER CONTINUES TO RESIDE WITH MRS PHILLIPS AT MARYBURGH

CONTACT WITH COLIN HAS BEEN FRAGILE WITH DIFFICULTIES + SHE

WILL NOT TAKE HIM IN.

13. Present situation of Child since Reception into Care / Last Review (include schooling, health, behaviour, religious upbringing etc.)

COLIN HAS NO EMPLOYMENT + NO YTS PLACE ∴ RECEIVES NO

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OR BENEFITS - IT WAS HIS HOMELESSNESS

AND NO MEANS WHICH PROMPTED HIM TO BE RECEIVED INTO CARE.

HIS HEALTH IS GOOD, BEHAVIOUR FAIR.

14. Contact between Parents and Child (how have access arrangements operated; what requires changing)

15. Areas of Concern (if any)

(a) Family SPORADIC CONTACT WITH FATHER + MOTHER.

(b) Child UNCLEAR FUTURE - ALSO HAD RELATIONSHIP WITH GIRLFRIEND WHO CLAIMED TO BE PREGNANT BY COLIN. THEY HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING PLANS FOR FUTURE TOGETHER

(c) Substitute Family COLIN'S "TAKE ADVANTAGE" ATTITUDE CAUSES SOME STRAIN.

16. Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies)

1. REMAIN IN CARE UNTIL FINANCIALLY ABLE TO MEET NEEDS.

2. CONTINUE IN PRESENT PLACEMENT

3. ?

17. General Comments and Recommendations (access, long-term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation)

1. ACCESS - NOT RELEVANT
2. LONG-TERM - TO LEAVE CARE WHEN FINANCIALLY ABLE
3. REHABILITATION - ENCOURAGE GREATER INDEPENDENCE THROUGH PLACEMENT.

18. Invited to attend Review

1. MARTIN TIDEY, AREA TEAM LEADER
2. FIONA DURRANT, SOCIAL WORKER (CHILDRENS RESOURCES)
3. KAY WALLACE, FOSTER MOTHER
4. COLIN SANDERS
5. STEPHEN ROWAN, SOCIAL WORKER
6. GORDON SANDERS, FATHER

Signed .. Stephen Rowan

Designation .. Social Worker

Date .. 14.02.1989

MINUTES OF REVIEW MEETING

19. Date of Review 14.02.89

Location KINMULIES BUILDING

Chairperson MARTIN TIDEY

Names and Designations of those attending

MARTIN TIDEY, AREA TEAM LEADER
FIONA DURRANT, SOCIAL WORKER (CHILDREN'S RESOURCES)
STEPHEN ROWAN, SOCIAL WORKER
COLIN SANDERS [CLIENT]

Invited but unable to attend

KAY WALLACE, FOSTER MOTHER
GORDON SANDERS, FATHER.

20. Summary of Discussion

1. EMPLOYMENT - COLIN WITHOUT WORK + WITHOUT YTS. ∴ NO WAY OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT OTHER THAN THROUGH CARE.
2. BEHAVIOUR - COLIN AGREED HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CAUSING DIFFICULTIES WITHIN PLACEMENT BY UNREASONABLE DEMANDS + NOT COMPLYING (E.G. IN BY 11 PM ETC). UNDERSTANDS IF THINGS DO NOT IMPROVE HE MIGHT NOT REMAIN IN CARE + MIGHT BE WITHOUT FINANCES OR ACCOMMODATION.
3. FUTURE - STILL INTERESTED IN JOINING ARMY.
- ALSO PLANNING TO SET UP HOME WITH [REDACTED] (HIS CURRENT GIRLFRIEND)

21. Decisions and Recommendations (include access, parental rights, custodianship, adoption, discharge from Care)

1. RETAIN IN CARE
2. REMAIN CURRENT PLACEMENT
3. NO ACCESS ARRANGEMENT NEEDED.
4. PARENTAL RIGHTS NOT RELEVANT
5. CUSTODIANSHIP
6. ADOPTION
7. DISCHARGE FROM CARE - WHEN SOLVENT + ABLE TO SUPPORT HIMSELF ADEQUATELY.

Access Form 'O' completed? ☐ Yes ☒ No NOT NEEDED

Chairperson of Review Meeting M. C. Lyle

Designation AREA TEAM LEADER

Date 1/22/89

A Principal Officer Robert D. Carlson

Date 7 August 1989

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

PERIODIC REVIEW

Note - Complete questions 1 to 18 prior to Review

1. Name of Child Colin Jamieson Sanders 2. DOB 11.03.72

3. Address of Parents Father - 3 Creag Dhu Terrace, Inverness
Mother - Wrightfield Park, Maryburgh

4. Present Address of Child c/o Wallace, [REDACTED]
Inverness

5. Legal Position/Section Under which Child is in Care
Section 15 Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

6. Date of Admission into Care
16.12.88

7. Date of Review 1.08.89 8. Date of Previous Review 14.02.89

9. Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate)

1. Colin to remain in care at current placement.
2. Access, parental rights, custodianship, adoption - all not relevant
3. Colin eventually to be discharged from care when he is financially solvent and able to support himself adequately.

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10. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Child since previous Review/Reception into Care
Occasional telephone calls.

11. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Family since previous Review/Reception into Care
None

12. Present situation with Family since Reception into Care/Last Review (full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family - substantiate if Care of Child cannot be assumed by them)
Colin's father continues to be extremely ill as a result of epilepsy. Would not be able to support Colin financially but might provide accommodation if Colin was able to pay his own way.
Mother - extent of contact or relations between Colin and mother are not known.

13. Present situation of Child since Reception into Care /Last Review (include schooling, health, behaviour, religious upbringing, etc.)
Colin is now in employment working for the Parks Department of Inverness District Council. He is continuing to apply to join the Armed Forces.

His health is good and his behaviour appears to have improved since the last review. However, it is known that on one occasion Colin was on the brink of leaving the Wallaces because of a dispute over his late return in the early hours of one morning.

14. Contact between Parents and Child (how have access arrangements operated; what requires changing)

15. Areas of concern (if any)

(a) Family

(b) Child

Whether Colin is now sufficiently financially stable to leave care and mature enough to cope.

(c) Substitute Family

Whether Kay Wallace is prepared to provide board and lodgings accommodation for Colin upon his eventual leaving care.

16. Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies)

1. Given Colin is now in employment the original grounds for him being received into care have changed and the Section 15 may no longer be needed.
2. If Colin does leave care at this review what accommodation will be available to him?
3. It is not known whether his father might be prepared to take Colin in if his son is able to provide towards his own support.
4. Colin may have reached the stage where he no longer requires this Department's support.

17. General comments and recommendations (access, long term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation)

1. Recommended that the Section 15 ceases at this review if Colin is now able to support himself financially

18. Invited to attend Review

Martin Tidey, Area Team Leader
Fiona Durrant, Social Worker, Children's Resources
Colin Sanders, Client
Kay Wallace, Foster Mother
Stephen Rowan, Social Worker

Signed ... 

Designation ... Social Worker

Date ... 26-07-89

MINUTES OF REVIEW MEETING

19. Date of Review 1.08.89

Location

Inverness

Chairperson

Martin Tidey

Names and Designations of those attending

Martin Tidey, Area Team Leader

Fiona Durrant, Social Worker, Children's Resources

Stephen Rowan, Social Worker

Kay Wallace, Foster mother

James Wallace, Foster father

Colin Sanders

Invited but unable to attend

20. Summary of Discussion

1. Colin has commenced temporary employment with Inverness District Council Parks Department as a grass cutter. This contract will expire at the end of August 1989.
2. Colin is waiting confirmation from the Army accepting him for six weeks basic training commencing probably the end of August or early September, 1989. After six weeks training and provided he is acceptable and willing he intends to sign up for Army service.
3. Colin's behaviour over the past few weeks has improved. Particularly now he has started work. Also now he is earning it was felt that Colin should make a contribution to his upkeep - this to be sorted out following the review.
4. Colin is currently on good terms with his mother and step-father, particularly since he has started work. He has been going to her home every weekend over the last few weeks except when she is playing in the band at distant venues. With Colin's agreement his mother has taken charge of his savings to ensure that he does not "blow" his pay. Colin is also seeing his father regularly.
5. Kay Wallace said she was happy to continue with Colin until he goes into the Army and then he could return on a lodgings basis when on leave. Mr and Mrs Wallace indicated they would be interested in helping Colin after he leaves care.

21. Decisions and Recommendations (include access, parental rights, custodianship, adoption discharge from Care)

After discussion it was agreed that Colin should remain in care under Section 15 until either

- a) he attains the age of 18
- b) he signs into the Army after six weeks basic training
- c) he obtains permanent employment

Colin to commence payments to Kay Wallace towards his up keep whilst in his temporary work; position to be reviewed should his financial circumstances change.

Colin to continue staying with Mr and Mrs Wallace.

Stephen Rowan to contact Colin's mother to discuss Colin's progress and future.

Access Form '0' completed? NO

Chairperson of Review Meeting *M. T. Jones*

Designation ..Area Team Leader.....

Date ...1..08.89.....

A1 Principal Officer *Robert D. Gibson*

Date *7 August 1989*

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MEMORANDUM

~~To~~

~~From~~

JRM

TO

Your Ref. Fiona Durrant
Social Worker
Children's Resources
Please Ask For

Our Ref. Stephen Rowan
Social Worker
West Rural

Date

SR/CF

29 8 89

Stephen Rowan extension 778

Colin Sanders c/o Kay Wallace, [REDACTED], Inverness

Further to the previous arrangement whereby Colin contributed £40.00 towards his upkeep and that amount was deducted from the allowances paid by this Department, I write to advise that Colin has ceased employment and is therefore unable to maintain this arrangement. I understand from Kay Wallace that only one payment of £40.00 was made subsequent to my last memo. I should be grateful if you would arrange with Linda Palmer for restitution of the full amount of allowances and cancel the previous £40.00 deduction arrangement.

Stephen Rowan

Stephen Rowan

Linda Palmer

Please arrange above as from next payment

Many thanks

Linda Palmer 29/8/89

Jan Fraser

Colin SANDERS

Review Meeting:- 26.10.88. / 9am

Invited

Present: - M.T. (ATL JNV W.R.R.)
S.R. (

ditto + Martin Phillips

~~Shona Smith~~

C. Sanders

Neil Campbell

Chris Williams

George Livingstone.

Shona Smith

Discussion about placement + how it finished off,
looking more realistically at type of placement, not
working such a really isolated placement. Have
regular hours? Still wants to work with animals?
e.g. Mat? Kennels? Something more accessible?

Res care not seen as appropriate now - evidence
that despite hiccups + eventual breakdown he survived
(did not offend etc?).

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Key balls.
underneath over 1/3.
before leaving.
not out of chance.
line on drawing.
self sold in hand.
Sheet of paper
- stay in front of
other drawings?
better known photo
it nothing
I have
check your before

I, Colin Jamieson Sanders, hereby apply for financial support from Highland Regional Council Social Work Department under Section 24 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. Furthermore, I request that money payable to me under that Section be made directly to Mrs Kay Wallace of [REDACTED], Inverness.

Signed

Colin Sanders

Date

7/2/89

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

INITIAL REVIEW / PERIODIC REVIEW * (Please delete as appropriate)

Note — Complete questions 1 — 18 prior to Review

1. Name of Child SANDERS, COLIN 2. Date of Birth 11.3.72.3. Address of Parents FATHER — 2 CREAG DUBH TER., INVERNESS
MOTHER — (MRS PHILLIPS), BLACKWELL ST., DINGWALL.4. Present Address of Child FERINTOSH HOUSE5. Legal Position / Section under which Child is in Care
15 / 44 (1)(A).6. Date of Admission into Care 08.11.87 (TO DALNEIGH)7. Date of Review 12.02.88 8. Date of Previous Review 11.11.87

9. Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate)

1. TRANSFER COLIN TO FERINTOSH FOR ASSESSMENT.
2. NOTIFY REPORTER ABOUT TRANSFER, WITH A VIEW TO PANEL AFTER ASSESSMENT.
3. NEEDS SKILLED INPUT TO HELP HIM MAKE SENSE OF HIS LIFE TO LEARN TO COPE BETTER.

10. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Child since previous Review / ~~Reception into Care~~

REGULAR VISITS ON APPROXIMATE WEEKLY BASIS.
ALSO ATTENDED ASSESSMENT MEETING.

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11. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Family since previous Review / ~~Reception into Care~~

SEEN FATHER AT LAST REVIEW* ONLY - HAVE CALLED
ON 2 OCCASIONS - NO REPLY. [* ASSESSMENT MEETING*]
SEEN MOTHER AT LAST ASSESSMENT MEETING.

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12. Present situation with Family since ~~Reception into Care~~ / Last Review (full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family - substantiate if Care of Child cannot be assumed by them)

COLIN'S FATHER STILL UNEMPLOYED + LIVING ALONE. NOT SEEN
AS ABLE TO OFFER HOME TO COLIN - HE FOUND THINGS TOO
MUCH LAST TIME (CULMINATING IN THIS RECEPTION INTO CARE).

COLIN'S MOTHER + STEPFATHER HAVE HAD REGULAR POSITIVE
CONTACT + HAVE HAD COLIN FOR OVERNIGHT STAY.
UNLIKELY THAT THEY COULD PROVIDE A PERMANENT HOME.

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13. Present situation of Child since Reception into Care / Last Review (include schooling, health, behaviour, religious upbringing etc.)

SCHOOL - ATTENDS PERINTOSH. NON-EXAMINATION LEVEL. READER
AS POOR + FAIR. BEHAVIOUR IN MAINSTREAM SCHOOL WAS
POOR.

HEALTH - SATISFACTORY. ATTENDED O.P. APPT. TO E.N.T. FOR
EAR PROBLEM - TO BE CORRECTED BY MINOR SURGERY.

BEHAVIOUR - HAS BEEN DISRUPTIVE, SHOWING OFF, ABSENDING +
CHARGES ON 2 OCCASIONS FOR THEFT, B+E.
RECENTLY MORE EVIDENCE OF MATURITY + COOPERATION
- STILL LAPSES INTO "SILLINESS" FROM TIME TO TIME.

RELIGIOUS - NIL.
UPBRINGING

14. Contact between Parents and Child (how have access arrangements operated; what requires changing)

15. Areas of Concern (if any)

(a) Family Maintain realistic perception of contacts, encourage contact - with both father and mother

(b) Child Consolidate + enhance appropriate behaviour
Avoid criminality.

(c) Substitute Family

N.A.

16. Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies)

Likely to remain in care until 16, possibly strategic

employment through previous work experience (?) or

possibly entering Army - wants to join infantry.

continue existing parental contact - without

expectation they will assume care of child on a

permanent basis.

Likely to need social work support until established
in adult life.

17. General Comments and Recommendations (access, long-term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation)

ACCESS - NO RESTRICTION, NEGOTIATED AT SOURCE BETWEEN
PARENT, CHILD + FERINTOSH STAFF.

LEGAL STATUS - TO BE CONSIDERED BY PANEL ON 16.2.88

REHABILITATION - THROUGH FERINTOSH INPAT. CURRENTLY BOTH
LIFE SKILLS/BEHAVIOUR + EDUCATIONAL,
+ EVENTUAL START IN EMPLOYMENT.

18. Invited to attend Review

H. TIDEY, ATL, INJ. V, RWR.

S. ROWAN, SOCIAL WORKER, INJ. W, RWR.

Signed

Stephen Rowan

Designation

SOCIAL WORKER

Date

12.02.88

MINUTES OF REVIEW MEETING

19. Date of Review

Location

Chairperson

Names and Designations of those attending

Invited but unable to attend

20. Summary of Discussion

21. Decisions and Recommendations (include access, parental rights, custodianship, adoption, discharge from Care)

Access Form 'O' completed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Chairperson of Review Meeting

Designation

Date

Principal Officer

Date



Garth Pattison,
Asst. Director

Stephen Rowan,
Social Worker, West Rural

SR/J.McR.

.1.89

extn. 778

Subject - Colin Sanders c/o [REDACTED] Inverness

Further to our discussion regarding the above's eligibility to receive Discretionary Payment under Section 24 of the 1968 Act, I am writing to confirm that Colin Sanders has provided a signed agreement that monies provided under the above section should be paid directly to Mrs Wallace of that address. Please find enclosed this agreement.

Colin Sanders did not receive benefits from the D.S.S. during the period for which Section 24 money is requested. He was deemed ineligible as he was without employment, had left his Y.T.S. placement without good cause, was under 18 and not in full-time education, nor was he exempted from exclusion by direction of the Ministry in London.

I believe a payment under Section 24 to Colin would not be contrary to the policy of the Regional Council which I understand related specifically to changes introduced by the Social Fund of which the exclusion rules for Income Support was not a part. Also the exclusion rules were effected after the introduction of the Social Fund. However, I would defer to management for an interpretation on what falls within the scope of this policy decision taken by the council regarding D.S.S. regulation changes. I do request you consider making payment under Section 24 in the terms previously outlined by Shona Smith and that payment is made directly to Mrs Wallace under Colin Sander's instruction.

MEMORANDUM

To Mr J Airth
Principal Officer

From Acting Assistant Director
(Fieldwork Services)

Your Ref.

Our Ref. MLM/HGM/

Date 27.1.89

Please Ask For Mr MacLeod

COLIN SAUNDERS: CHILD IN CARE: SECTION 15

Garth Pattison informed me that Avril Osborne had requested that I review the decisions surrounding Colin Saunders' returning into the care of the Local Authority. I understand that this is a case held by Stephen Rowan. Perhaps in the first instance you can contact me to arrange a time where Stephen, his Team Leader, yourself and myself can go over the circumstances surrounding the admission to care.

AP M. MacLeod
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Master

*Please let me see this file
in the first instance.*

J. Bell
3.1.89

S Rowan

SR/CF

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21.02.89

G Saunders Esq
3 Craig Dhubh Terrace
Kinmylies
INVERNESS

Dear Gordon,

I hope you are keeping in good health. I understand from the Home Help Organiser that you are concerned about an outstanding account which you have received for £116.00 and that you say you are not in a position to pay off this amount. I wonder if I can call to see you on Wednesday, 1st March, 1989, at 9.30 am? If this is not convenient please contact me to arrange an alternative time.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Rowan
Social Worker

ADDRESS: 3 Creag Dubh Terrace, KINMYLIES

CASE NO.

Mr Sanders is the father of Colin Sanders who is a child in care. He is an epileptic and lives alone. He has requested, through his Health Visitor, the possible installation of a telephone and has also stated he is interested in moving to the South. He was seeking a social work interview. Letter sent 29.7.88. See file.

SR/J.McR.

S Rowan

SR/CF

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Mrs K Wallace

INVERNESS

Dear Kay,

We are proposing to hold a review on Colin Sanders on Wednesday 26th July, 1989 at 2.30 pm in Kinmylies Building, Leachkin Road, Inverness. I should be grateful if you would attend this meeting. If you are unable to come please contact me as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Rowan
Social Worker

S Rowan

SR/CF

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C Sanders Esq

INVERNESS

Dear Colin,

We are planning to hold a review of your case on Wednesday 26th July, 1989 at 2.30 pm in Kinmylies Building, Leachkin Road. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss whether you still need to remain in care. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are unable to attend the proposed date and time.

Also I need to see you prior to this review and wonder if you could come and see me at my office during the afternoon of Monday 24th July, 1989? I am on office duty that day and will be in between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm. If you cannot see me then please contact me to arrange an alternative.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Rowan
Social Worker

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY

Residential ☐
Community Care Unit ☐
Day Care ☐

Short Term ☐
Long Term ☐

CHILDREN

Residential ☐
Foster Care ☒
Community Carer ☐
Day Care ☐

Short Term ☒
Long Term ☐

HANDICAPPED

Residential ☐
Day Care ☐

Short Term ☐
Long Term ☐

OTHER

Probation ☐
Supervision ☐
Home Help ☐
.....
Short Term ☐
Long Term ☐

Full Name COLIN JAMIESON SANDERS

Present Address* [REDACTED] (c/o WALLACE) New Address*

INVERNESS

Statutory Condition Imposed S.15 S.W(S).A '68

Name of Doctor Not Yet Registered D.O.B. ~~11/03/72~~

Case Ref. 3401719701

School Attended (Children only) 11/11/88 To

Date of Change 16th DECEMBER 1988

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Stop ☐
Start ☒
Amend Register ☐

16/12/1988 Cheque to
16/12/1988 sent 20/12/88

Reason COME IN TO CARE

Name of FP/CC MRS WALLACE

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Admission ☐
Discharge ☐
Temp. Change ☐

Reason

Establishment

Financial Assessment Attached ☐

DHSS Supplementation applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken Effective Date

Reason

Signed [Signature] Date 16/12/88

Authorised [Signature] Date 16/12/88

OFFICE Action taken Register amended all payments paid

Documentation completed by [Signature] Date 16/12/88

Fiona Durrant
Social Worker
Children's Resources

Stephen Rowan
Social Worker
West Rural

SR/CF

29 8 89

Stephen Rowan extension 778

Colin Sanders c/o Kay Wallace, [REDACTED] Inverness

Further to the previous arrangement whereby Colin contributed £40.00 towards his upkeep and that amount was deducted from the allowances paid by this Department, I write to advise that Colin has ceased employment and is therefore unable to maintain this arrangement. I understand from Kay Wallace that only one payment of £40.00 was made subsequent to my last memo. I should be grateful if you would arrange with Linda Palmer for restitution of the full amount of allowances and cancel the previous £40.00 deduction arrangement.

Stephen Rowan

S Rowan

SR/CF

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22 8 89

G Sanders Esq
3 Craig Dhubh Terrace
Inverness

Dear Gordon,

I should like to pop in to see how you are doing and propose to visit you on Monday, 28th August, 1989 at 10.00 am. If this time is not suitable please contact me to arrange a more convenient appointment. I look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Rowan
Social Worker

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SR/CF

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C Sanders Esq

INVERNESS

Dear Colin,

As discussed at the Review meeting on 1st August, 1989 I would like you to start paying Kay Wallace the sum of £40.00 per week towards your up keep. Kay's payments from this Department will be reduced accordingly by that amount. If your job ceases before you join the Army please contact me so that we can amend this arrangement. If you have any difficulties please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Rowan
Social Worker

cc Mrs Kay Wallace
Fiona Durrant

Fiona Durrant
Social Worker
Children's Resources

Stephen Rowan
Social Worker

SR/CF

4 8 89

Fiona Durrant extn 799

Please find enclosed letter to Colin Sanders advising him to pay £40.00 per week towards his up keep. I should be grateful if you would arrange this matter with Linda Palmer as agreed.

Stephen Rowan

NAME: COLIN SANDERS

ADDRESS: 3 Creag Dubh Terrace, Kinmylies

CASE NO.

03/04/17197

10.11.87

Case file received from Jessie Rennie today. Advised that Colin was received into care on Sunday 8.11.87. Details of this are not quite clear. Telephone call from George Livingstone, Dalneigh C.C. requesting discussion about Colin's future. Meeting arranged for Wednesday, 11.11.87 at 2.15 at Dalneigh. To be attended by me, Jessie Rennie, Martin Tidey, George Livingstone. Telephone message left with Jack Goodfellow at Ferintosh inviting a representative to this meeting. Letter of invitation delivered to Mr Sanders for tomorrow's meeting. *SR*

SR/JMcR.

10.11.87

Visited Mr Sanders. He was in but I gave him the letter anyway. Explained the situation to him that Colin was in care and that we were planning to have a meeting on the 11th. He told me that Colin has become more and more out of control staying out refusing to keep his room clean, answering back etc. Mr Sanders was full of the cold and told me that it was unlikely that he would attend the meeting.

11.11.87

Meeting at Dalneigh C.C. with Jessie Rennie, Martin Tidey, George Livingstone, and Jack Goodfellow and myself. Reviewed the situation, including information that Colin was received into care on the Sunday under Section 15. He has refused to return to his father's home alledging that he was not being properly fed etc. George advised that there had been arguments between Colin and his father when Colin had demanded tea at a particular time but it was not ready.

During the course of the discussion it became clear that a return for Colin to his father at this time was not likely. In looking at alternatives, and reviewing the case in general it appears that it would be appropriate for Colin to be transferred from Dalneigh to Ferintosh House. At present there is not a vacancy at Ferintosh but Jack advised that this is likely to change within the week. He will keep us in touch. It was agreed then that at present Colin could remain at Dalneigh C.C. until such time as a Ferintosh vacancy arose. Colin was brought into the room and these points were made to him. He seemed to understand and accept what was being said.

I visited Mr Sanders and advised him of the meeting's decisions. I also collected 2 bags of clothes which I return to Dalneigh C.C.

12.11.87

Change of Circumstance form completed for admission into care as from 8.11.87. Handed to Fiona Farrell.

T/C to Peter Ferguson, Reporter office to advised in Change in Circs. and that Colin is now resident at Dalneigh C.C. Also intimated plan from Yesterday's meeting that he should be transferred to Ferintosh. At this stage Peter is noting address and if we are seeking review then we should contact him formally. Peter agrees with proposal that this should be done after Colin has had a chance to be assessed at Ferintosh. *SR*

ADDRESS: 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, Inverness

CASE NO.

- 11.12.87 Colin transferred to Ferintosh. Change in circs. completed. See file.
- 14.1.88 Assessment team meeting held on Colin. See minutes dated 22.1.88. Also see residential report on Colin including self appraisal questionnaire.
- 12.2.88 Report completed for next Childrens Hearing. See file.
- 16.2.88 Childrens Hearing decided to discharge the referral and vary supervision requirement requiring Colin to reside at Ferintosh Childrens Centre, still under 44 1 b. See file.
- 25.5.88 See review report from Ferintosh on Colin's performance. See also copy of contract Colin had signed with his Keyworker, Duncan Solway dated 4.5.88.
- 18.7.88 Placement eventually found under YTS Colin at Dunvegan, Skye. At this stage Colin out on pass and we will not approach panel until there is more evidence that he has settled into placement. See file for discharge clothing list.
- 26.9.88 Colin progressing well but attempts to transfer the supervision office case to Skye Social Work Department have been unsuccessful. See file for letter to Evelyn Grant.
- 5.10.88 Hearing set for 3rd November 1988 at 7.30 p.m. See file for report from Ferintosh on Colin's progress. See file also for my Background Report especially for information on the breakdown of the YTS placement and an offence he has committed on 28.10.88.
- 8.11.88 See file for notification of variation in supervision requirement from 44(1)(b) to 44(1)(a). At this time Colin has a part-time job at MacDonald's Hamburgers Inverness and accommodation was arranged on board and lodgings basis with Kay Wallace, [REDACTED] Colin has waiting period before first pay is made over to him. It is question over whether the DSS will provide Income Support to make up the short fall in his money. Colin claimed Income Support for "severe hardship" as from 7.11.88.
- 9.12.88** It appears that Colin has been unsuccessful in getting benefits from the DSS. This is because of the new 16/17 regulations. Telephone DSS. They advised it appears Colin would be excluded because he does not have a YTS, left one without good cause and is not seen as belonging to any exemption category.
- 16.12.88** Colin has remained at Kay Wallace's address since 3.11.88, without receiving any income from DSS and without a job - he lost it due to being off sick. He is currently without YTS and has been refused benefits from the DSS because of this fact. Kay Wallace has been owed a considerable amount of money during this period as she has not received any board and lodgings and in fact has been providing money to Colin to keep him going. In the circumstances, having fully discussed this with Martin Tidey, it was decided to receive Colin back into care under Section 15 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. Care to be provided at the same address by Mrs Kay Wallace who is an existing Community Carer for the Department. Change in circs. completed.

COLIN SANDERS
ADDRESS: 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, Inverness

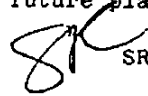
CASE NO.

5.1.89 Contacted by police who are seeking to serve notice for attendance at court for Colin in connection with the previously mentioned theft of £4. Discussed with Evelyn Grant who advised that Barry Heywood had not referred this case on although Colin is on supervision. She said she would check into situation and get back to us.

10.1.89 Discussion with Martin Tidey. It is felt that review although in theory should include Kate Birch, Colin being received back into care is almost a continuation of the previous period in care and unless there are any contentious issues review should take place on that basis.

23.1.89 Still continuing to visit Colin at [REDACTED] without success. Unfortunately, Kay Wallace is not on the telephone and Colin does not appear to be in when I call.

24.1.89 Met Colin accidentally in Inverness. Discussed situation briefly with him and arranged that I would see him very shortly - in week commencing 6.2.89. Also, Martin returns from leave in that week and we can set review to take place from that date. Colin said he is not on YTS and has done nothing about it as such, I am concerned he may be languishing in this placement without attempting to do anything about his situation. Imperative plan must be established at review to decide upon future plans.

 SR/J.McR.

College 14th - 18th July Business Tech.

Then to Stage - Mr Hasbould.

↑ This one came up. Initial Stage are not suitable (machinery safety).

Confirmed Stage (Hasbould) placed.

How did it go?

Very well. Mr Hasbould (son) qualified
forming instructor.

Accommodation in house itself. Colin
got his own room. Will be eating with family.
Mr + Mrs Hasbould have no children.

Colin lives with family (25 miles away from
Parks (pension placement).
Does have his own spare (room) washing
etc done for him!!

Colin - liked it. Got on OK. asked about
interests.

"Extended leave" - about 1 month to 6 weeks.

Colin Sanders 16 yr old
Dunvegan. YTS 2 year hill farming.

On Supervision order was in Feintosh.

91-61508 Feintosh Neil Campbell.
Chris William.

Colin - girlfriend [REDACTED] Mr MacDonald.

.....

12.2.88.

(F) Noted marked improvement
still stretching + pushing boundaries
slowly cutting away from head.

Staked w/ experience, - good.
visits to mum - good.

spending more time with staff.
pushing but eventually able to say NO.

Major probs got away with things a
lot in his life

Drunkit for birthday?
needed to save up.

More positive, big improvement
getting on better with Mr Phillips

relating better to adult content.

MEMORANDUM

To Mr J Airth
Principal Officer

From Acting Assistant Director
(Fieldwork Services)

Your Ref.

Our Ref. MLM/HGM/

Date 27.1.89

Please Ask For Mr MacLeod

COLIN SAUNDERS: CHILD IN CARE: SECTION 15

Garth Pattison informed me that Avril Osborne had requested that I review the decisions surrounding Colin Saunders' returning into the care of the Local Authority. I understand that this is a case held by Stephen Rowan. Perhaps in the first instance you can contact me to arrange a time where Stephen, his Team Leader, yourself and myself can go over the circumstances surrounding the admission to care.

AP *N. MacLeod*
mm

Master

*Please let me see this file
in the first instance.*

J. Pattison
3.1.89

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY

Residential ☐
Community Care Unit ☐
Day Care ☐

Short Term ☐
Long Term ☐

CHILDREN

Residential ☐
Foster Care ☒
Community Carer ☐
Day Care ☐

Short Term ☒
Long Term ☐

HANDICAPPED

Residential ☐
Day Care ☐

Short Term ☐
Long Term ☐

OTHER

Probation ☐
Supervision ☐
Home Help ☐

Short Term ☐
Long Term ☐

Full Name COLIN JAMIESON SANDERS

Present Address* [REDACTED] (c/o WALLACE) New Address*

INVERNESS

Statutory Condition Imposed

S.15 SW(S)A'68

Name of Doctor Not Yet Registered

D.O.B.

11/03/72

Case Ref.

3401719701

School Attended
(Children only)

To

Due 2 1/2 weeks at £46.44
= £132.70

Date of Change 16th DECEMBER 1988

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete)

Stop ☐
Start ☒
Amend Register ☐

EFFECTIVE DATE

16/12/1988

16/12/1988

Change to
Sum 126/12/88

Reason COME IN TO CARE

Name of FP/CC MRS WALLACE

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Admission ☐
Discharge ☐
Temp. Change ☐

Due 2 weeks for period 5 - 18/1/89
= £92.92

Reason

Establishment

Financial Assessment Attached ☐

DHSS Supplementation applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken

Effective Date

Reason

Signed

Date

16/12/88

Authorised

Date

16/12/88

OFFICE Action taken

Register amended & allowances paid

Documentation completed by

L. Palmer

Date

16/12/88

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

RECEPTION OF CHILDREN INTO CARE

Information Compiled by S. ROWAN Designation SOCIAL WORKER

Date 16TH DECEMBER 1988

Reason for Admission: Details 16YR OLD LEFT CARE BUT NO MEANS + NO EMPLOYMENT

Statute SECTION 15 SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Likely Duration of Care SHORT TERM

Any Current Medication NO

Facts about Child/ren

	ONE	TWO	THREE
Legal Surname	SANDERS		
First Names	COLIN JAMIESON		
Sex	MALE		
Date of Birth	11.3.72		
Religion	CHURCH OF SCOTLAND		
Date and Place of Baptism	NOT KNOWN		
Date of Present Admission	16/12/88		
Address at time of present Admission	 INVERNESS		
Number of previous periods in care	1		
Date & address of last admission			
General Practitioner's Name and Telephone No.	NOT YET REGISTERED		
Case Number			

Personal Information on Child/ren

What is the child usually called?

COIN

With whom has the child been living?

S.A.
BUT LODGINGS

Which address does the child regard as 'Home'?

3 CREAG-BURU
TERRACE
INVERNESS

Any Special Friends?

NO

School/Nursery/Play-group attended

NO

Club or Youth Organisation

NO

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

NO PROBLEMS OR SPECIAL NEEDS

Family Information

Full-name (include Maiden Name of Mother)

Natural Mother	Natural Father	Other, e.g. Co-Habitee. Step-parent.
MRS PHILLIPS	MR SANDERS	MR PHILLIPS
36 WRIGHTFIELD PARK HARRYBURGH 91-61923	3 CREAG-BURU TERRACE INVERNESS	S.A. MRS PHILLIPS
SINGER	LT DISABLED	HAIRDRESSER
NONE	NONE	NONE
N/K	N/K	N/K.
-	N/K	-
N/K	N/K	-

Address and
Telephone Number

Date of Birth

Occupation

Employer
(for emergency contact)

Religion

Date of Marriage

Date of Separation
or Divorce

Brothers or Sisters not shown
elsewhere on this form.

Name	Age	Address
NONE		

Close relatives or persons interested
in child.

Name and Relationship	Age	Address
NONE		

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

I

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

- (i) ~~I understand that I am liable to contribute towards the cost and maintenance of the children.~~
(ii) ~~I understand the law requires me to keep the Social Work Department informed of any changes in my circumstances, including change of address, and undertake to co-operate with the Highland Regional Council in formulating future plans for the care of the child/ren.~~
(iii) ~~The contents of the leaflet — "A Child in Care" — have been fully explained to me by the Highland Regional Council Social Work Department.~~

Signed *[Signature]*
Father/Mother/Legal Guardian

Address

Relationship to Child/ren

Date 16 - 12 - 88

Witness *[Signature]*

Designation Social Worker

Gaidhealtachd Highland

Reporter to the Children's Panel
For Highland Region
Peter S Ferguson B.A.

Highland Regional Council
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Inverness
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Telephone 0463 243377
Telex 75313
Facsimile 0463 223201

Please ask for
Mr. Ferguson

Our ref.
PSF/MG

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date

7 November 1988

Mr. M. Tidey,
Area Team Leader,
(Rural West),
Kinmylies Buildings,
Leachkin Road,
INVERNESS

Dear Mr. Tidey,

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT HEARINGS SECTION - 8 NOV 1988	INITIALS	ACTION
	ALLOCATION	

Children's Hearings

The case noted below has been considered by a Children's Hearing and disposed of as follows:-

PLACE:- Children's Hearing Centre, INVERNESS. DATE:- 3.11.88

CASE

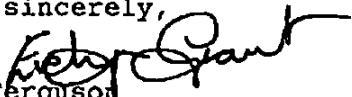
Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72.
h/a 3 Creagh Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

RESULT

supervision requirement
varied.

I enclose a copy of the requirement together with a copy of the Reasons for Decision for your confidential information.

Yours sincerely,


P.S. Ferguson
Reporter

encl.

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968
Notification of a Decision of a Children's Hearing

mg

Mr. Gordon Sanders,
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

THE DECISION

On 3rd November, 1988 a Children's Hearing for Highland Region at Inverness decided to vary the supervision requirement relating to your son, Colin Sanders.

(a copy of any Warrant or Supervision Requirement is enclosed)

THE REASONS

It was felt that Colin required some further help in obtaining a job and lodgings given recent events. When that has been sorted out it was seen as appropriate that Colin should not need further supervision but could start his adult life.

YOUR RIGHTS

You have the right to appeal against this decision

Any appeal must be made within **THREE WEEKS** of the day the decision was made. It must be lodged with the Sheriff Clerk at the Sheriff Court nearest to the place where the Hearing was held. You are advised to consult a solicitor. You may be entitled to legal aid. You will be notified of when the appeal will be heard. An appeal against a Warrant will be heard within **THREE DAYS** of it being lodged. Please read any leaflet with this letter carefully. If you do not understand something please contact the Reporter at the **CHILDREN'S HEARING CENTRE, 1 WATERLOO PLACE, INVERNESS. (Phone 243377)**

Reporter 4 November 1988

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date)

Children's Hearing Centre,
INVERNESS.

3rd November, 1988.

A children's hearing for the Highland Region

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 16.2.88 to which

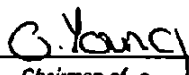
Colin Sanders,
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS

]†

[to be under the supervision of the Highland Regional Council

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~~subject to the conditions noted below~~ and the said requirement dated 16.2.88 is hereby revoked.


Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

~~Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement~~

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

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

~~3.
etc.~~

Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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

*Delete as appropriate

INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

The following person :

Surname:**SANDERS**..... Date of Birth: ...**11.03.72**.....

Christian Names :**COLIN**..... Religion:
or Forenames

Address :**3 CREAG DHUBH TERRACE**.....

.....**INVERNESS**.....

Marital State : Occupation:

is to appear on at Court

in connection with the crime or offence of

Prepared by:**Stephen Rowan**..... Designation:**Social Worker**.....

ORDER OF COURT / DECISION OF HEARING

Period Prior To This Hearing

Please see the report from Ferintosh House Assessment Centre for details of Colin's recent history whilst in care.

Current Situation

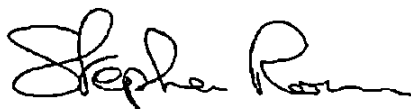
It had been assumed that everything was going well for Colin with his YTS placement on Skye. However, on 20th October, 1988 Colin left the MacDonald's farm in the company of a man he had met previously and hitched across to Invergordon. He had left a note for the MacDonalds and had also left behind all his belongings. He was reported missing and eventually turned up when he gave himself in to the Alness Police during that evening. There had been some concern about his whereabouts and the nature of the person who he had accompanied. It is suspected that this man may have made a pass at Colin which he has rebuffed, hence returning back to our care.

Colin returned to Ferintosh Assessment Centre and it appears that the placement with Mr and Mrs MacDonald on a YTS has finished. There is a possibility that another YTS placement may be found for Colin but he has already found a part time job at the MacDonalds Hamburger Shop in Inverness which may become full time within a few months providing his work is up to standard. Colin is currently on Section 44(1)(b) naming Ferintosh House. Colin says that he no longer wishes to be on supervision. Certainly, he is now 16 and in theory has reached a stage where he should no longer be in a Local Authority home. In fact, moves have been made to find a board and lodgings placement in Inverness for Colin. This is with a lady who is also used by this Department as a Community Carer and is seen as well able to handle teenagers.

Areas of Concern

The areas of concern centre on whether Colin has, indeed, achieved a mental maturity to match his physical age. Everything appeared to be running fairly well with his YTS placement in Skye and it had been our original intention to present his success with a view to the removal of supervision requirements. However, fate has overtaken this intention and Colin has unfortunately exhibited a recklessness which does not instill much confidence in his ability to act sensibly. Having "blown" his YTS placement, leaving all his gear behind, he has now been charged with an offence of theft which he committed with two others on Friday 28th October, 1988. This was a theft of £4.00 from a cloakroom at Charleston Academy. I am unaware at this stage of how the Fiscal might wish to deal with the matter but would hope that it would not jeopardise Colin's lodgings or his employment prospects. It had been my original intention, as previously stated, to suggest that the Supervision Order be removed. I no longer have a clear view on this matter and, to a certain extent, feel that it is up to Colin to put very good reasons forward to the Hearing why supervision in some form or another should not be continued. It may well be that, given his outstanding charge, the matter could be dealt with by a Diversion Scheme, deferred sentence or probation. However, this is speculative and it is possible that a Court might decide that no monitoring arrangement should be imposed on Colin for his stupidity. I believe that Colin is to pay back this money via the headteacher of Charleston Academy. Perhaps Colin will explain how well he has got on with this task at the Hearing.

Stephen Rowan



HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
11 OCT 1988

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Highland

Department of Social Work

Children's Centre

Highland Regional Council
Sellar Place
Conon Bridge
Ross-shire
IV7 8DU

Telephone 0349 61508

REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

TO BE HELD ON 3rd. NOVEMBER 1988

Colin Sanders

Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Following a period at Dalneigh children's Centre, Colin was transferred to Ferintosh House on December 11th. 1987.

It was felt appropriate for Colin to undergo a three week assessment mainly because of:-

- (a) The behaviour he was presenting.
- (b) Numerous disruptions in his family life.

Initially Colin was extremely unsettled, very unhappy, and found reality regarding his family difficult to come to terms with. Following his assessment Colin attended a Children's Hearing on February 16th. which resulted in him being returned to Ferintosh under Section 44 1 (B) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

In order for Colin to progress and mature it was felt appropriate for the following work to be undertaken:-

- (a) Life history
- (b) Small group education
- (c) Work experience
- (d) Life skills
- (e) Family work

Given that Colin had been at various times living with either mother or father, moving often between them and not settling with either, had had two foster families and short periods in other residential establishments, movements which created Colin moving school on at least three occasions, it was felt that he needed a lengthy period of stability. Although Colin still had a place in Charleston Academy, this was felt inappropriate for the last three months of Colin's required school attendance, therefore, he joined in the Centre programme at Ferintosh which had an individual programme that could meet Colin's needs.

Colin's educational needs were partly met through a two day work experience programme. This entailed Colin working with Dingwall Auction Mart on Tuesday and Wednesday every week. Reports indicate that Colin worked well and enjoyed the experience.

Within the Centre, staff discussed at length with Colin his position in the family, the reality of him having to be independent and having to accept responsibility for himself as neither parent was willing to do so.

Throughout Colin's stay in Ferintosh Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, (mother and step-father), have worked with staff, have attended many of the reviews and have made it clear that Colin is welcome to stay with them for weekends and short holidays, but due to their life style, Colin couldn't have a permanent home with them.

Mr. Sanders (father) attended the assessment meeting on January 14th. 1988. Since then staff and social worker have made numerous efforts to contact him but to no avail. We do know that he still resides in the Kimmyleas area of Inverness and that Colin has seen him on a few occasions.

Colin relates well with his peer group and is accepted by them. Given his age we have attempted to provide more "free time" outwith the Centre to enable Colin to meet with people in the community as the groups within Ferintosh are generally much younger than he. Within reason Colin has handled this time fairly well. Over the past month in Ferintosh Colin tended to seek adult company more often than the company of other children which may indicate that he is maturing.

During the Easter holidays Colin stayed with his mother in Dingwall for a week, whilst there he obtained employment with W. Lows. Although his time keeping and work was acceptable, Colin didn't like the job and eventually found it difficult to terminate in the appropriate way - this was an area that had to be discussed with Colin who now sees the errors he made.

Part of the holiday period was a week touring England. Colin's behaviour was acceptable, however, his ability to handle money was very dismal. On return to the Centre the task of having to deal with finance was dealt with. Colin learned very quickly that life without money is an extremely hard and unhappy one.

May 14th. to 21st. was spent with the Ocean Youth Club sailing around the West Coast. Colin was the only person from the Centre on this and handled himself well.

In June he again found himself part-time employment with Mr. MacNab, this time working on a farm in Maryburgh. Reports regarding work, attitude and time keeping were all positive. This time Colin handled his money in a mature fashion and terminated his employment appropriately.

Colin obtained a place on the Y.T.S. on July 11th. - this being an agricultural course with the first week in college prior to taking up a place with Mr. R. MacDonald, Orbst Farm in Skye on July 18th. Weekly phone calls to Mr. MacDonald have been made by Miss C. Williams. At this moment in time all parties seem to be happy with the placement and there have been no adverse reports regarding Colin's work or attitude whilst there. Colin 'lives in' with the family.

In April Colin was admitted to Raigmore Hospital for a minor ear and nose operation, other than this he has been in good health throughout his stay in Ferintosh. He is socially skilled and could hold employment within the community if he so wishes. Due to his age he may still need some support, however, given that Colin has matured and is now in employment with Mr. MacDonald and there have been no offences committed or police involvement for some five months, we ask the Panel to consider varying the supervision requirement naming Ferintosh as the place of residence.

Ferintosh House,
Regional Specialist Children's Centre,
Sellar Place,
Conon Bridge.

Gaidhealtachd Highland

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Please ask for

Our ref.

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date

Miss Grant

EG/MK (Lhear.sw)

3 October 1988

Mr. M. Tidey,
Area Team Leader,
(Rural West),
Kinmylies Buildings,
Leachkin Road,
INVERNESS

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS
- 5 OCT 1988

ALLOCATION	INITIALS
ACTION	

Dear Mr. Tidey,

Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72, 3 Creag Dubh Terrace, Inverness.

I write to advise that I have arranged a Children's Hearing in respect of the above named child.

This Hearing will take place on Thursday 3rd November, 1988, at 7.30 p.m. and I would be obliged if you could notify the Social Worker concerned of this arrangement.

Yours sincerely,



Evelyn Grant,
Depute Reporter

Mr Rowan

SR/J.McR.

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26.9.88

Miss Evelyn Grant,
Depute Reporter to
the Childrens Panel,
Waterloo Place,
INVERNESS.

Dear Miss Grant,

Subject - Colin Sanders (11.3.72) c/o MacDonald, Orbst Farm, Orbst, by
Dunveggan, Skye

Further to our telephone conversations regarding this boy I have now had contact with the Senior Social Worker at Portree. He tells me that due to staff shortages he feels unable to actively participate in any proposed plans regarding supervision of Colin during his Y.T.S. placement. However, he is quite willing to become involved if there are any crises. In the circumstances, I wonder if we could arrange for the Hearing to take place in Portree with a view to remove the requirement for Colin to reside at Ferintosh Children's Centre. Reports of Colin's progress in his Y.T.S. placement are good but it is still felt desirable to maintain supervision until longer term evidence of success (or not) is found.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Rowan,
Social Worker

c.c. J. Goodfellow, Principal, Ferintosh

Mr Rowan

SR/J.McR.

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23rd August 1988

Mr R Lyall,
Headmaster,
Charleston Academy,
Inverness.

Dear Mr Lyall,

Subject - Colin Sanders

Further to my telephone call of 22.8.88 I write to advise that Colin's new address is c/o Donald, Orbost Farm, Orbost, by Dunvegan, Skye. Colin is now in his first month of a two year Youth Training Programme with work experience on this hill farm. Reports so far show that progress is good and Colin appears to be in his element. I'm sure that he would appreciate a note of encouragement from you as he is now striving to make something of his life. Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Rowan,
Social Worker

DISCHARGE CLOTHING LIST

Colin Saunders

Date of Admission: 11.12.87

Date of Discharge: 18.7.88

7 Pairs Jeans/Trousers
4 Jackets
1 Coat
1 Jumper
8 Shirts
4 T/Shirts
1 Football Top
4 Sweatshirts
5 Pairs Pants
2 Pairs Pyjamas
8 Pairs Socks
1 Pair working socks
1 Pair Trainers
2 Pairs Shoes
1 Set waterproof trousers

Additional Items

Work Boots
Toilet Bag & articles
Calculator
2 Bags
Pool cue
Photographs
P/Hi/Fi
2 Boiler Suits
1 Pair Wellington Boots
3 Belts
1 Tie
5 Cassettes
1 Overall

1 Pair Working Boots
Birth Certificate
Halifax Card
Clydesdale Bank Card
Diary
Chain
Lighter
1 Pair Swimming Trunks
2 Pairs Shorts
1 Clock/Radio
Watch

Date of Admission 11.12.87

Clothing Purchased

<u>Date</u>	<u>Items</u>	<u>Cost</u>
3.88	1 Pair of Jeans	16.95
3.88	2 Pairs Socks	2.50
7.88	2 Pairs Pants	2.50
7.88	1 Parka	20.90
7.88	2 Sweatshirts	19.90
7.88	1 Pair Dress Jeans	14.95
7.88	1 Pair Work Jeans	14.95
7.88	1 Boiler Suit	13.95
7.88	1 Bag	9.99
7.88	2 Shirts	25.90
7.88	1 Pair Pyjamas	7.99
7.88	1 Pairs Pants	2.50

Colin Sanders

Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Present: Mr. S. Rowan, Social Worker
Colin Sanders
Mr. D. Solway, Keyworker, Ferintosh House
Miss C. Williams, Senior Care Officer, Ferintosh House
Mrs. C. Neill, Key Teacher, Ferintosh House
Mr. M. Tidey, Area Team Leader
Mr. Neil M. Campbell, Depute Principal, Ferintosh House

Apologies: Mrs. Phillips, Colin's Mother

1. This is a composite minute taking in the review of 25.5.88.

A number of issues were discussed:-

- (i) Colin is not ready for the army yet although this is still a possibility for the future.
- (ii) There are three possibilities for Y.T.S., one in Skye, one in Dalwhinnie and one in Inverness. Accommodation is available with these placements and in the first instance Duncan Solway and Colin will look at the options and decide which Colin likes best. The legal situation will have to be clarified once Y.T.S. is decided upon.

Colin has been able to hold down casual work at Lows, Supermarket, the Auction Mart, and a local farm which may give some hope for his ability to settle in employment.

- (iii) Colin when interacting with the younger group in the Centre, or when on holiday with them, behaves in a very immature fashion. The fact that there are few complaints about his behaviour when outwith the Centre or at work would make one feel that he is in control of this a lot of the time.
2. Contact with Mrs. Phillips has been intermittent and it would appear that he has at times been making a pest of himself at her place of employment. Arrangements for contact between Colin and his mother need to be formalised. Duncan Solway will deal with this.
 3. Jessie Rennie has the advertisement for accommodation which Colin prepared - this is rather scant on detail.
 4. Next Review - 8.7.88 at 11.30.

Ferintosh House,
Regional Specialist Children's Centre,
Sellar Place,
Conon Bridge.

29th. June 1988

To Mr. Steve Rowan,
Social Worker

From Mr. J. Erskine,
Senior Care Officer

Your ref.

Our ref.

Date 21st March, 1988

Please ask for

We would wish to confirm the arrangements for the children's camping holiday to England as per the phone call from Miss Williams Senior Care Officer to your office.

Colin Sanders..... will leave from Ferintosh on Monday the 4th April, returning Ferintosh on the 10th April.

It is proposed that the children will spend time camping, youth hostelling and taking part in various activities within the remit of the accompanying officers.

Parental consent has been obtained.

Jim Erskine

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MINUTES OF REVIEW MEETING - 23.3.88

Colin Sanders

Present: Mrs. C. Neill, Teacher
Miss C. Williams, Senior Care Officer
Colin Sanders
Mr. & Mrs. Philips, (Mother & Step-father)
Duncan Solway, Care Officer
Mrs. J. Rennie, Social Worker, Children's Resources
Mr. M. Tidey, Area Team Leader
Mr. S. Rowan, Social Worker
Mr. N. Campbell, Depute Principal

1. Steve Rowan went over the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. A residential report was presented to the meeting which shows a marked improvement in Colin's behaviour. There have been no major problems although he does swing very quickly from mature to immature behaviour.

Colin has two day's work experience at the moment each week he is required at the Auction Mart in Dingwall.

Duncan Solway confirmed that Colin has done his pre - interview for the Army and will probably be called in June or July for interview. The Army would prefer Colin to be discharged from supervision.

Colin has been in hospital 4 times since the last review on 3 occasions due to nose bleeds and once for treatment for concussion after falling and hitting his head.

On 18.2.88 Colin underwent an explanatory nose operation to determine whether a way could be found to stop the nosebleeds.

He still has to be admitted to hospital for an ear operation.

3. An education report was presented to the meeting. Mrs. Neill said that Colin has only been in the education unit for 12 days since the last review due to a combination of illness and work experience. When he is there he is a nuisance at times and obviously feels that now he is 16 school does not matter.
4. Contact with both mother and father was discussed. Colin has maintained contact with his mother at weekends which is proceeding quite satisfactorily and should continue.

He has recently resumed contact with his father although the situation appears unclear. Colin has visited 3 times since the last review.

5. An alternative family is not a viable option for Colin at the moment and it is felt that he would never cope with commercial digs.

Some form of sheltered or supported lodgings would be appropriated and Colin might consider helping write an advert for the local press.

6. Colin will be going on a yachting holiday from 14.5.88 - 21.5.88 between Oban and Kyle.
7. Next review 25.5.88 at 11.30am. Please note change of date.

Ferintosh House,
Regional Specialist Children's Centre,
Sellar Place,
Conon Bridge.

8th April, 1988

NC/GC

1. Colin need no longer negotiate with staff for time out in evenings.
2. During work days - Monday to Friday Colin must return to Ferintosh by 2300 (11.00.p.m.).
3. Colin must advise staff where he is going and of the time of his return (Note 2).
4. Colin can ask for time out from school within reason to job search, flat search etc. Proof of his day out activities must be presented to staff on his return.
5. Colin when within the Centre must abide by the Centre rules in all aspects.
6. Colin must try to alienate himself whenever possible from his peer group.
7. Colin must still do his everyday chores.
8. Wages earned by Colin will not be kept in the money box for more than 24 hours. They must be entered into his bank account and proof of entry entered into the cash register.
9. Clothing - Colin must endeavour to purchase his own clothing with monies earned and be advised by staff on control of his money as to how wisely it is spent.
10. Smoking - Colin will not, and cannot, smoke whenever he chooses. After 1600 (4.00.p.m.) Colin can request a cigarette but must remove himself from the building and the grounds.
11. Colin must surrender to staff all cigarettes, matches and money on his return to the building.
12. This contract can and will be rescinded for any misdemeanour by Colin in contradiction to this contract or any form of misbehaviour observed by any member of staff on duty.

Signature *Colin Smith*

Date *4.5.88*

Signature- *D. C. Delaney*

Date *4.5.88*

REVIEW REPORT - 25.5.88

Colin Sanders

Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Colin's previous review was held in Ferintosh House Children's Centre on March 23rd. 1988. Areas identified at that review to work towards were as follows:-

- 1) Keyworker and Colin to discuss Colin's future with the Army Careers' Office.
- 2) Colin to visit Careers' Office in Dingwall.
- 3) Colin to write an advert for accommodation.
- 4) A contract to be discussed between Colin and Keyworker regarding Colin's preparation for independence.
- 5) Home contact with Mr. and Mrs. Phillips to continue as before.

Colin to have arranged visits with his father - this to be done through Social Worker and Keyworker.
- 6) Work experience to continue.
- 7) Colin to join in Ferintosh holiday plans for Easter week in England.
- 8) Mrs. J. Rennie to seek accommodation for Colin with a view to him needing sheltered digs in the foreseeable future.

Home Contact:

Following the review on March 23rd. Colin was invited to spend the first week of the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Phillips in Dingwall. Initially this went well and all parties were extremely pleased with Colin finding himself a part-time job in W. Lows, Supermarket without having had any adult direction. When Colin returned to Ferintosh on April 3rd., reports from his mother had changed dramatically - seemingly Colin had latterly upset the family home by taking friends into the house via a window. His general manner had deteriorated and persistent lies were being told. Mrs. Phillips finally informed Ferintosh staff that Colin would not be welcome at weekends in the foreseeable future.

Since April 3rd., Colin has not gone to his family in Dingwall with our permission, however, we are aware that he has continued to appear at the house when in Dingwall.

With regards to Mr. Sanders, Mr. Solway has not been able to contact him regarding a visit for Colin although many attempts have been made.

Work Experience:

Due to Colin's hospital treatment and the Easter holidays, there have been a number of days when he hasn't been available for work. On other days Colin has continued at the Mart, generally only when working with sheep and these days seem to have passed without any adverse reports.

Work:

Although Colin showed initiative in finding himself a part-time job, and enthusiasm when carrying out the task, he quickly tired of it and found it difficult to terminate in the appropriate manner. Days passed when Colin lied to staff, making excuses etc. for not going, then finally had to be forced into confronting the issues and the employer. Due to Colin's inadequate skills in handling the situation, the job was terminated by W. Lows themselves.

Careers:

Miss Williams, along with Colin, had a meeting with the Dingwall Careers Officer on April 18th. Following this discussion Colin filled out two application forms for farm employment on the Y.T.S. Interviews will be held at the end of May and beginning of June. Should Colin get accepted for either of these schemes then there may be a possibility of accommodation with them.

Given that Colin's behaviour has been so erratic over the past few weeks, the interview with the Army Careers Officer was cancelled. It was felt that Colin was not ready for this type of discussion and would have blown any chance of an army career away if he had gone at the present time.

Accommodation:

Mrs. Rennie (Children's Resources) has continued to seek suitable accommodation for Colin, however, at this moment in time there is a shortage of families that would meet Colin's needs. Colin himself failed to write a suitable advert for the newspaper although he did make an effort to produce something - this area still has to be dealt with.

Group Holiday in England: April 4/10th.

Unfortunately this was not a period when one saw the mature side of Colin. On many occasions he had to be spoken to by staff regarding childish behaviour. His attempt at handling his own money failed miserably - much of this was due to him feeding machines in Blackpool on the second day away, leaving himself over £20. the worse off and having nothing left for the next five days. The final outcome of this was for Colin to start bullying smaller and younger children for their money.

Throughout the week there was never any serious incidents, however, Colin again failed to take the responsibility for his own actions and blamed staff for not allowing him to take more money with him.

Ferintosh:

Within the Centre Colin has gone through a very unsettled period. When with the peer group he relates in a very childlike manner. When this was recognised by staff, a contract was made by Colin and Mr. Solway to provide Colin with the opportunities that a normal 16 year old may have when living outwith a residential establishment, (copy of contract included). On numerous occasions Colin has broken this contract - mainly because he fails to accept responsibility for his own actions. No matter how many times adults have sat down and discussed this area with Colin, he still either fails to accept it or chooses to ignore it.

Colin has become very sexually aware and this could cause him major problems in the future unless continued instruction and guidance is given to him in this area. Past guidance on this subject has been ignored and at present Colin's sexual activities are seen by us as "each conquest is seen as another notch on the bedpost." This is an area of major concern to all concerned.

Ferintosh House,
Regional Specialist Children's Centre,
Sellar Place,
Conon Bridge.

25.5.88

CW/MM

MEMORANDUM

To M. Tidey, Esq.,
Area Team Leader.

From Reporter, Inverness

Your ref.

Our ref. PSF/MK

Date 18.2.88

Please ask for

CHILDREN'S HEARINGS

The case/sx noted below has/~~have~~ been considered by a Children's Hearing and disposed of as follows:-

PLACE:- Children's Hearing Centre, INVERNESS

DATE:- TUESDAY
16th February, 1988

CASE

Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72,
h/a 3 Creag Dubh Terrace,
INVERNESS

RESULT

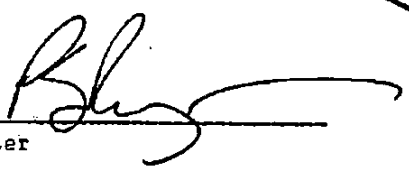
Discharge referral and
varied sup. req. requiring
child to reside at Ferintosh
Children's Centre, Conon Bridge.

SOCIAL WORKER

Mr. S. Rowan

I enclose a copy of the requirement made together with the reasons for making the decision for your attention.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL	
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT	
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Reporter

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SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date)

INVERNESS

16th February, 1988

A children's hearing for the Highland Region

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 14.9.87 to which

Colin Sanders is subject, hereby require him ~~him~~ to reside in Ferintosh Children's Centre,
h/a 3 Creag Dubh Terrace, Inverness. Conon Bridge.]*†

[to be under the supervision of the Highland Region]*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 14.9.87 is hereby revoked.

Sheila C Proudfoot
Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

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

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

3.
etc.

Sheila C Proudfoot
Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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

**Delete as appropriate*

Notification of a decision of a children's hearing

To _____

Mr. Colin Sanders,
3 Creag Dubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

The Decision

On Tuesday 16th February, 1988 a children's hearing for Highland Region

at INVERNESS decided to: Discharge the referral
and also varied the supervision requirement, requiring your child to reside
at Ferintosh Children's Centre, Conon Bridge.

a copy of any warrant or supervision requirement is enclosed.

The Reasons

The hearing stated the following reasons for reaching their decision:

Colin has found it difficult to settle both in and out of school due to
his family background.

Residing at Ferintosh will give security and meet his schooling needs.
There has been a marked improvement with the help, guidance and counselling
at Ferintosh, which will hopefully form a basis for the future.

Your Rights

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL AGAINST THIS DECISION

Any appeal must be made within **THREE WEEKS** of the day the decision was made. It must be lodged with the Sheriff Clerk at the Sheriff Court nearest to the place where the hearing was held. You are advised to consult a solicitor. You may be entitled to legal aid. You will be notified of when the appeal will be heard.

An appeal against a warrant will be heard within **THREE DAYS** of it being lodged.

PLEASE READ ANY LEAFLET WITH THIS LETTER CAREFULLY. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND SOMETHING PLEASE CONTACT THE REPORTER AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Children's Hearing Centre,
1 Waterloo Place,
INVERNESS

Tel:- 243377

Date 18th February, 1988


Reporter to the Children's Panel

Roinn na Gaidhealtachd Highland

Reporter to the Children's Panel
Regional Reporter
Barbara Humphries, LL.B. (Hons.)

Highland Regional Council
Children's Hearing Centre
1 Waterloo Place
Inverness IV1 1NB

Telephone (0463) 243377
Telex 75313

Peter S. Ferguson, B.A.

Please send to Mr. Ferguson

Our ref. PSF/MK

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date 28.1.88

M. Tidey, Esq.,
Area Team Leader (Rural West)
Kinmylies Building,
Leachkin Road,
INVERNESS.

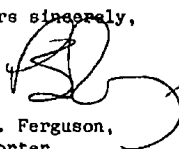
Dear Mr. Tidey,

COLIN SANDERS, b.11.3.72, 3 CREAG DHUBH TERRACE, INVERNESS

I write to advise that I have arranged a Children's Hearing in respect of the above named boy.

This Hearing will take place on Tuesday 16th February, 1988 at 2.15 p.m. and I look forward to receiving your report in due course.

Yours sincerely,


P.S. Ferguson,
Reporter.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT RECEIVED 29 JAN 1988	
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Gaidhealtachd Highland

Reporter to the Children's Panel
Regional Reporter
~~Barbara Humphries, B.A. (Hons.)~~
Peter S. Ferguson, B.A.

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1 Waterloo Place
Inverness IV1 1NB

Telephone (0463) 243377
Telex 75313

Please ask for

Mr. Ferguson

Our ref. PSF/MG

Extension No.

Your ref. Mrs. Rennie

Date 21.1.88

Mr. M. Tidey,
Area Team Leader,
Highland Regional Council,
INVERNESS.

Dear

Mr. Tidey,

Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72, 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, Inverness.

The above named child, who is presently under supervision, has been referred to me on the undernoted grounds. Would you please let me know if the supervising officer considers that the whole circumstances warrant a review of the current supervision requirement.

I would be grateful if you could submit a report within 21 days.

Yours sincerely,

Reporter

GROUND'S OF REFERRAL

that about 1400 hrs on Saturday, 7th November, 1987 within the Eastgate Centre, Inverness he did assault [REDACTED], 16 years, schoolboy, [REDACTED] by headbutting and punching him on the face, being an offence of assault.

discharged ↗

very supervision → 44(1)(b)

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS
25 JAN 1988

ALLOCATION

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ACTION

Child resides with parent/young person

Mr. Gordon Sanders (as above)

I enclose a copy school report and

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

The following person :

Surname: SANDERS Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Christian Names or Forenames: Colin Religion: None

Address: 3 Creag Dubh Terrace,

Inverness

presently at - Ferintosh Childrens Centre, Canon Bridge

Marital State: Single Occupation: Schoolboy

is to appear on 16 February 1988 at Inverness Childrens Hearing Court

in connection with the crime or offence of

Prepared by: Stephen Rowan Designation: Social Worker

ORDER OF COURT / DECISION OF HEARING

BASIS OF REPORT

This report is based on previous reports dated 5.11.86, 8.6.87, 14.9.87 respectively. It is also based on interviews with Colin and staff of Ferintosh Assessment Unit.

INTRODUCTION

Colin last appeared before the Childrens Hearing on 14.9.87 where it was decided that he should return to residing with his father. The Supervision Order was also continued.

FAMILY STRUCTURE

Father - Gordon Sanders, 3 Creag Dubh Terrace, Inverness, Unemployed

Subject - Colin Sanders, 3 Creag Dubh Terrace, Inverness, currently residing at Ferintosh

Mother - Anne Phillips, 3 Blackwell Street, Dingwall, Shop owner

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Please refer to previous reports.

COLIN'S PRESENT SITUATION

Although he had returned to stay with his father, Colin was received into care on Sunday 8th November 1987. Essentially, relations between Colin and his father became more and more unstable as he was refusing to co-operate and share in the responsibilities of the home. Mr Sanders told me that Colin would refuse to keep his room clean, answer back, and stay out without permission. Eventually things came to a head when he decided to run away from home and contacted standby via the Police stating that he did not wish to return to his father. He was duly placed in Dalneigh Childrens Centre.

His behaviour in Dalneigh Childrens Centre left room for improvement in that occasionally he was disruptive, threatening and challenging to staff. (It had in fact been Mrs Rennie's express wish that Colin should not be placed in Dalneigh Childrens Centre as these problems were anticipated. However, lack of available beds at Ferintosh precluded its use at this stage.) During Colin's stay at Dalneigh, his behaviour at school also gave rise for concern. Eventually, an agreement was reached between Charleston Academy and Dalneigh that he should be withdrawn. Colin duly commenced day attendance at Ferintosh from Dalneigh Childrens Centre for his educational requirements.

It had been decided that arrangements should be made for Colin to be transferred from Dalneigh Childrens Centre to Ferintosh for a period of assessment as soon as bed space permitted. This transfer took place with effect from 11th December 1987. The Reporter to the Childrens Panel was notified of this change.

Colin has remained at Ferintosh since then, and has completed a period of assessment. Generally, his behaviour and attitudes have been poor to fair. Aside from the current problem of the assault charge, Colin has been charged with attempted Breaking and Entering of Kinmylies Primary, Theft from a Coin Box, and subsequent charge of actual Breaking and Entering into Kinmylies Primary and Theft. These incidents have occurred against a background of occasional absconding from Ferintosh. However, on the positive side Colin has shown both

potential and actual improvement in his behaviour and attitudes. He currently has managed to sustain a favourable relationship between himself and his mother and step-father in Dingwall. More recently, he has stayed for two weekends and seems to have responded warmly to this contact. He has continued to have contact with his father, although he has not stayed with his father since he came to Dalneigh Childrens Centre. Colin has told me that he does wish to maintain some contact with his father. It has also been reported to me that Colin has had recent opportunities to get into trouble with other residents of Ferintosh and has refused to take part in their actions.

It seems on one hand that Colin is responding to encouragement to develop a responsible mature approach to life. However, there is an aspect of Colin which is distinctly child-like and he has been described by his Key Worker at Ferintosh as occasionally silly like a 10 year old.

Arrangements are currently being made to provide Colin with some work experience and he has been successfully interviewed for work at Dingwall Auction Mart.

FUTURE OPTIONS

Education

Colin does not have long left for schooling and it has been recommended by the assessment that he continues his education at Ferintosh. His behaviour and application to studies in mainstream schooling has in the past left a lot to be desired. However, it is recognised that Colin does not lack intelligence and may apply himself to studies at a later stage in his life. At present, he will likely reached school leaving age without qualifications.

Contact with Mother

Colin appears to be getting on a reasonable footing with his mother and step-father. There have been some small difficulties and Mr and Mrs Phillips have challenged these by balanced confrontation rather than simply rejecting Colin. Although they are not seen as being in a position to offer Colin a home, it is hoped that continued contact between Colin and his mother will help build good relations between them.

Contact with Father

There has been less contact between Colin and his father than with his mother. This may in part be due to the distance between Inverness and Ferintosh. Equally it is not envisaged that residence with father would show any greater signs of stability than in the recent episode which culminated in Colin's admission to Dalneigh Childrens Centre. It may be more valuable to foster an independent relationship between Colin and his father, given the historical difficulties that have occurred.

Place of Residence

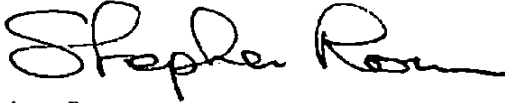
Aside from teething troubles, Colin has shown some improvement in his behaviour while he has attended Ferintosh. He has developed a grudging and positive respect for the input from his Key Worker, Duncan Solway. He has shown evidence of a growing sense of maturity by choosing to avoid joining in disruptive behaviours. He has shown room for improvement and potential for change. Given the circumstances, it may be that the best option for Colin at this time would be to remain at Ferintosh House. This option would also meet his educational needs.

Long-Term Future

Assuming that Colin's fulltime education ceases when he is 16, he may find gainful employment through work experience provided this is successful. For some time, Colin has expressed an interest in joining the Army. It is possible, despite his recent unruly behaviour, that he could prove himself capable of the change required to satisfy Army admission. His general health and fitness are understood to be sound, save for a minor ear ailment which will be corrected in due course by surgery. I understand Colin has already passed assessments of his aptitude and intelligence to a standard which is required for admission to the Army. If Colin maintains his desire to become a soldier and continues to show evidence of maturity, integrity, and intelligence, he will probably be successful. He clearly understands that the choice for a future rests with him.

SUMMARY

Since the last Panel, the pattern in Colin's life has been an initial downward trend, a period of some turbulence and evidence of improvements beyond the level of the last hearing. It may be that the Panel would wish to endorse Colin's continued placement at Perintosh House to consolidate and encourage the improvements that have already been shown, and to provide him with the backing to achieve some of his life goals. Notwithstanding the recent spate of offences, there are grounds for optimism and confidence in Colin's ability to turn his life into a positive upward experience. I believe this is within his grasp.



Stephen Rowan,
Social Worker.

12.2.88

REVIEW REPORT

12.2.1988

Colin Saunders

Date of Birth: 11.3.1972

Since Colin's assessment on January 14th he has remained resident in Ferintosh on Sec. 15 of the Social Work Scotland Act October 1968.

General Behaviour:

In general Colin's behaviour has been acceptable, although within a large group he still tends to push boundaries through his own excitement. Colin, outwith the peer group is pleasant, co-operative and quite settled. He eats and sleeps well and has kept in good health apart from the on-going ear complaint.

Relationships:

During the past month Colin has made an effort to improve his relationship with adults and in this area has made positive progress.

There have not been any sign, within the house of Colin using physical abuse toward adults or child and he relates equally well with both males and females this again is a positive move forward.

Colin has shown strength in keeping out of various incidents whereas prior to his assessment he continually joined in with any 'action' that was going on. Slowly Colin is seeking more staff attention than that of his peer group and given his age this is much more acceptable.

Family:

Both Mr. & Mrs. Phillips have kept in regular contact with Colin by phone. Colin has had evening visits plus 2 weekends with his family in Dingwall.

Although Colin tends to get excited prior to these visits and has generally returned to the centre quite high, he has enjoyed the visits and one tends to see an overall improvement in his behaviour since the contact was reinstated after the assessment. It would be difficult for Colin if this contact was withdrawn by the family as he has attempted to modify his unacceptable behaviour in order to gain acceptance within the family.

Work Experience:

On February 2nd Colin had an interview with Dingwall Auction Mart and from this obtained 2 days work on February 9th & 10th. These 2 days were viewed by all parties as a trial. Colin seems to have been successful during this trial period and has been offered further days with the Auction Mart in the near future.

Incidents:

During the past month there has been one major incident, this being on January 19th when he absconded with 2 others. He was subsequently charged by the police with breaking

into sheds in Dalneigh and theft by house breaking (Kinmylies Primary School).

In general, Colin has involved himself with one incident which, although serious and unacceptable should not over-shadow the positive effort made in other directions. i.e. his relationships with adults, his removing himself from other incidents, his efforts in work experience and in trying to close the gaps in family relationships. Colin has been able to see the benefits from positive behaviour and that it is worth his effort to continue in this manner.

Ferintosh House,
Regional Specialist Children's Centre,
Sellar Place,
Conon Bridge.

CW/GC .

12th February, 1988

Colin Sanders

Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Since his assessment meeting Colin has been part of Post Assessment One. This is one of the largest groups, six children, including Colin - 3 boys and 3 girls.

His curriculum within this group consists of maths, drawing, social and vocational studies, English and recreational computing. In mathematics he has been following 'Real Life Maths Skills' which is aimed at giving school leavers experience in using their maths skills in everyday life situations. In English he is following a course of 'Real Life Reading Skills.' This course, again, is aimed at school leavers and includes exercises on 'Reading Signs and Labels,' following directions 'Reading and Filling in Forms and Applications' etc.

As well as the more formal aspects of education, Colin is also being given chances to enjoy more informal sessions of drawing and recreational computing.

Initially Colin was very unsettled in school. He would wander from the room and found it very difficult to settle to any work at all. Apart from drawing in which he shows a consistent interest, Colin showed little enthusiasm for the general curriculum. He has to be constantly cajoled and at times kept behind after class. He finds great difficulty concentrating and puts in the minimum of effort. In the classroom he will easily get caught up in any disruptive behaviour and will often instigate the disruption himself.

He is often tense and irritable and at times verbally abusive when challenged. At one level he appears eager to please and yet at the same time he wants to do what he chooses. He is inclined to tell staff what he is going to do rather than listen to what is being asked of him. He still finds difficulty relating to both adults and peers in any consistent way. He swings from being charming and amenable to being hostile and aggressive - pushing and using verbal abuse. However, generally Colin is becoming more settled and is relaxing more and smiling more often.

Ferintosh House,
Regional Specialist Children's Centre,
Sellar Place,
Conon Bridge.

11th. February 1988

CN/MM

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

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or Forenames

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Inverness

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Stephen Rowan,
Social Worker.

12.2.88

Colin Sanders

Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Since his assessment meeting Colin has been part of Post Assessment One. This is one of the largest groups, six children, including Colin - 3 boys and 3 girls.

His curriculum within this group consists of maths, drawing, social and vocational studies, English and recreational computing. In mathematics he has been following 'Real Life Maths Skills' which is aimed at giving school leavers experience in using their maths skills in everyday life situations. In English he is following a course of 'Real Life Reading Skills.' This course, again, is aimed at school leavers and includes exercises on 'Reading Signs and Labels,' following directions 'Reading and Filling in Forms and Applications' etc.

As well as the more formal aspects of education, Colin is also being given chances to enjoy more informal sessions of drawing and recreational computing.

Initially Colin was very unsettled in school. He would wander from the room and found it very difficult to settle to any work at all. Apart from drawing in which he shows a consistent interest, Colin showed little enthusiasm for the general curriculum. He has to be constantly cajoled and at times kept behind after class. He finds great difficulty concentrating and puts in the minimum of effort. In the classroom he will easily get caught up in any disruptive behaviour and will often instigate the disruption himself.

He is often tense and irritable and at times verbally abusive when challenged. At one level he appears eager to please and yet at the same time he wants to do what he chooses. He is inclined to tell staff what he is going to do rather than listen to what is being asked of him. He still finds difficulty relating to both adults and peers in any consistent way. He swings from being charming and amenable to being hostile and aggressive - pushing and using verbal abuse. However, generally Colin is becoming more settled and is relaxing more and smiling more often.

Ferintosh House,
Regional Specialist Children's Centre,
Sellar Place,
Conon Bridge.

11th. February 1988

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

The following person :

Surname: SANDERS Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Christian Names : Colin Religion None
or Forenames

Address : 3 Creag Dubh Terrace,

Inverness

presently at - Ferintosh Childrens Centre, Canon Bridge

Marital State : Single Occupation: Schoolboy

is to appear on 16 February 1988 at Inverness Childrens Hearing ~~Court~~

in connection with the crime or offence of

Prepared by: Stephen Rowan Designation: Social Worker

ORDER OF COURT / DECISION OF HEARING

BASIS OF REPORT

This report is based on previous reports dated 5.11.86, 8.6.87, 14.9.87 respectively. It is also based on interviews with Colin and staff of Ferintosh Assessment Unit.

INTRODUCTION

Colin last appeared before the Childrens Hearing on 14.9.87 where it was decided that he should return to residing with his father. The Supervision Order was also continued.

FAMILY STRUCTURE

Father - Gordon Sanders, 3 Creag Dubh Terrace, Inverness, Unemployed

Subject - Colin Sanders, 3 Creag Dubh Terrace, Inverness, currently residing at Ferintosh

Mother - June Phillips, 3 Blackwell Street, Dingwall, Shop owner

FAMILY BACKGROUND

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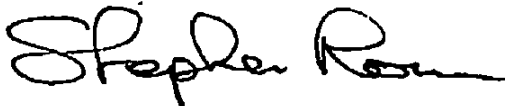
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Stephen Rowan,
Social Worker.

12.2.88

REVIEW REPORT

12.2.1988

Colin Saunders

Date of Birth: 11.3.1972

Since Colin's assessment on January 14th he has remained resident in Ferintosh on Sec. 15 of the Social Work Scotland Act October 1968.

General Behaviour:

In general Colin's behaviour has been acceptable, although within a large group he still tends to push boundaries through his own excitement. Colin, outwith the peer group is pleasant, co-operative and quite settled. He eats and sleeps well and has kept in good health apart from the on-going ear complaint.

Relationships:

During the past month Colin has made an effort to improve his relationship with adults and in this area has made positive progress.

There have not been any sign, within the house of Colin using physical abuse toward adults or child and he relates equally well with both males and females this again is a positive move forward.

Colin has shown strength in keeping out of various incidents whereas prior to his assessment he continually joined in with any 'action' that was going on. Slowly Colin is seeking more staff attention than that of his peer group and given his age this is much more acceptable.

Family:

Both Mr. & Mrs. Phillips have kept in regular contact with Colin by phone. Colin has had evening visits plus 2 weekends with his family in Dingwall.

Although Colin tends to get excited prior to these visits and has generally returned to the centre quite high, he has enjoyed the visits and one tends to see an overall improvement in his behaviour since the contact was reinstated after the assessment. It would be difficult for Colin if this contact was withdrawn by the family as he has attempted to modify his unacceptable behaviour in order to gain acceptance within the family.

Work Experience:

On February 2nd Colin had an interview with Dingwall Auction Mart and from this obtained 2 days work on February 9th & 10th. These 2 days were viewed by all parties as a trial. Colin seems to have been successful during this trial period and has been offered further days with the Auction Mart in the near future.

Incidents:

During the past month there has been one major incident, this being on January 19th when he absconded with 2 others. He was subsequently charged by the police with breaking

into sheds in Dalneigh and theft by house breaking (Kinmylies Primary School).

In general, Colin has involved himself with one incident which, although serious and unacceptable should not over-shadow the positive effort made in other directions. i.e. his relationships with adults, his removing himself from other incidents, his efforts in work experience and in trying to close the gaps in family relationships. Colin has been able to see the benefits from positive behaviour and that it is worth his effort to continue in this manner.

Ferintosh House,
Regional Specialist Children's Centre,
Seller Place,
Conon Bridge.

CW/GC

12th February, 1988

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
Six-Monthly Review of a Child in Care

1. Name of Child ... SANDERS, Colin 2. Date of Birth ..11.03.72.....
3. Home Address ... 3 Creag Dubh Terrace, Inverness
4. Present Address ... Dalneigh Childrens Centre
5. In care under Section15..... of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.
6. Date of Review: 11.11.87 7. Date of Previous Review: ...N/A.....
8. Number of visits since previous Review:N/A.....

9. Behaviour of Child since previous Review:

Child was at home with father on supervision 44(1)(a). Relationship deteriorated to point that child contacted police, refused to return home.

10. Any changes of importance since previous Review:

Admitted to Dalneigh C.C. on 08.11.87.

11. Date of last School Report:

Recommendations/Observations from School Report:

Contact with Charleston has elicited that child's behaviour has been broadly Satisfactory.

12. Date of last Medical Report:

Recommendations/Observations from Medical Report:

F.F.I. to be done by 11.11.87.
General Health known to be good.

13. Contact with parents/friends:

Still in contact with father.
Some contact with mother.
Continuing at Charleston and has a "girlfriend."

Colin is the only son of Gordon Sanders and Anne Jamieson, who married in 1976. His parents separated when Colin was 2 years old and his father, with the help of Social Services in Cambuslang, managed to care for him. The couple were divorced in 1976. Mr. Sanders and Colin moved to Inverness about 1977 and at this time the couple got back together again. This reconciliation lasted for about 18 months, but ended with Mr. Sanders handing over the house and the care of his son to his ex-wife. Mr. Sanders moved in with his new girlfriend whom he stayed for about 3 years. Colin's mother married a Mr. Ross in 1980 and when this marriage failed in 1981 she went off to Wales, leaving Colin in the care of his father. At this stage, Mr. Sanders's girlfriend decided she could not commit herself to looking after Colin and this relationship ended.

It was at this point, Mr. Sanders referred himself to the Department for help as he was very confused as to what he should do about the care of Colin. At this time he was drinking heavily and was suffering from epileptic seizures and Colin was received into care in March 1982 when he went to stay in Rosedene Children's Home. He was re-united with his father in July 1982, when Mr. Sanders formed a relationship with June MacNally, a divorcee with three children.

Mr. Sanders and Mrs. MacNally's relationship has at times been quite strained and this has been the result of the problems that both individually experienced in past relationships. They always appear to be in debt which adds to their other difficulties. The situation within this household deteriorated towards the end of 1985 and Colin in particular was unable to cope with the pressures. It was at this time that Colin was once again received into care when he went to stay with Mrs. Geddes at [REDACTED] Inverness. This was intended as a long term placement, but unfortunately Colin had to be moved in September of this year as Mrs. Geddes accepted the offer of a smaller house and she was unable to accommodate Colin. It should be noted, however, that at this time Mrs. Geddes was also finding Colin's behaviour rather wearisome, and although it was not said outright, I am of the opinion that the placement would not have lasted much longer. As there was no long term family available for Colin at this stage, he was admitted to Dalneigh Children's Centre where he remained for a few weeks. It was obvious Colin did not respond to group living and it was decided it would be in his interests to move him to a short term foster home until a long term family was identified for Colin.

Colin has been under a Supervision Order under Section 44 (1) (a) Social Work (Scotland) Act since 1982. As can be seen, there has been a great deal of instability throughout his life, mainly stemming from the relationships of adults round about him. It is therefore not surprising that Colin has often displayed his feelings of insecurity through attention seeking behaviour, and in the past has had difficulty in getting on with his own age group. His behavior in the main tends to be irritating rather than bad. Over the past few months, there are indications that he is making progress and maturing and during his few weeks stay at Dalneigh Children's Centre, he made friends quite readily and was popular with both staff and residents.

At school, Colin was more interested in practical subjects rather than academic classes. He enjoys craft work and is interested in cross-country

running. He enjoys outdoor life and is keen on fishing. He is a powerful swimmer and until very recently attended Army Cadets. Colin has for a long time talked about making the Army his career and I understand this is something he wishes to pursue. He is interested in music and would like to be able to play a musical instrument.

As well as all the instability in his life, it should be noted that at some stage it is alleged that Colin was interfered with by his uncle (mother's brother). Recently Colin has been able to talk about this and express his feelings, but it may be that he will require further counselling on this.

Due to the difficulties that arise from Colin's visits to dad at home, it has been decided that Colin's access meetings with dad should take place away from home and at present the arrangement is that Colin will meet with his father once a month at Dalneigh Centre for about one hour. He also has contact with his mother Mrs. Phillips who now lives in Dingwall and it is hoped that this will continue. It is hoped that telephone and letter contact between Colin and his mother and father will be encouraged.

J. Rennie

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Social Worker

12th December, 1986

Social Background Report

The following person :-

Surname: SANDERS Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Christian Names: COLIN Religion:
or Forenames

Address: 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, Inverness.

At present: c/o Mr. and Mrs. Brown, [REDACTED] Inverness.

Marital State: Single Occupation: Schoolboy

is to appear on 14th September, 1987 at Inverness Children's Hearing Court

in connection with the crime or offence of Review at Request of Social Work Department

Prepared by: Mrs. J. Rennie Designation: Social Worker

ORDER OF COURT / DECISION OF HEARING

Colin's situation was last reviewed in June of this year, when a long term foster home had been identified after a period of ten months. At this Hearing his Supervision Order was continued with a Condition he reside with Mr and Mrs Brown, [REDACTED] Inverness.

FAMILY STRUCTURE:

Father: Gordon Sanders, 3 Creag Dhubb Terrace, Inverness. Unemployed.

SUBJECT: COLIN SANDERS, [REDACTED], Inverness. Attends Milburn Academy.

Mother: June Phillips, 3 Blackwell Street, Dingwall. Shop Owner.

FAMILY BACKGROUND:

Please refer to previous reports.

COLIN'S PRESENT SITUATION:

Initially, Colin settled in quite well with Mr and Mrs Brown. Naturally, there were difficulties in adjusting to the change in the family but the couple coped very well and, in fact, did everything possible to make Colin feel at home. Over the past sixteen weeks they have worked through countless problems regarding Colin's behaviour as it was their wish for Colin to settle with them and be part of the family. However, at a recent internal review throughout discussions it became evident that, despite all the efforts made by Mr and Mrs Brown and their family, the placement was not working and Colin's behaviour and attitude was causing disharmony within the household. Clearly it was not in the interest of Colin or the family to allow the situation to deteriorate any further. Through his negative attitude and his continual aggressive, defiant and demanding attitude he has made it quite plain he has no commitment to the family and is purely using the situation as a place to eat and sleeps and he seems to see Mr and Mrs Brown as someone to provide material provisions at his demand.

School: Although Colin has been in Milburn Academy for only six weeks his time there has not been uneventful. He was suspended from school at the beginning of this week, 7th September, and during an interview with the rector, Mr Wedderspoon, I was concerned to hear that all but one of Colin's teachers have described him as disruptive, aggressive or a troublemaker. The incident which caused his removal from school came about after a confrontation, in front of the whole class, with a female teacher ended up in Colin gripping her by her jumper and pushing her. After a lengthy discussion with Mr Wedderspoon, he agreed to Colin returning to school but has made it abundantly clear that he is on his final warning and any misdemeanour by him will result in a formal exclusion.

Colin as continued to visit his mother on a fairly regular basis and has spent weekends and longer periods with her and her husband. Although in general, these visits have gone reasonably well at times Colin's attitude and behaviour has resulted in some strain being put on the couple's relationship. Only this month, when Colin was alone in his mother's home, he helped himself to some Vodka and Whisky. This resulted in Colin becoming very drunk and sick. Mrs Phillips was most disappointed in Colin breaking his trust and although she/

MR SANDER'S PRESENT SITUATION:

Colin's father is now living alone as his co-habitee Mrs McNally was allocated a home of her own in June of this year. I understand from Mrs McNally that although their relationship has terminated she still has some contact with him when she returns to use his washing machine. Mr Sanders, however, denies this. He appears to be coping reasonably well on his own and says his health situation is stable.

It would seem Colin fell out with his father after he was given a telling off by him for an incident involving June McNally's neighbour and Colin took exception to this. His contact with father was, therefore, for a time rather spasmodic. He has now got over this and has been visiting his father more regularly.

FUTURE PLANS FOR COLIN:

Colin is due to leave school next May and plans to enlist in the Junior Army. He has already taken the intelligence test and was told he had passed. He was told, however, to apply again later as he is on the young side. Colin has been warned, and not only by myself, that if he continues to behave as he is at present he is going to jeopardise the likelihood of this opportunity.

When Colin was placed with Mr and Mrs Brown he had a good chance to make something of his final year at school. Unfortunately, he has failed to take advantage of this and he will have to be moved from this household. There is no other suitable long term family available at present and bearing in mind it took ten months to find a family for him last year I am not at all optimistic that this is a realistic option at this stage. I am of the opinion that Mr and Mrs Brown are an excellent resource and if they have had no success with Colin, I am not hopeful that we can come up with a family who could do better.

There are very few short-term families available and certainly none at present who could meet Colin's needs. It should also be noted that Colin's spell in Dalneigh Children's Centre proved detrimental and resulted in him being moved to a short term foster home.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION:

Colin appears quite unaffected by all the adverse reports about him and seems quite unconcerned about all the discussions which have taken place about his situation and future. In fact, he gives the distinct impression he finds it all quite "boring". He states he wishes to return to stay with his father and his father has indicated he would be prepared to have him returned to his care. Whilst this option is not ideal, I am afraid I am unable to come up with any other alternative plan which would have any hope of success and in turn not cause Colin any more harm.

J. Rennie
J. Rennie,
Social Worker.

10th September, 1987.

INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

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or Forenames

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Presently: c/o Mrs. Park, [REDACTED] Isle of Skye

Marital State: Single Occupation: Schoolboy

is to appear on 8th June, 1987 at Inverness Children's Hearing ~~Box~~

in connection with the crime or offence of Review at request of Social Work Department

Prepared by: Mrs. J. Rennie Designation: Social Worker

ORDER OF COURT / DECISION OF HEARING

Chair.
Mr Oler + Mrs Thomson. - N. Crawford.

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Mr + Mrs Brown

Inverness.

Colin last appeared at a Children's Panel in November 1986, when his Supervision Order was varied, with a condition he reside with Mrs. Park at [REDACTED] Skye. This was seen as a temporary placement until a permanent family was available for Colin.

PRESENT SITUATION

Colin has, in the main, got on well with Mr. & Mrs. Park and adjusted quite well to his rural situation. However, not unnaturally he has missed Inverness and has therefore been unable to settle too well with Mr. & Mrs. Park as he was aware that he would be moving on again at some stage.

The main difficulties Colin has experienced has been in coping with the change of school and feeling rather isolated at Portree High School, despite efforts by staff and pupils to integrate him. His behaviour at school has left a lot to be desired and during May he was excluded from school because of his continual disobedience and disregard of staffs' requests.

Health wise, Colin has also had problems. He has had breathing difficulties which at first were thought to be asthmatic, but following visits to Raigmore Hospital, this has been ruled out, and in fact there would appear to be nothing physically wrong with Colin. I wonder if perhaps the breathing difficulties have been more psychological than physical. He has also spent a brief period in Raigmore Hospital having his ears drained. At one stage, it was felt that he would require his adenoids removed, but this was not necessary. This visit to hospital initially improved Colin's hearing, but it would seem there has been a deterioration again and this will be followed up in the near future.

Whilst at Skye, Colin has had visits to Inverness on a monthly basis, during which time he has stayed with his mother, and has had contact with his father. On occasion, father has not kept the arrangement with Colin, due to his health problems. Colin's mother has also kept contact with Colin by telephone and writing, but Mr. Sanders despite being encouraged to do so, has been unable to correspond with Colin. He has, however, on occasion telephoned, but this has not been too frequent.

SITUATION WITHIN FATHER'S HOUSEHOLD

There is no change at all in Mr. Sander's situation. It was during a Hearing for [REDACTED] that Mrs. MacNally announced that she had been offered a house at Bught Park, but took so long in making up her mind that she lost the opportunity. I am still of the opinion that this couple have no real intention of going their own ways.

FUTURE PLANS FOR COLIN

Recently, Community Carers were identified for Colin and the initial introductions went extremely well. The couple are a Mr. & Mrs. Brown, who are in their 40's and live at [REDACTED], Inverness. They have 2 daughters who are married and live away from home, and a son of 18 who still resides in the family home. Mr. Brown was previously in the Armed Forces until 2 years ago. He is now a Security Officer in Inverness. They would appear to have a particular sympathy for young people, a clear understanding of normal teenage development, some idea of abnormal development and problems and would seem to be an ideal couple for a suitable placement for

Colin. Colin has met all members of the family, including the three grandchildren and he himself is keen to move in with Mr. & Mrs. Brown. He would have his own bedroom, which is fairly small but adequately furnished and in moving there, would be involved in decorating to his own taste. Although newly assessed, I am confident they could offer Colin a secure and happy home with them, and would be capable of encouraging him in outside activities and assist him in making plans for his future when he leaves school. Mr. Sanders is still very much wrapped up in his own problems and in particular his medical difficulties. He recently upset Colin during a telephone conversation, when he was saying once more, Colin should be at home looking after him, after all he has done for him in the past. These sort of comments are very damaging to Colin and I have already explained I do not wish him to be undermining the placement at the early stages. Should the Panel decide Colin should reside with Mr. & Mrs. Brown, it would be my plan to continue with the access arrangement with his father on a monthly basis, until Colin has settled with his new family. His contact with his mother has been very positive, and I would wish this to continue on a fairly regular basis.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

Colin is at present spending 2 weeks with Mr. & Mrs. Brown as a continuation of his introductory period with them. In view of the fact that he has lost schooling because of his exclusion from Portree High School and bearing in mind his anxieties about a change of school, it has been decided that during this 2 week period with Mr. & Mrs. Brown, he should attend Millburn Academy. This was decided for the foregoing reasons and should not be interpreted as pre-empting the decision of the Panel.

Although Colin has made some progress in his placement with Mr. & Mrs. Park, he has certainly not been totally committed as it was a temporary one. There is nothing to indicate that the situation in Mr. Sander's house is suitable for Colin to return there. In my opinion, Mr. & Mrs. Brown would seem to be an ideal couple to provide Colin with a stable and settled environment during his last year at school. I would, therefore, respectfully recommend that his Supervision Order be continued, but varied to allow him to stay with Mr. & Mrs. Brown at [REDACTED] Inverness.

Robert D. Cribben

J. Rennie
Social Worker

27th May, 1987

INVERNESS DIVISION

PREV NOTES.

Residential Background Report.
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The following person .

Surname: SANDERS Date of Birth: 11.3.72Christian Names : COLIN Religion:
or ForenamesAddress : c/o DALNEIGH CHILDREN'S CENTRE, INVERNESSMarital State : SINGLE Occupation: SCHOOLBOYis to appear on 5th NOVEMBER, 1986 at INVERNESS CHILDREN'S HEARING ~~X000X~~

in connection with the crime or offence of

Prepared by: MR. L. BRONNY Designation: CARE OFFICER,
DALNEIGH CHILDREN'S CENTRE.ORDER OF COURT / DECISION OF HEARING

BACKGROUND TO ADMISSION.

Colin was admitted to Dalneigh Children's Centre on Friday, 19th September, 1986. Colin's foster placement with Mrs. Geddes broke down when Mrs. Geddes moved to a smaller house and no longer had room for Colin. Mrs. Rennie, social worker, was informed of the situation and took Colin straight from school to Dalneigh Children's Centre. Despite the fairly abrupt nature of his admission, Colin seemed relaxed, and in some sense relieved, on arrival at Dalneigh.

RELATIONSHIP TO PEERS.

Colin mixed well with the group at Dalneigh Children's Centre and has often sought out other children to join in on activities. Colin has had frequent visits from his step-brothers, Stephen and Billy, and these visits have generally gone well. Colin also has a considerable network of friends in the Dalneigh community and many of these friends visited Colin at the Centre.

Colin could at times be pesty towards other children, but these occasions tended to be short-lived and isolated. Colin could be particularly pesty and excitable at bedtimes; however, when Colin moved into a room of his own this excitable behaviour ceased.

RELATIONSHIP TO ADULTS.

Colin already knew most of the staff at the Centre from his previous stay here and consequently was relaxed and chatty from his arrival here.

Colin is able to discuss his feelings and worries with adults and seems to benefit from these discussions. There were times, particularly over this last week or two, where Colin was very sad and withdrawn and needed to be cheered up or encouraged into some activity. On one of these occasions, Colin stated that he was feeling totally fed up and was wanting a foster family organised for the next day.

Like any other 14 year old, Colin could be excitable, noisy, and at times aggravating. However, Colin was able to calm down when asked and was generally able to accept the limits set here.

HEALTH.

Colin is a fit and healthy 14 year old, with a good appetite. He did, however, chip a bone in his elbow and has only recently had the plaster removed. While in plaster he sprained his ankle. He has fully recovered from both injuries now.

SPECIAL INTERESTS.

Colin in recent weeks has developed a keen interest in playing the piano and can now pick out several tunes and play fairly complex rhythms. Colin is also keen on skating and enjoys playing pool and table tennis.

INCIDENTS.

(1) Colin, along with a younger boy from the Centre, was involved in breaking into a Cash & Carry Warehouse on the 13th October, 1986. Both boys were charged and the matter is now in the hands of the Police.

(2) On a trip to the Landmark Centre, Colin, along with another boy, ran off. The boys made their own way to Raigmore Police Station and were returned to the Centre shortly afterwards.

FAMILY VISITS.

Colin has visited his Mum in Dingwall on three or four occasions. All these visits have gone well and Colin has returned to the Centre in good humour on each occasion.

Colin has visited his Dad's house on several occasions. These brief visits have been made without staff knowledge and generally occurred either when Colin was going to or from school. Some of these visits went well, however, other visits were not too pleasant. Unfortunately, Mr. Sanders, due to his ill health, did not feel able to visit Colin at the Centre.

OTHER INFORMATION.

Colin has met his future foster parents and returned from Skye in an excellent mood. Colin seems to be very taken with the family and the location. He is understandably a bit worried about changing schools, but is looking forward to the move.

Lawrence Bronny,
Care Officer.
29th October, 1986.

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FERINTOSH HOUSE REGIONAL SPECIALIST CHILDREN'S CENTRE

INITIALS

S. Rowan

Assessment Team Meeting Held on 14th. January 1988

ACTION

Colin Sanders

Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Present: Miss C. Williams, Senior Care Officer, Ferintosh House
Mr. D. Solway, Keyworker, Ferintosh House
Dr. E. Scott, Community Health
Mr. Phillips, Stepfather
Mrs. Phillips, Mother
Mr. M. Tidey, Area Team Leader
Mr. S. Rowan, Social Worker
Mr. Sanders, Father
Mr. G. Third, Senior Educational Psychologist
Mr. R. Lyall, Rector, Charleston Academy
Mrs. C. Neil, Key Teacher, Ferintosh House
Mr. M. Cameron, Care Officer
Mr. J. Goodfellow, Principal, Ferintosh House

Assessment Requested By: Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reports Presented: S.E.R
Education Assessment
Residential Report
Psychiatric Report
Medical Report (Verbal)

Physical Condition:

Colin enjoys very good general health. He has a perforated eardrum which is awaiting treatment, when this is available, in Raigmore Hospital. This does not affect his general health nor would it contribute to his social and behavioural situation.

Home and Family:

Colin's very disturbed family background is well described in accompanying reports. The Team considered the effect that this had had on his development and maturation. Colin has had great difficulty in coming to terms with the split in his family. There are some areas which he does not understand, either he is unaware of these areas, or he has blocked them from his mind. A great deal of work will be required in helping him to come to terms with this area of his life. Preparation of a life story with his Keyworker may go some way to resolving this.

Colin's family allegiance tends to flit between mother and father when his current situation does not meet his wishes. He is fond of both parents but does not invest trust or loyalty with either. This is not untypical of children from such a background but, at this late stage in his development, will require concentrated effort by Colin and all parties involved in counselling him if he is to enter adulthood as a mature young man.

School and Education:

Mr. Lyall gave an overview of Colin's career in Secondary School.

Colin was open and bright when he took his place in first year at Charleston Academy. He showed no serious problem areas until he left Charleston to go to Skye. On his return from Skye he attended Millburn Academy for a time and subsequently returned to Charleston in fourth year.

On his return there were difficulties in fitting Colin into the curriculum which he had been part of in Millburn. Colin was somewhat disappointed in this. However, despite staff making arrangements to accommodate his curriculum as closely as possible, he did not make any attempt to work in the school. After a brief spell of quiet behaviour, Colin displayed gross attention-seeking behaviour, lack of trust in adults, and began involving other children in misbehaviour. He refused to do any work at all.

Colin was eventually removed from Charleston rather than have him excluded, which would have resulted in another rejection.

In Ferintosh House Colin began by being unsettled and anxious in the classroom, he could not sit still, and appeared sad and frightened at times.

Since the beginning of this term he has settled down somewhat. His work, and test results, however, reflect very poor concentration and he is capable of a much higher standard.

Colin has occasionally displayed threatening behaviour. When he has been confronted with this he showed genuine regret.

It is unlikely that Colin could settle back into mainstream education at present without serious difficulties.

Colin himself would wish to return to mainstream schooling. However, the Team agreed that his motives are rather to have the freedom of a large school than to really return to work.

Colin is benefitting from the structure of smaller groups and will benefit further from a programme designed to meet his own needs which may include work experience etc.

Behaviour Causing Concern:

Throughout the whole meeting Colin's anxieties, lack of trust, and gross attention seeking behaviour were a constant theme. This was seen as being grounded in Colin's lack of understanding of his situation in the family and his very poor self-image.

Colin is not yet a delinquent, although his behaviour has placed him in a very vulnerable situation where he is gaining peer attention only from the more disruptive group of children and he is already on the fringes of offending behaviour.

In order to bring Colin through this crisis he will require a great deal of support, guidance and counselling to allow him to develop personal insight, understanding of his family background and how this has affected him, and to develop a positive personal identity.

Proposed Treatment Plan:

The Team considered that it would be beneficial for Colin to remain in Ferintosh House in the immediate future. This would allow the structure to continue the work in guidance and counselling that has already begun.

Colin's family have a large part to play in this task and should be involved with social work staff in helping Colin to understand his past history by preparing a life story which he himself can understand.

Neither Colin nor his family are yet ready for unlimited contact and this should be carefully monitored to prevent the relationship breaking down through over-exposure and inappropriate expectations. It is important that Colin regains trust in adults and that adults regain trust in Colin.

Educationally, Colin should remain in the small groups of Ferintosh House, but efforts should be made to identify a suitable work experience placement where Colin may make more appropriate "adult/teenage" relationships and expand his social network.

Regular internal reviews should take place to monitor the progress being made.

Recommendation:

The Assessment Team recommend, to the Case Manager, that he request, from the Children's Hearing that Colin be placed on a Supervision Requirement Order with a condition of residence in Ferintosh House.

Ferintosh House,
Regional Specialist Children's Centre,
Sellar Place,
Conon Bridge.

19th. January 1988

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EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

Colin J. Sanders

Date of Admission:

Date of Birth: 11.3.72

First Impressions:

Colin presented as an attractive boy of medium height and slight build. He had short dark brown hair and was neatly dressed in fashionable casual clothes. Initially he appeared very unsettled; he was unable to sit still, swinging on his chair, fidgeting. He appeared nervous and anxious and talked a great deal. His speech was rapid and his eye contact erratic. He wanted to engage adults in conversation and when presented with formal work found it difficult to concentrate and would continually make attempts at conversation to avoid working. During the initial few days it was felt by the education team that it would be unwise to give Colin any formal assessment tests because he was so unsettled. It was felt that any test completed at this time would give an unfair and unrealistic result. Initially Colin spent a large part of his time talking and settling in to the routine of the education unit.

Emotional State:

Throughout his assessment Colin has been reasonably alert. He says he has enjoyed his time in Ferintosh. Initially Colin appeared over-excited and high. This was displayed by rapid, excited chatter and erratic and inappropriate eye contact. His constant fidgeting and inability to sit still and concentrate seemed to indicate a high level of anxiety and nervous tension. Initially Colin appeared quite sad at times but latterly he has become happier and more relaxed, smiling more appropriately and showing enjoyment, e.g. when in the company of adults and when drawing and listening to music. He has not shown any signs of anger towards adults but has occasionally become verbally abusive and aggressive towards a girl in his group. He has never been overtly distressed at any time but has shown frequent and sudden mood changes; being high and giggly one moment and sullen, withdrawn and uncommunicative the next.

Generally Colin has appeared to be pleasant and outgoing but has shown signs of nervousness and unpredictability.

Behavioural Development:

Colin has shown that he has got reasonable social skills but his physical and verbal contact with adults and his peers was sometimes inappropriate.

He showed himself able to start conversations appropriately and talked freely and easily with both adults and peers. He has a good knowledge of social manners and uses please and thankyou appropriately and is able to apologise when he has done something wrong.

Colin did not appear to be able to share attention and would go to great lengths to seek attention and get noticed by peers and adults. These attention seeking behaviours involved, break-dancing, pretending to misunderstand instructions and pretending not to hear when he was spoken to. Although extremes of attention seeking behaviour have modified, Colin still finds it difficult to share attention and is more at ease in a smaller group situation.

Colin was able to express himself adequately and used a vocabulary which appeared to be appropriate to his age and experience. When talking with adults he appeared nervous and constantly checked for response and reactions to what he was saying. His eye contact, however, was generally erratic and at times inappropriate, sometimes not engaging eye contact and at other times staring for too long. His facial expressions were also inappropriate at times, laughing nervously when reprimanded. The stories he told adults were often exaggerated and sometimes punctuated and embroidered with violence and death.

There were occasional incidents of non-compliance, generally Colin did not argue with staff but would use aversion and avoidance techniques so as not to have to do the work set. He would chatter constantly, lose pencils and wander from the room. Sometimes these techniques would prove disruptive to the whole group and Colin would appear to enjoy the attention he then received from his peers.

At times Colin was unco-operative. He was often reluctant to start work and resistant to attempts to motivate and entice him to do this. He used occasional threatening behaviour, approaching staff with clenched fists and on two occasions, putting his hands to the throat of a teacher. Although smiling at the same time, this was interpreted as threatening behaviour. When reprimanded he apologised immediately, appeared genuinely sorry that he may have caused alarm and apologised again for his behaviour the following day.

Academic:

Colin displayed a general aversion to formal academic work. He appeared to have problems listening to instructions and demands. He does have problems with his hearing and perhaps this explains why at times he would stand up and walk away, even when he was being spoken to directly. He was difficult to motivate and when he attempted to do any work he was only able to concentrate for a short period of time. He lacked confidence and showed little interest in formal academic subjects. However, when drawing and painting he appeared confident and relaxed. His poor listening skills resulted in him understanding only the most basic verbal instructions. However, he had no problems following written ones. He did not appear interested in the correction of his work and could scarcely be bothered to listen and look while it was being corrected.

Colin's reading and comprehension tests were perhaps adversely affected by his inability to concentrate. However, in spite of this he recorded a reading age of 14 years using Wide Span Reading Test. He showed a good understanding of phonics and a reasonable level of comprehension skills. He was able to use reference books effectively and showed that he had the ability to cope with the academic side of everyday life.

Colin's spelling age was recorded at around eleven years using Vincent and Claydon Spelling Test and Margaret Peters spelling list. He used his phonics in words attack and his errors are perhaps indicative of changes in schools and a lack of concentration when working.

In mathematical skills Colin's test results showed mathematical skills ranging from 8 to 14 years. This variation was perhaps due to poor concentration and a lack of confidence. Although Colin had a basic understanding of the 4 rules, he had difficulty with his 6,7,8, and 9 times tables and this gave him problems with multiplication and division. He did not attempt any problems involving fractions, area, volume or graphs. With time and money problems he appeared confident and had a basic understanding of budgeting, timetables and form filling.

Colin was not confident in general written work. He perceived himself as a poor speller and did not enjoy free writing. He had no obvious problems with gross motor co-ordination, fine manipulative or visio motor skills. He was able to copy mathematical diagrams and a passage without difficulty. He could also play computer games, indicating that he has no problems with spatial ability. He is right-handed and had no problems using basic classroom equipment. His writing is quite neat and he has an adequate grasp of syntax and punctuation.

Areas of Strength:

(a) Academic

- (1) Basic numeracy and literacy skills.
- (2) An interest in art.

(b) Social

- (1) Can be pleasant and good company.
- (2) Interested in sport, especially swimming.

Areas of Difficulty:

- (a) Difficult to motivate in formal work
- (b) General unsettled behaviour
- (c) Poor concentration.

Approaches Used Successfully:

Friendly, firm consistent handling of a non-threatening nature.

Recommendations:

- (a) Sound home base
- (b) Return to mainstream education with high level of adult support.

13th. January 1988

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Your ref.

Date 11 December 1987

Mr. Sanders,
3 Creag Dubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear Mr. Sanders,

Just a note to inform you that, as planned, Colin has been moved from Dalneigh Childrens Centre to Fèrintosh at Conon Bridge. This is for an initial assessment period of 5 weeks which includes 3 weeks of educational assessment.

I will keep in touch with you on Colin's progress. If you would like to see me to discuss matters, please phone my office.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Rowan,
Social Worker

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

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

EDUCATIONAL REPORT (Supplementary)

To be returned to the Reporter by As soon as possible.

1. Name of Child Colin Sanders 2. Date of Birth 11.3.72
3. Address c/o Park, [REDACTED] Skye.
4. Present School
5. Details of School Attendance since Supervision Requirement was made on
- | (i) During last session | (N.A. to) | Possible Attendance | Absences |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| (ii) During current session | (11.11.86 to 06.05.87) | | 198. .. 33 |
| (iii) During last four weeks | (23.03.87 to 06.05.87) | | 40 .. 12 |

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

For Colin, attendance was not a problem. There was always a
satisfactory explanation for absences.

Although likeable and friendly in a one-to-one situation, Colin was
a persistent source of trouble in the classroom. Unsettled by the
uncertainty regarding the future, he indulged in all sorts of attention -
seeking behaviour, which disrupted class work and alienated him from his
peers. When checked, he invariably reacted petulantly eg. throwing a
tantrum. All his teachers made allowances for him but his behaviour
deteriorated to the point where he had to be excluded from school.

On the positive side, he did strike up a reasonable working relationship

(if continue overleaf if necessary)

P.T.O.

Class or Guidance Teacher
Head Teacher J. M. [Signature]
School PORTREE HIGH, SKYE
Date 01.06.87

with two mature, experienced female members of staff, both of whom had small sections and were able to give him much more attention than is possible in a normal classroom situation.

RESIDENTIAL REPORT

Colin Sanders

Date of Admission: 11.12.87 Section 44 (1) 8 Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Social Worker: Steve Rowan, Kinmylies

Key Worker: Duncan Solway, Ferintosh Centre

School: Charleston Academy, Inverness

Family:

Father Gordon Sanders, 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, Kinmylies

Mother Mrs. Anne Philips, Blackwell Street, Dingwall

Colin Ferintosh Children's Centre, Conon Bridge

Historical Background: as taken from S.E.R. dated 12th December, 1986.

1. Parents separated when Colin was 2 years old. Cared for by his father.
2. Parents divorced 1976.
3. Mrs Sanders and Colin moved to Inverness 1977.
4. Parents reconciliation for approximately 18 months.
5. Reconciliation ended: House and care of Colin Handed over to ex-wife.
6. Colin's mother marries Mr. Ross 1980.
7. Marriage fails 1981, Mrs Ross goes to Wales. Colin in the care of his father.
8. Colin received into care March 1982 (Rosedene Children's Home).
9. Reunited with his father July 1982, when Mr. Sanders formed a relationship with June McNally a divorcee with 3 children.
10. Difficulties in household, Colin received into care September, 1985. Intended long-term placement with Mrs. Geddes, [REDACTED].
11. Breakdown of placement towards the end of 1985, no long-term placement available admitted to Dalneigh Children's Centre, remained for a few weeks.
12. Moved to short-term foster-home until long-term family could be identified for him.
13. Children's Panel Order reside temporary placement Mrs. Park, Dunvegan, Skye.

13. Contd /-

Attended Portree High School.

14. Children's Centre, Dalneigh.

15. Short-term foster placement Mrs. Brown, [REDACTED] attended Millburn Academy.

16. Dalneigh Children's Centre.

17. Admitted Ferintosh Children's Centre, 11th December, 1987.

Admission to Ferintosh:

Colin was admitted on the 11th December, 1987. The reasons for admission were:-

1. Family breakdown.
2. Interim placement at Dalneigh not appropriate.
3. Assessment requirement for Children's Panel.

On admission Colin presented as a well groomed young man. He was very quiet but did not appear to be anxious. Colin settled in quickly and was soon very much in with the group. He was quick to grasp the house rules and was soon testing the boundaries.

Physical:

Soon after admission Colin was medically examined and found to be a healthy boy of appropriate height and build for his age. He is non-operative, has a good appetite and sleeps well. There were no scars or bruises or signs of injury old or new. There has been treatment given to his ears and further surgical treatment is being arranged, however, this condition does not appear to impair his hearing in anyway.

Relationships with peers:

Colin was readily accepted in the group. This assimilation was relatively easy for him as he already knew several of the residents through his residence at Dalneigh.

His insecurity, however, soon became evident in his attention seeking behaviour and his difficulty in coping within the larger group. In the early part of his stay at Ferintosh his behaviour ranged from that of a maturing young adult to child-like behaviour more irritating than bad. He had difficulty instigating situations either positive or negative on his own always seeking an ally. He tends to gravitate towards children he has met whilst being in care when given the opportunity of free-time thus limiting his horizons to wider opportunities. He has no particular friend in Ferintosh but does visit 2 residents of his past placement.

Relationships with Adults:

As can be seen there has been a great deal of instability in Colin's life mainly stemming from adults and this is reflected in his relationships within the centre.

the attention seeking behaviour indicated above can be intense in his relationships with staff, highlighting his difficulties in maintaining appropriate behaviour in such relationships and the extent of his insecurity.

On a one to one basis particularly with male staff he can show a warm personality, be articulate in expressing his feelings and there are indication that some trust is being established.

There has been a marked improvement in his relationships with female staff, however, there are areas of concern in which Colin as does other adolescents require counselling.

The conflicts experienced in adolescence particularly in the sphere of sexuality allied to his confusion in terms of what is and is not appropriate in his relationships with adults highlights his need for consistent, appropriate adult models and considerable support through this stage of maturation.

Colin has responded well to situations of trust between himself and the adults in Ferintosh. When allowed out he has without fail returned on time and as far as we are aware there have been no incidents causing concern.

Only on two occasions did he leave without permission accepting the sanctions applied on his return.

Family Contact:

Colin has had limited contact with his parents instigating most visits himself. He says he has met his father twice since coming to Ferintosh but has seen his mother on several occasions visiting her in Dingwall. His mother has phoned him on two occasions and visited him at xmas to give him his xmas present.

A recent incident has occurred during a visit to his mother at Dingwall. Approximately £7.00 in 20 pence peices has been removed from the house. At the time of this report this matter is as yet unresolved.

Colin is fast approaching the end of his formal schooling being a May leaver. Although previous reports indicate his interest in joining the forces he has made no such statement during his short stay at Ferintosh. He is anxious about his future seeing little prospect at this time of re-joining his family. He has asked what help will be available to him and what will happen to him at sixteen seeing this age as being a crossroads in his life.

Summary:

There are indications that Colin has benefited from his stay at Ferintosh. He appears to have benefited from the structure and from the relationships he has formed.

At this point in his maturation he may benefit further from skilled adult input in an environment in which he can feel secure and in which he can be supported through the difficult months ahead, ie.

- (a) Life Story.
- (b) Work experience.
- (c) Adult Relationships (trust etc.)

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About Ferintosh

1. What do you think of Ferintosh? it is All right at times
2. How did you feel about being sent here? Don't like the getting
3. What is Ferintosh trying to do for you? trying to help me

Attitudes

1. What happened to bring you to Ferintosh? Remained in school
2. What kind of children do you enjoy being with here?
the boys: The boys
the girls?
Why is this? It's just my group
3. What kind of children don't you like being with? Children with a mind of their own
Why is this? Because I have a mind of my own
4. What about staff: Don't know
What kind do you like and why?
5. What kind of staff do you dislike and why? Don't know

Family

1. How does your family feel about you having visitors?
2. How does this make you feel?
3. Have they visited?
How have their visits gone?

Father

1. Describe your father
Medium height built bald head Quiet

Do others feel the same way about him? Some like him Some Don't

What are his good points and bad points? when he gets money

How does he go about getting you to do as you're told? hits me

In what way are you like him? temper reactions

Mother

Describe your mother. medium height several hours to talk to avoid to get on with
What are her good points and bad points?

How does she go about getting you to do as you're told? Don't give me what I want

In what ways are you like her? looks

Have you changed your mind about the way you feel about either your mum or your dad over the years? yes

Handling Problems and Feelings

1. Would you say you're more easy going than easily upset? yes

2. What do you do when you feel angry at someone? I -

3. What do you do when you feel really down in the dumps? try get my self happy
What makes you feel like that?

Depends

4. What happens when you feel really happy?

I behave really well
What makes you feel happy?

going out with my girl friends and mates

5. Do you ever, or have you ever, feel really frightened? yes

In what kind of situation?

Getting hit by my dad and getting threatened

1. Do you drink or take glue or drugs? No

8. What do you get out of it? Nothing

9. Do you see your drinking/glue taking/
drug taking as a problem to others
or to yourself?

No

10. What is good about you - your good
points.

I can behave some times

11. What is bad about you - your bad
points.

I am not very open

12. Do you try to improve on your bad
points?

How?

Not for me to say

Self

1. What kind of person are you? nice some times

2. How would others see you? Not for me to say

School and Work

1. How do you feel about school? Don't like it

Why do you feel like this? Not like Proper school

2. What is good about school? long breaks

3. What is bad about school? Not many people

4. How do you get on with the teachers? alright

5. What will you do when you leave school? try join the forces

6. Have you worked in the past? yes

Did you enjoy it or dislike it?

Why? I enjoyed it because it was delivering milk

7. Have you made any plans for the future?

~~yes~~ yes

Friends and Others

1. Is it important to have friends?

Why? Some times they can help you

..... people there are many
why? it is good to be with the

3. What type of person don't you like?

why? try and pick (to) them

4. Do you have a lot of friends or just a few? a lot

5. Have you any really close friends? yes.

6. Are some of your friends closer than other? yes

What makes the difference between a friend that's close and one that's not so close?

7. Have you made friends here? Some keep it to them selfs some dont

10. Boyfriends/Girlfriends

1. How do you feel about girls (or boys)? I like yes

2. What do you look for in a girlfriend (or boyfriend)? yes to personable

3. What kind of girls (or boys) don't you like? Vandels and moners

4. Is it important to go out with girls (or boys). yes

11. Marriage

1. How do you feel about marriage? nothing

2. How do your parents get on? not at a

3. Do you think you'll get married? Dont know

4. What should a husband do for his family? work and support his family

5. What about a wife? help to look after kids

6. Who should tell the children what to do? So the dont run wild like I did.

7. Where did you get your ideas on marriage?

no where yet

12. Health

1. How has your health been recently? alright

2. Do you sleep well at nights? yes.

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FERINTOSH HOUSE REGIONAL SPECIALIST CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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Assessment Team Meeting Held on 14th. January 1988

Colin Sanders

Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Present: Miss C. Williams, Senior Care Officer, Ferintosh House
Mr. D. Solway, Keyworker, Ferintosh House
Dr. E. Scott, Community Health
Mr. Phillips, Stepfather
Mrs. Phillips, Mother
Mr. M. Tidey, Area Team Leader
Mr. S. Rowan, Social Worker
Mr. Sanders, Father
Mr. G. Third, Senior Educational Psychologist
Mr. R. Lyall, Rector, Charleston Academy
Mrs. C. Neil, Key Teacher, Ferintosh House
Mr. M. Cameron, Care Officer
Mr. J. Goodfellow, Principal, Ferintosh House

Assessment Requested By: Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reports Presented: S.E.R.
Education Assessment
Residential Report
Psychiatric Report
Medical Report (Verbal)

Physical Condition:

Colin enjoys very good general health. He has a perforated eardrum which is awaiting treatment, when this is available, in Raigmore Hospital. This does not affect his general health nor would it contribute to his social and behavioural situation.

Home and Family:

Colin's very disturbed family background is well described in accompanying reports. The Team considered the effect that this had had on his development and maturation. Colin has had great difficulty in coming to terms with the split in his family. There are some areas which he does not understand, either he is unaware of these areas, or he has blocked them from his mind. A great deal of work will be required in helping him to come to terms with this area of his life. Preparation of a life story with his Keyworker may go some way to resolving this.

Colin's family allegiance tends to flit between mother and father when his current situation does not meet his wishes. He is fond of both parents but does not invest trust or loyalty with either. This is not untypical of children from such a background but, at this late stage in his development, will require concentrated effort by Colin and all parties involved in counselling him if he is to enter adulthood as a mature young man.

School and Education:

Mr. Lyall gave an overview of Colin's career in Secondary School.

Colin was open and bright when he took his place in first year at Charleston Academy. He showed no serious problem areas until he left Charleston to go to Skye. On his return from Skye he attended Millburn Academy for a time and subsequently returned to Charleston in fourth year.

On his return there were difficulties in fitting Colin into the curriculum which he had been part of in Millburn. Colin was somewhat disappointed in this. However, despite staff making arrangements to accommodate his curriculum as closely as possible, he did not make any attempt to work in the school. After a brief spell of quiet behaviour, Colin displayed gross attention-seeking behaviour, lack of trust in adults, and began involving other children in misbehaviour. He refused to do any work at all.

Colin was eventually removed from Charleston rather than have him excluded, which would have resulted in another rejection.

In Ferintosh House Colin began by being unsettled and anxious in the classroom, he could not sit still, and appeared sad and frightened at times.

Since the beginning of this term he has settled down somewhat. His work, and test results, however, reflect very poor concentration and he is capable of a much higher standard.

Colin has occasionally displayed threatening behaviour. When he has been confronted with this he showed genuine regret.

It is unlikely that Colin could settle back into mainstream education at present without serious difficulties.

Colin himself would wish to return to mainstream schooling. However, the Team agreed that his motives are rather to have the freedom of a large school than to really return to work.

Colin is benefitting from the structure of smaller groups and will benefit further from a programme designed to meet his own needs which may include work experience etc.

Behaviour Causing Concern:

Throughout the whole meeting Colin's anxieties, lack of trust, and gross attention seeking behaviour were a constant theme. This was seen as being grounded in Colin's lack of understanding of his situation in the family and his very poor self-image.

Colin is not yet a delinquent, although his behaviour has placed him in a very vulnerable situation where he is gaining peer attention only from the more disruptive group of children and he is already on the fringes of offending behaviour.

In order to bring Colin through this crisis he will require a great deal of support, guidance and counselling to allow him to develop personal insight, understanding of his family background and how this has affected him, and to develop a positive personal identity.

Proposed Treatment Plan:

The Team considered that it would be beneficial for Colin to remain in Ferintosh House in the immediate future. This would allow the structure to continue the work in guidance and counselling that has already begun.

Colin's family have a large part to play in this task and should be involved with social work staff in helping Colin to understand his past history by preparing a life story which he himself can understand.

Neither Colin nor his family are yet ready for unlimited contact and this should be carefully monitored to prevent the relationship breaking down through over-exposure and inappropriate expectations. It is important that Colin regains trust in adults and that adults regain trust in Colin.

Educationally, Colin should remain in the small groups of Ferintosh House, but efforts should be made to identify a suitable work experience placement where Colin may make more appropriate "adult/teenage" relationships and expand his social network.

Regular internal reviews should take place to monitor the progress being made.

Recommendation:

The Assessment Team recommend, to the Case Manager, that he request, from the Children's Hearing that Colin be placed on a Supervision Requirement Order with a condition of residence in Ferintosh House.

Ferintosh House,
Regional Specialist Children's Centre,
Sellar Place,
Conon Bridge.

19th. January 1988

JG/MM

ADULTS

Residential ☐
Community Care Unit ☐
Day Care ☐

Short Term ☐
Long Term ☐

CHILDREN

Residential ☒
Foster Care ☐
Community Carer ☐
Day Care ☐

Short Term ☒
Long Term ☐

HANDICAPPED

Residential ☐
Day Care ☐

Short Term ☐
Long Term ☐

OTHER

Probation ☐
Supervision ☐
Home Help ☐

Short Term ☐
Long Term ☐

Full Name COLIN SANDERS

Present Address* DAWEIGH CHILDREN'S CARE
INVERNESS

New Address* FERINTOSH ASSESS. CARE
CONON. BRIDGE

Statutory Condition Imposed SECT. 15

Name of Doctor ACADEMY ST. INV.

D.O.B. 11.3.72

School Attended (Children only) FERINTOSH CENTRE

Case Ref. 03/04/17/197

To SROWAN INV. W. RURAL

Date of Change 11.12.87

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete)

Stop ☐
Start ☐
Amend Register ☐

EFFECTIVE DATE

Reason

Name of FP/CC

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete)

Admission ☐
Discharge ☐
Temp. Change ☒

EFFECTIVE DATE

Reason TRANSFER FROM DAWEIGH CHILDREN'S CARE

11.12.87

Establishment TO FERINTOSH ASSESSMENT UNIT

Financial Assessment Attached ☐

DHSS Supplementation applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken

Effective Date

Reason

Signed [Signature]

Date 14.12.87

Authorised [Signature]

Date 14.12.87

OFFICE Action taken Register amended

Documentation completed by [Signature]

Date 21.12.87

NAME: COLIN SANDERS

ADDRESS:

CASE NO.

13.11.87

Telephone call from Robert Gibson, A.T.L. in East Cent. to advise that Colin's mother, Ann Phillips had called re her son's admission to Dalneigh. She intimated that she intended to visit Colin at the Centre. This contact with social work occurred on 12.11.87.

Telephone call to George Livingstone. He advised that there had been no sign of Mrs Phillips at this time and would anticipate contact with her.

SR/JMcR

16.11.87

Query regarding Child Benefit received by Department on 12.11.87. completed on 16.11.87 and sent. See photocopy in file.

SR/JMcR.

19.11.87

Telephone call received in morning from Dalneigh Childrens Centre to advise there are difficulties with Colin's attendance at Charleston Academy. They are querying progress with vacancy at Ferintosh also to look into possibility of day school attendance.

5 p.m. - Phone call to advise that Colin had run away from Dalneigh Childrens Centre during afternoon with another lad and now in Dingwall Police station. Story is that they had intended to go to Kyle of Lochalsh and stopped at Colin's mother's house for a "glass of water". They were taken by Colin's mother and step-father to the Police Station. Neither boy was charged with any offence.

Together with Donald Graham, from Dalneigh Centre we collected the two lads and returned them to Dalneigh. Advised by Dalneigh there is no current vacancy or possible vacancy at Ferintosh. Ferintosh says that he has a low priority. Also there are no vacancies for day school at Ferintosh. It appears situation will have to be "held" until Monday, 23.11.87 when Jack Goodfellow returns from leave and can advise on prognosis for a Ferintosh vacancy.

SR/JMcR.

SR

Child's name COLIN SANDERS
Date of birth 11/3/82
Claimant's name M.R. GORDON SANDERS

Has the child been discharged from the care of your Authority to the above named claimant?

ES - YES

on what date was the child discharged?

State any periods the child has spent with the claimant since

2/1/86 which consists of at least one complete week (NB: a "week" means 7 nights in a row).

If the child is still in the care of your Authority, is it expected that she or he will not regularly live with the claimant for at least one complete day (ie 2 consecutive nights) each week?

ES -

(a) On what date did/will this arrangement start?

(b) Is it intended that this arrangement will continue until the child is discharged from care?

Is the child boarded-out in the home of the above named claimant in accordance with the provisions of the Boarding-Out of Children Regulations 1955 or the Boarding-Out and Fostering of Children (Scotland) Regulations 1985?

ES -

on what date was the child boarded-out?

Child's last known private address 3 CRAIGDHUGH TERR, KINMYLIES, INVERNESS
Your reference SIR/INV.W.ROR/0304/17197

YES ☒ NO ☐

14/09/87

Date child went to live with claimant

14/09/87

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Date child returned to Local Authority Accommodation

08/11/87

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YES ☐ NO ☒

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YES ☐ NO ☐

YES ☐ NO ☒

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Signature S.R. Gordon

Date 16/11/87

CHILD WAS RETURNED
TO L.A. CARE AS FROM
08/11/86.

S.R.

URGENT - PAYMENT OF BENEFIT INVOLVED

Department of Health and Social Security
Child Benefit Centre (Washington)
PO Box 1 Newcastle upon Tyne NE88 1AA

10/11/1982

Director of Social Work,
Social Work Dept.,
Highland Regional Council,
Glenview Road, Inverness

Please tell us this number
if you get in touch with us

CHB 91997418Hr

Dear Sir or Madam

The information asked for on pages 2 and 3 of this form is needed in connection with the payment of Child Benefit. Will you therefore please answer the question and send the form back to this office.

I have sent you an envelope. It does not need a stamp.

Yours faithfully

S W GOLDSACK

Child Benefit Centre

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MEMORANDUM

To Martin Tidey
Area Team Leader
West Rural

From Robert Gibson
Area Team Leader
East Central
Our Ref. RDG/VJM

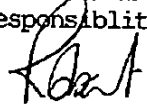
Date 10 September 1987

Please Ask For

RE: COLIN SANDERS (dob 15.03.72) 3 CREAG DUEH ROAD, INVERNESS

The above named boy is subject of Section 44(1)(a) with condition of residence with Mr and Mrs Brown, [REDACTED], Inverness.

This placement is coming to an end and the likelihood is that Colin will return to his father. There is a Children's Hearing Review taking place on Monday 14 September 1987 at 3.15 pm and it would be helpful if a Social Worker from your team could attend the Review with a view to assuming responsibility for this case in your area.


R D Gibson

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT HEARD 11 SEP 1987	
ALLOCATION	INITIALS

MOTHER: RENE PHILLIPS
 3 BLACK WALK ST.
 BING WALL
 0349.61923
 URGENTIFIED PAGE

FATHER: GORDON SANDERS
 STEP-MOTHER: JUNE M'HALEY SANDERS

COLIN SANDERS
 3 CREA DRUSH TERRACE.
 INVERNESS

11.3.72

MRS ELIZABETH
 MRS BREND. 220521

44 (1) (2)

25.5.52 UNEMPLOYED
 HOUSEWIFE
 SCHOOLBOY 7.2.71
 SCHOOLBOY 26.7.73
 19.10.68 UNEMPLOYED
 CHARLESTON RECEPTION

MRS GARDER

CHRISTINE ROY
 PARK

63/0018424

Garth Pattison
Assistant Director
Children's Services

Stephen Rowan
Social Worker
West Rural

SR/CF

1 12 89

Stephen Rowan extn 778

Colin Jamieson Sanders, 3 Craig Dhub Terrace, Inverness - Section 24 (1968 Act)

Further to our conversation of 30th November, 1989 I write to request that you authorise two payments of £25.00 each to Colin in terms of Section 24 of the Social Work Scotland (Act) 1968, to provide food for this young man who is presently living at his father's address shown above. As we discussed the circumstances are that Colin's father is currently in Intensive Care, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary having had a tumour removed from his brain. Colin recently left the care of this Department to return to his father but is presently without funds as he is unemployed and unable to obtain a bridging allowance as he was previously in receipt of this money last year following the breakdown of a YTS placement. It is possible that the DSS might consider "unlocking" Income Support for Colin on hardship grounds. However, this may take some time as his case would have to be referred to Glasgow DSS for authorisation.

As agreed it is proposed that I will ensure the majority of this money shall be used to purchase groceries up to £20.00 per payment, the remainder being given to Colin for bread, milk and other expenses. Should we continue to have difficulties regarding benefits for Colin beyond two weeks I will again contact you to discuss the matter further.

Stephen Rowan

Gaidhealtachd I n g h a m a i u

Reporter to the Children's Panel
For Highland Region
Peter S Ferguson B.A.

Highland Regional Council
Children's Hearing Centre
1 Waterloo Place
Inverness
IV1 1NB

Telephone 0463 243377
Telex 75313
Facsimile 0463 223201

Please ask for Miss Grant

Our ref: HM/JC (lhear.sw/1)

28 September 1989

M. Tidey, Esq.,
Area Team Leader,
Highland Regional Council,
Kinmylies Buildings,
Leachkin Road,
INVERNESS.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS
29 SEP 1989

ALLOCATION	INITIALS
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ACTION

Dear Mr. Tidey,

Colin Sanders, b.11.03.72
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, Inverness

I refer to my letter of 5th September, 1989 advising of a Hearing in respect of the above named child. This has now been cancelled and the Hearing will now take place on Thursday, 12th October, 1989 at 7.00 p.m. at Inverness.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused and look forward to receiving your report in time for this.

Yours sincerely,

Hilary Macpherson

Hilary Macpherson,
Assistant Reporter.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES FORM

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY

Residential ☐
Community ☐
Day Care ☐

Short Term ☐
Long Term ☐

CHILDREN

Residential ☐
Foster Care ☐
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Probation ☐
Supervision ☐
Home Help ☐

Short Term ☐
Long Term ☐

Full Name SANDERS, COLIN JAMESON

Present Address [REDACTED] New Address 3 CREAG SHW TCE,

ENVERNESS
[% MR + MRS WALLACE]

Statutory Condition Imposed NONE

Name of Doctor NOT KNOWN - WAS D.O.B. 11/03/72

DR KIRKWOOD Case Ref. 3401719701

School Attended N.A. To S. ROWAN
(Children only) INV. W. RURAL

Date of Change 30.11.1989

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

~~FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete)~~

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Amend Register ☐

Reason PLACEMENT DISCONTINUED

Name of FP/CC MRS KAY WALLACE

EFFECTIVE DATE

30.11.89

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete)

Admission ☐

Discharge ☐

Temp. Change ☐

Reason

Establishment

Financial Assessment Attached ☐

DHSS Supplement applied for ☐

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken

Effective Date

Reason

Signed [Signature] Date 01.12.1989

Authorised [Signature] Date 1-12-89

OFFICE Action taken

Documentation completed by

Date

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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TRANSFER SUMMARY:

Colin is the only son of Gordon Sanders and Anne Jamieson, who married in 1976. His parents separated when Colin was 2 years old and his father, with the help of Social Services in Cambuslang, managed to care for him. The couple were divorced in 1976. Mr Sanders and Colin moved to Inverness about 1977 and at this time the couple got back together again. The reconciliation lasted for about 18 months but ended with Mr Sanders handing over the house and the care of his son to his ex-wife. Mr Sanders moved in with his new girl friend whom he stayed with for about 3 years. Colin's mother married again but when this marriage failed in 1981 she went off to Wales leaving Colin in the care of his father. At this stage, Mr Sander's girlfriend decided she could not commit herself to looking after Colin and this relationship ended.

It was at this point that Gordon Sanders referred himself to the Social Work Department for help as he was confused as to what he should do about the care of Colin. At this time he was drinking heavily and was also suffering from epileptic seizures. Colin was received into care in March 1982 when he went to stay in Rosedene Children's Home. He was re-united with his father in July 1982 when Mr Sanders formed a relationship with June McNally, a divorcee with three children.

Mr Sanders and Mrs McNally's relationship was often quite strained probably due to problems they both individually experienced in past relationships. They were also constantly in debt which obviously added to their difficulties. The situation within the household deteriorated towards the end of 1985 and Colin in particular was unable to cope with the pressures. He was placed with Mrs Geddes, foster mother and the plan was that this would be a long term placement. Unfortunately, about a year later Colin had to be moved. Mrs Geddes had been offered a smaller house and could not accommodate Colin. It should be noted that Mrs Geddes was finding Colin's Behaviour wearisome and although it was not said outright, I am of the opinion that the placement would not have lasted much longer anyway. Colin spent a few weeks at Dalneigh Children's Centre but did not respond to group living and was moved in November, 1986 to a short term foster home in Skye. Colin did not settle either in school or in the foster home despite tremendous efforts made by the foster parents and school staff. Eventually he was placed with Mr

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and Mrs Brown, Community Carers in May of this year.

Initially, Colin settled in quite well with his new family. It was not an easy time for all involved but the couple worked through countless problems with Colin making it quite clear to him that they wanted him to stay with them and they were prepared to help him through his difficulties. This was to no avail, however, and Colin's behaviour both in the home and at school went from bad to worse. He was violent and aggressive at school - Milburn Academy - and defiant, violent and aggressive in the foster home. He continually demanded clothing, etc., (as his right!) and asking for extra food - after all that was what they were getting the allowance for. He came in quite drunk one night and another night, just before he left the placement, urinated all over the bathroom floor which the foster parents state could only have been deliberate.

Meanwhile in June of this year, Mrs McNally was allocated a house of her own and she moved out from Mr Sander's home. This was something she had been threatening to do for over two years.

At an internal review on 27.8.87. it was decided that it was not in Colin's interest or that of Mr and Mrs Brown for him to remain in his placement and a Children's Panel Review was sought.

At a Children's Hearing on 14th September it was decided that given Colin's age and the lack of suitable, immediate alternatives, Colin should return to the care of his father. It was acknowledged that whilst this was not ideal and there would likely be problems, Colin has insisted all along that he would not settle anywhere other than with his father.

Colin is, therefore, still subject to a Supervision Order. After negotiations with Charleston School he returned there when he went back to stay with his father. At an interview with Mr Lyle it was made quite clear to Colin that he would have to "toe the line" and as far as I know he is managing to do so.

It is hoped that Colin will maintain contact with his mother Mrs Ann Phillips who lives at 3 Blackwell Street, Dingwall. Her telephone number is 0349 61923. I understand there is a likelihood she will move house in the near future.

From the behaviour of both Colin and his father in the past it is expected that his return to the care of

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his father will be fraught with difficulties. Hopeful
with ongoing support to them both the situation will
hold until Colin is independent. He is hoping to
enlist in the Boy's Service of the Army when he leaves
school.

November, 1987.

Dr A D Gibson A/c
9. 11. 87

glennia

CASE RECORDS

NAME: GORDON SAUNDERS.

CASE NO:

23.11.81

Mr. Saunders referred himself to the Department. His wife was going to Wales, leaving Colin (9). Mr. Saunders was in quite a state. His girlfriend, with whom he had been living, was not keen to take the child and so Mr. Saunders was not sure what he was going to do.

Telephone call to J. Such, who was trying to get in touch with Mr. Saunders' ex-wife. It was arranged that Colin would stay with child-minder, Mrs. Brian. I discussed this with Mrs. Brian, who said she was quite happy with this arrangement.

Later in the day I telephoned Mr. Saunders who said that he was also going to be staying at Mrs. Brian's. I asked Mrs. Brian what she felt about this and she said she thought it was the best thing.

25.11.81

Visited Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Brian's house. He appears to have sorted things out with his girlfriend and she has apparently agreed to take Colin. We discussed the pros and cons of this move at some length, and came to the conclusion in the end, that there could be no guarantee that this would work out, but Mr. Saunders felt it was worth giving it a try. I advised him to contact D.H.S.S. as soon as possible about his change in circumstances. I arranged to see Mr. Saunders on Friday, 27th November, but he did not keep this appointment.

3.12.81

While I was on holiday from 30.11.81 - 4.12.81, Mr. Saunders called the office. Apparently he had problems with D.H.S.S. His ex-wife has apparently emptied the house of furnishings. Mr. Saunders is living between friends at the moment, while Colin is looked after by a girlfriend. Mr. Gill sorted out the problems with D.H.S.S.

7.12.81

Referral received from Tom MacKenzie, who had seen Mr. Saunders in hospital; he thought he needed to see a social worker. I explained that I was already involved and would be contacting him.

8.12.81

Telephone call to Mrs. Brian, childminder. Mr. Saunders still in hospital, Colin still with Mrs. Stewart at [REDACTED].

Telephone call to Ward 7, Raigmore Hospital. Mr. Saunders is having tests, he is having very severe headaches at the moment. I arranged to call in to see him and was told it would be convenient to see him anytime.

Telephone call to Mrs. Stewart. She said that Colin was "alright" at the moment but she did find him a bit difficult. I suggested she contact me if she wanted. She was very cool, but I think that this was because she was surprised at my contacting her.

HG/DMCK

CASE RECORDS

NAME: GORDON SAUNDERS.

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- 8.12.81 Telephone call from Mrs. Stewart. She had taken up my offer of help and had decided to phone back. She asked me if I realised why Mr. Saunders had collapsed, and went on to say that it was because of the drinking which he had been doing. She said this was part of the problem which they were having. I arranged to visit Mrs. Stewart and Colin the next day.
- 9.12.81 Visited Raigmore but could not see Mr. Saunders as he was having a brain scan.
- Home visit to Mrs. Stewart and [REDACTED] Culloden.
- I wanted to talk generally about how Mrs. Stewart was managing. She said she was prepared to keep Colin for a while to help Mr. Saunders, but I think she was seeing it as a duty. She seemed to be very unsure about her relationship with Mr. Saunders. She said that in fact Mr. Sanders did not drink a great deal but he could not hold his drink. Mrs. Stewart said that her family, who live in Elgin, are keen for her to go through there and she is certainly considering this possibility. I felt it was important to mention that we would be prepared to help with Colin if she started to find things difficult, but she said that she would rather look after him than have him go anywhere else.
- Colin appeared very nervous when he came into the room. He made a point of calling Mrs. Stewart "Mummy" and asked when his dad would be home. He couldn't really seem to sit at peace, which is understandable, given the things which have been happening recently. Mrs. Stewart asked me if I could find out about a rent rebate for her and about the child benefit book.
- 10.12.81 Saw Mr. Sanders in Raigmore. He is not sure what is wrong but hopes to find out soon. He still seems to be in an extremely confused state of mind; not sure where he stands with Mrs. Stewart, admitting that he does drink, but not to excess and claiming that he would not be drinking if he was looking after Colin. He was very worried about what to do about furniture. I agreed to contact the Social Work Liaison Officer about this but he had already done this.
- 11.12.81 Telephone call from Mrs. Brian. Mr. Sanders has been discharged from hospital.
- Telephone call to D.H.S.S. I explained Mr. Sanders' predicament about his furniture. They agreed to look into it. I also explained the problem about the child benefit book - it was arranged that the book should be sent into D.H.S.S. with explanatory letter.
- Telephone call to Housing Department about Mrs. Stewart's rent rebate. Rent rebate officer agreed to send a form to Mrs. Stewart - not sure when she would be eligible.

HG/DMCK

NAME: GORDON SANDERS

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CASE NO: 03/00/8424

- 15.12.82 Letter written to Mr. Sanders.
- 29.12.81 Mr. Sanders came to see me in the office regarding problems he was having with D.H.S.S. House in Creag Dhubh Terrace has now been signed over to him but no furniture.
- Telephone call to D.H.S.S. - agreed to supply cooker, etc. as emergency and look into it later. Mr. Sanders was quite happy with that.
- 18.1.82 Telephone call to headmistress of Kinmylies Primary School who said that Colin had now been enrolled there and was doing alright. I asked Miss Fairweather to let me know if there were any problems.
- 22.1.82 I had arranged to see Mr. Sanders at home but was unable to keep this appointment.
- 26.1.82 Home visit. Mr. Sanders appears to be managing reasonably well - seems to have come to terms with ending of relationship with Jenny - talks very fondly of Colin and appears to be helping him a lot with schoolwork, etc. Helped him fill in forms in connection with child benefit.
- 29.1.82 Letter written to Mr. Sanders explaining that I had contacted Education regarding help with school clothing and D.H.S.S. regarding floor coverings. Advised him to contact me if further problems.
- 16.2.82 Telephone call from Mr. Sanders - problem with gas bill - advised him to contact Gas Board - made appointment to see him the following day.
- 17.2.82 Mr. Sanders did not keep appointment.
- 19.2.82 Saw Mr. Sanders - he mentioned to me that he would need a child minder sometime in the future. I said I would send him relevant information.
- 1.3.82 List of child minders sent to Mr. Sanders - appointment made to discuss arrangement on 3rd March.
- 3.3.82 Mr. Sanders did not keep appointment.
- 9.3.82 Telephone call from Miss Fairweather at Kinmylies Primary School - Colin had been taken to Merkinch Primary by Mrs. June McNally of [REDACTED] with whom he is staying for the week.
- 11.3.82 Visited Mrs. McNally - Colin is now back with Dad - may be relationship between them - filled in appropriate forms - letter written to Mr. Sanders - arranged to see him on 17th March.

JS/AVH/16.3.82

NAME: GORDON SANDERS.

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17.3.82 Mr. Sanders came into office but did not stay long enough to see me - waited about three minutes.

23.3.82 Telephone call to Kinmylies. Colin is back at school, a little unsettled.

28.3.82 Colin received into care under Section 15 as father completely drunk and taking medication. Colin had to go to neighbour for help. I was consulted about this and was sufficiently concerned to think that Colin should be in care.

29.3.82 Saw Colin at Rosedene. Seemed fairly settled but worried about Dad's health as he takes fits (not definitely diagnosed as epilepsy but next best thing).

31.3.82 Saw Gordon Sanders at June McNally's (), very angry at first that Colin was in care. Explained that it had been referred to Panel Arranged to see him that afternoon - did not keep appointment.

1.4.82 Saw Colin at Rosedene - very upset. Father had visited previous day and said he wanted to take him home - Colin was very confused by this. Explain to him I was going on holiday for a week.

2.4.82 Letter written to Mr. Sanders arranging to see him on 13th April when I come back to work. HG/DMCK

2nd - 13th
April

I was on holiday during this time.

6.4.82

I.E.R. requested on Colin.

13.4.82

Mr Sanders was supposed to come and see me at the office but did not keep this appointment, nor did he contact me to explain why he could not keep the appointment.

T/c to Rosedene - Colin seems to be settling in as well as can be expected. Mr Sanders has only visited once. According to residential staff, Colin has not been expressing any desire to go home, but this could have as much to do with difficulty in expressing his feelings. T/c from June McNally wanting to know whether Gordon had kept his appointment. She was saying that she was desperate for Gordon and herself to get together and make a go of things.

T/c to Jenny Stewart - she hadn't seen Gordon - still seems to be a great deal of uncertainty about their relationship.

14.4.82

Mr Sanders called at the office to see me. Had various excuses about why he hadn't kept appointment. Used this interview to try to sort out exactly where we stood. Gordon accepted that, as things stood at the moment, he could not really look after Colin - situation extremely unsettled. Pointed out the importance of keeping appointments, so that we know where we stand. Tried to encourage him to visit Colin as regularly as possible.

Went to Rosedene to see Colin, but he had gone out - staff had told him that they were going to report his bad behaviour to me!

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NAME: GORDON SANDERS.

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15.4.82

Saw Colin at Rosedene - fairly unhappy - wanting to be out of Rosedene - tried to explain to him as best I could why he had to remain in Rosedene - fighting a lot with other children - tried to get him to understand as best he could the situation his dad was in.

20.4.82

Gordon Sanders came to the office as arranged. Talked at great length about difficulties he had had in the past with various girlfriends and accepted that he could never manage by himself. He told me that he was still very keen for Jenny and himself to make a go of things and was suggesting that he was ashamed of his relationship with June McNally and thought that he had really just been using her.

I explained to Gordon that there would be a review on Colin on 26th April, and suggested to him that it was very important for him to attend. Gordon said that he would find it a difficult thing to do, but he was prepared to go through with it.

T/c to Rosedene - Colin had had a fall - had bumped his head and had been sent home from school with sickness. I suggested arrangements be made for Colin to see the Doctor.

Saw Colin at Rosedene, in bed, not looking very well.

Took Colin to Dr. escott - who sent us to Casualty - Colin kept under observation.

T/c to Jenny Stewart to tell Mr Sanders Colin was in hospital - asked Jenny to give him message.

21.4.82

T/c to Ward 12 - Colin is to be kept in for another day.

Visited Colin - seems to be in very high spirits - waiting for Dad to visit.

22.4.82

Colin allowed home hospital - various rumours that his dad was going to take him to Glasgow.

T/c from Mr Cosgrove, Colin's step-grandfather in Cambusland - asking for information about Colin and asking if he could be allowed to look after Colin. Explained the situation as I saw it. Advised Mr Cosgrove to write into the Department, outlining his proposals.

23.4.82

Letter received from Mr Cosgrove.

26.4.82

Review held at Rosedene - Arrangements were made for me to see Gordon and Jenny.

28.4.82

Interviewed Mr & Mrs Cosgrove - Mr Cosgrove is a child care officer at Larchgrove Assessment Centre in Glasgow - Did not hold out much hope of Gordon getting things sorted out. Explained present position to them, as well as I could. Then asked about seeing Colin and I explained that they were obviously perfectly free to see Colin, but I did ask them to try not to build up his hopes about moving anywhere.

NAME: GORDON SANDERS

ADDRESS:

CASE NO:

29.4.82

Went to Rosedene with Gordon Sanders - his mood was very high and he was explaining his situation to Colin, as though he had no responsibility for what was happening. Arranged to see Gordon and Jenny at the office on 5th May. Gordon had been talking to Mr Cosgrove and had said he would allow them to take Colin.

5.5.82

Mr Sanders and Jenny did not keep appointment.

T/c to Jenny - said she did not know anything about the appointment - sounded at the end of her tether.

7.5.82

Review held at Rosedene with Martin Regan, as part of planning for children in Rosedene. It was agreed that I would contact Social Work Department in Cambusland regarding the Cosgroves.

Saw Colin at Rosedene.

T/c to Mr Sanders - usual excuses for not keeping appointments - said he plans to go down to Glasgow for a while - advised him to let me know if he moves anywhere - Agreed to do this - Said that he and Jenny were going to have trial separation.

10.5.82

Took Colin out - had reasonable talk with him, but found that perhaps there were too many distractions for him.

11.5.82

Went to fostering group - was advised that situation was too unclear and position should be clarified initially with Cambuslang.

18.5.82

T/c from Roseden. Letting me know that Gordon is now staying with June McNally.

19.5.82

Saw Colin at Rosedene.

25.5.82

Arranged to see Gordon - did not keep appointment.

2.6.82

Children's Hearing attended by Gordon. June McNally and Colin. Residential Supervision Order made - Colin to spend next four weekends at home and then go home for holidays. Further panel to be arranged before schools go back.

T/c to Rosedeneto inform them of this change.

4.6.82

Interviewed Gordon and June at office - made plans with them. Discussed their plans in connection with housing etc. It was arranged that they would take Colin home for the weekend.

8.6.82

Office interview with Gordon and June - felt weekend had gone well.

10.6.82

Saw Colin - very anxious about plans - worried that it may all fall apart.

11.6.82

T/c from Hugh Murdoch - he had received phone call from Anne McNally (14 years old), arranging to pick Colin up. I said that I thought it had to be Gordon and June who picked up Colin

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T/c to Rosedene - Gordon picked up Colin at 7.40 no sign of dri
Brought him back on Sunday night.

Office interview with Gordon and June - clarified position
about picking Colin up - made it clear that it was important
to stick to particular times. Arranged to see them on 22nd Jun.

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22.6.82

Gordon did not keep his appointment with me.

24.6.82

Letter written to Gordon arranging another appointment on 29.6.82

29.6.82

Gordon and June came to the office. We made arrangements for the weekend and I explained exactly what the position was i.e. we would look at what the position was over the next few weeks and take it back to the Panel. He asked about taking Colin to Glasgow for a holiday and, after checking this out with Martin Tidey, I explained to him that he would have to inform me in advance as to where he was going. He agreed to do this. I tried to get ~~ac~~ across to Gordon that in some ways, this was a second chance and that it was important for him to watch what he was doing.

T/c to Rosedene - arrangements made for FFI to be done on Friday and for Gordon to pick Colin up about 4.30 p.m.

30.6.82

Saw Colin. He was very excited at the thought of being with his dad, but worried that perhaps things would not work out. He thought that the Panel might not allow him to stay at home, but did not think that his dad any part to play in things. Tried to get him to look at things more realistically, but this is obviously very difficult for him.

5.7.82

Letter written to Mr Sanders arranged to see him on 7th.

7.7.82

Mr Sanders was not in. Left note.

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- 12.7.82 As Mr. Sanders had not contacted me, I visited him again, but there was no one at home.
- Discussed with Iain Smith, who suggested I send a recorded delivery letter and get Social Work Department in Cambuslang to visit.
- Letter sent to Mr. Sanders. Telephone call to Mr. Young, S.S.W. in Cambuslang. Colin was not there, relatives said they thought he was in Inverness.
- 13.7.82 Mr. Sanders came to the office. I pointed out his responsibilities to him, which he accepted.
- 19.7.82 Home visit. Colin appeared very well and happy. Discussed forthcoming Panel.
- 28.7.82 Children's Hearing. Home supervision order made.
- 29.7.82 Letter written to Mr. Sanders arranging appointment for 17th August.
- Change of Circumstances form completed.
- Telephone call to Rosedene to inform them that Colin is no longer subject of Residential order. HG/DMcK
- 17.8.82 Went to June's house to see Colin and Gordon, but there was no-one at home.
- 18.8.82 Telephone call from June McNally to say that they had arrived at the house a few minutes after I had visited. They arranged to come to see me the following morning.
- 19.8.82 Gordon, June and Colin came in to see me. They had applied for a transfer to a bigger house, but had been told that they would not be considered because Gordon has rent arrears. Gordon is still holding on to his house but it looks as though they will almost certainly be living in Dalneigh. As usual, Gordon's thoughts are very muddled and there was great confusion about which school Colin should be enrolled in. In the end it was agreed that he be enrolled in Dalneigh and Gordon said he would do this. Otherwise, Gordon and June appear to be making a go of things and seem to be making some effort to work things out together.

Transfer Summary.

This case became known to me in November, 1981, when Mr. Saunders referred himself to the Department as his wife had left, leaving him to look after their son, Colin, aged ten. Mr. Saunders tried to look after Colin by himself, but in the end things broke down. Mr. Saunders was drinking heavily and Colin was received into care under Section 15 in March this year. He remained in Rosedene Children's Home until June, by which time Mr. Sanders had formed a relationship with Mrs. June McNally of 33a Cladeonian Road. Colin spent the summer holidays with them and it was agreed that the supervision requirement be varied to a home supervision order.

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Colin was extremely anxious to be with his father, and I think Mr. Sandere does have good intentions with regard to Colin. However, he does find it difficult to see things through, and he gets so worried and confused about his own relationships with women, that he cannot do anything about any problems he may have with Colin; he tends to get sidetracked from the immediate problem onto more complicated issues.

HG/DMCK

NAME: COLIN SAUNDERS.

ADDRESS:

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6.9.82

Case transferred to temporary part-time Social Worker Cathy Grant.

SUMMARY AT 7th JANUARY, 1983

I have seen this family at regular intervals during the period, less frequently during the past month than in the previous two months.

I visited both 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace and June McNally's house in Caledonian Road on both September 14th and 15th and had no reply at either house. On the 16th, Gordon Saunders and June MacNally came into the office ostensibly just because they were passing. They didn't admit that they had seen me at either of the houses but said they couldn't understand why I hadn't got any reply since they were always at either one or the other. The situation at that point seemed to be that Gordon Saunders was living with June MacNally at her house at Caledonian Road but that they were on the point of moving up to 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace because it was a better house and a better neighbourhood. June MacNally was not unnaturally a little apprehensive at giving up her own tenancy and in knowing the housing difficulties she has had in the past this is quite understandable. They were about to go onto the D.H.S.S. to talk to someone about the possibility of keeping on both tenancys for a trial period and whilst I thought this was a very sensible idea, privately I didn't think they had much chance. However, in the event this is exactly what happened. June was allowed to keep her tenancy in Caledonian Road and the D.H.S.S. agreed to pay the extra rent for a limited period. June MacNally and her family moved to Creag Dhubh Terrace and it seemed initially to be working quite well, though at the time of writing I have begun to detect certain strains and stresses which might well lead to the breaking-up of this extended family.

Gordon Saunders is a very immature, dependent man, of a pleasant disposition and I should think easy enough to live with as long as he is not drinking, but a bit of a dreamer, full of fanciful notions which never quite come off. June MacNally, on the other hand, is a bit of hard bitten realist who has been through a tough school and whilst she enjoyed and appreciated the undoubtedly higher standard of the home and furnishings at Creag Dhubh Terrace, I think she was beginning to wonder whether it was worth taking on Colin and Gordon in order to get it. According to the Headmaster at Dalneigh School, Colin is "a cheeky impertinent child who will try anything to get attention, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], and Colin's behaviour was obviously beginning to cause a few problems within the home at the time of writing. Gordon Saunders expected June to give in more to Colin than to her own children and she refused to do this. I can well see this leading to a split in this liaison, even with a lot of Social Work help and guidance, although I do think that June MacNally will swallow a lot and do her utmost to keep this working simply because she is sick of being knocked from pillar to post and fighting all her battles on her own, but if it comes to "hey lads hey" she will take her children and go. On the 7th January I took up some blankets to June. I had spare ones which I was about to put to the W.V.S. and she had complained that they were cold and hadn't enough bed covering in the very cold weather. She was most grateful and again I was very impressed by her common sense approach. I think she is probably brighter than Gordon Saunders.

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TRANSFER SUMMARY

I think these 2 families are worth a lot of effort to try and keep together. June MacNally is I think a fighter and has hung on to her own children and could I feel do a lot for Gordon and Colin Saunders. I doubt if Gordon Saunders will ever really grow up but perhaps he could be helped to see that he cannot expect June to treat his son in a special way above her own, without causing jealousies and tension and that he must not allow Colin to cause arguments. I think he and June both want very much to make this work, but it is a pretty long-shot whether or not it will.

CG/LMM

NAME: McNALLY/SAUNDERS FAMILY

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20.1.83 Wrote to June and Gordon arranging to visit on 3.2.83.

27.1.83 Telephone call from June - Gordon has been admitted to hospital - she would like to see me urgently.

Home visit. It would appear that Gordon has been drinking heavily recently. In his case, alcohol induces epileptic seizures. On top of this, there appears to be several financial problems around for the family at the moment. Arranged to call back again tomorrow.

28.1.83 Called as arranged. Gordon has been discharged. Tried to have discussion about drinking etc., but Gordon evaded issue and gave very plausible explanations. June rolled her eyes etc., but gave me no support so I left subject. DHSS are pressing for couple to stop claiming separately and start applying as a family. Colin is causing some hiccups - gave appropriate advice on this and other financial issues. The children were present during part of the interview. I have arranged for them to come to the office on 10.2.83.

10.2.83 Boys failed to appear.

14.2.83 Wrote to June and Gordon asking for the boys to come in on 21.2.83.

21.2.83 Colin, Billy and Stephen appeared with a note from June. She and Gordon are at Raigmore (June has appointment with her gynaecologist) and may be late in picking up the boys from the office. Spoke to Colin and Billy about their Supervision Orders. Stephen kept interrupting at the most inappropriate times and seemed in a daze half the time.

June and Gordon arrived and had a short chat with me. She says situation becoming a little clearer.

Will visit them all on 2.3.83.

25.2.83 Cancelled my visit next week to the family as we will be on industrial action and not able to use our cars. Asked June and Gordon to come to the office with the boys on 3.3.83.

3.3.83 June, Gordon and the boys came in as arranged. Everything going quite well. Remind the couple that they owe this Department money from last year's W.R.V.S. holiday.

8.3.83 Told Alan Cormack that June will need a few weeks to get the money together. Alan will get the W.R.V.S. reimbursed and will wait to the end of the month to see if family can afford to pay this.

14.3.83 Boys came in as arranged. June and Gordon accompanied them. Giro has not arrived - I will phone DHSS tomorrow a.m. A further source of pressure at the moment is that Colin's mother has re-appeared on the scene recently and is wanting to take Colin for weekends. This has left Colin confused with regard to loyalties, Gordon completely unsettled and June insecure. Colin's behaviour is beginning to deteriorate, e.g. temper tantrums, stealing etc.

5.3.83 Phoned Mr. Rae, DHSS. He will look into matter.

3.83 June phoned. They received giro but Gordon has spent quite an amount on drink. I have arranged for June to call me Tuesday early a.m.

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22.3.83 June failed to phone.

25.3.83 Wrote the family arranging to call on 28.3.83, at 11.00a.m.

28.3.83 Home visit. Spoke frankly to June and Gordon about their behaviour, particularly to Gordon for spending half a giro on drink - a giro I had to push for.

Also tried to clarify the feelings around at present. June is feeling used by Gordon; he is also criticising ~~how~~ the housekeeping, expecting to pay the bills etc., but having to cope with his expenditure on drink. Gordon is insecure because of his past, angry over his wife's re-appearance etc. It is my impression that Gordon is very caught-up in his own problems and cannot see past his and Colin's needs.

Will see them again on Wednesday.

The boys came in again. Spoke to them about the forthcoming I.T. Group.

[REDACTED] Colin and Billy seem interested. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

30.3.83 Visited Gordon and June again. Situation much more settled. Reminded them about W.R.V.S. holiday money. June and Gordon fully support idea of the boys being in the group.

7.4.83 Boys came in as arranged. Further discussion re. group. Colin very mixed up about his mother at the moment. He was recently stating that either he went to live with Mum or would consider going into care! Told me today that he now wants to stay at home - perhaps beginning to see through his mother. Letter from June outlining recent difficulties (see in file).

12.4.83 Billy [REDACTED]

15.4.83 Boys came in as arranged. I.T. contract discussed and signed.

18.4.83 [REDACTED] Billy's [REDACTED]

19.4.83 Colin and Billy at office. Nothing significant emerged from interview. Further discussion about format of I.T. Group.

26.4.83 Office interview.

28.4.83 Colin and Billy were present at the first meeting of the I.T. Group. Billy, Colin and the other boys were all a bit nervous and giggly today which is to be expected. It seems as if Colin was day-dreaming half the time and constantly had to be prompted. This group will take place on Thursdays over the next 8 weeks. It is hoped that a residential component will be included during the life of the group.

June has sent me another letter. Gordon is spending their scarce finances on alcohol again. I will write to them arranging to visit after my holiday.

SR/IMM

COLIN SANDERS [REDACTED]
NAME: [REDACTED]SUMMARY OF CONTACT

28.4.83 - boys attended I.T. GROUP, 5.5.83 - Colin and Billy both present at I.T. Group, 12.5.83 - Home visit, Billy and Colin present at Group, 16.5.83 - Billy [REDACTED] 17.5.83 - Home visit, no-one in, 19.5.83 - boys present at Group, 26.5.83 - Billy and Colin present at Group, 2.6.83 - boys attended Group, 9.6.83 - both boys present at Group, 16.6.83 - Colin and Billy attended the final Group session, 22.6.83 - Colin's Panel, Supervision continued, 29.6.83 - interview with Colin at office, 8.7.83 - Colin attended Social Work Dept, 14.7.83 - Colin at office, 22.7.83 - interviewed Colin at Ardross Street.

SUMMARY OF INVOLVEMENT

During the past couple of months I have been trying to tackle the MacNally Sanders situation in two ways. I have spent a great deal of time with June and Gordon examining the problems that have been emerging in their relationship. We have focussed on key issues and I have endeavoured to get them to individually agree on certain goals in order that change can occur which will satisfy the needs of everyone within the household. This is mainly related to the family's budgetting and agreement between June and Gordon of the various roles which have to be carried out within the home. There have been occasions when Gordon has spent too much of the family's limited income on drinking sprees. This has resulted in June feeling very used by Gordon. Another area of tension has been in Gordon's expectations of how June should look after the house - June can be a bit untidy etc; Gordon at times almost appears to be obsessed with cleanliness etc. Further area of tension has been with regard to Colin's mother. She has reappeared on the scene and on several occasions has asked to take Colin with her. She turns up unexpectedly and according to Gordon and June, dictates how much time she wants Colin for. She does not appear prepared to make any real commitment towards the boy. Colin has been extremely confused by all of this and has been presenting everyone with some behavioural problems. These current difficulties include continual attention seeking, petty stealing and temper tantrums. The re-emergence of Gordon's ex-wife has also created insecurity in Gordon and June's relationship. The family have all examined the issues and have made the decision that contact with Mrs Sanders should stop. Colin has told his mother to stop calling for him.

Colin and Billy have been involved in an I.T. programme over the past 8 weeks. The group was composed of 4 boys of approximately similar age and it was designed to help individuals through the use of relationship/trust building exercises, role playing and discussion to develop social skills to help them cope with certain situations in their lives. The Group has been invaluable in that it has raised some specific issues which I can use during one to one interviews with Colin in the future. It has become clear from the way Colin behaved in the Group that he is a very confused, insecure young boy who has been seriously affected by the various losses he has experienced in his life. He has a very short concentration span tending to be totally detached from those around him. At times he appears depressed and clearly has a great deal on his mind. He found it very hard to participate in some activities but when he discovered that they could be fun and "safe", tended to get moody if other group members /

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/members would not play that one game for the remainder of that particular session. When he was checked for misbehaving or not paying attention, Colin tended to go overboard in trying to prove his worth by offering to do things to win favour. In particular, when checked for not paying attention he tended to respond in a quickly aggressive manner. I can well imagine that the staff at Colin's school would find difficulty in bringing about change in his attitude if this process is continued repeatedly and must indeed find his behaviour quite irritating. In many respects I wonder to what degree Colin may have interpreted past events in his life as being partly related to his own behaviour, considering how low his self esteem is. He is also very bitter about what has happened and his impatient attention seeking behaviour is typical of a child who has had a limited say in major decisions throughout his life. I have started seeing Colin on a one to one basis at the Social Work Dept and have started to help him examine his feelings about his total situation and in particular his feelings about his mother. It is my intention to try to help him work through some of the unresolved feelings he has in this respect and then perhaps take him back to an I.T. Programme later on in the year.

Billy [REDACTED]

INTERVENTION PLAN

- 1) To monitor the tensions which exist between Gordon and June and provide support as and when necessary.
- 2) To continue with Colin on a one to one basis in order to build up enough trust for Colin to be able to risk sharing the painful issues which exist for him.
- 3) To eventually return Colin to the I.T. situation in order to give him another structured peer group experience where the opportunity will exist for me to try to build up his self esteem and confidence as an individual.

SR/HGM

NAME: COLIN SAUNDERS

ADDRESS:

CASE NO:

SUMMARY OF CONTACT

4.8.83 - Colin has informed his parents and the police that he has been sexually assaulted over many years by his uncle and by an elderly man in the area - home visit to speak to parents and then Colin on his own in order that a confidential report could be sent to the police to help them with their enquiries.

5.8.83 - report handed in at Police H.Q.

8.8.83 - interviewed Colin at home. 12.8.83 - saw Colin at home - he now claims it wasn't the old man but another man who hangs around the Kinmylies area. 19.8.83 - visited Colin at home and spoke to June and Gordon. 29.8.83 - interviewed Colin at Ardross Street, next appointment with Colin to take place on Thursday the 8th September at 3.30p.m.

SUMMARY OF INVOLVEMENT

Towards the end of July Colin told his parents that he had been sexually abused by an old man who lives within the Kinmylies housing scheme. He further alleged that his uncle had abused him on several occasions. June recalled seeing Colin one day with a very sore bottom but at the time had thought nothing more about it but naturally believes now that this is evidence that the abuse took place. I do not feel that this follows the normal attention seeking behaviour of Colin. I believe he was clearly reluctant to divulge this information and certainly the events which have taken place since it was originally discussed with his parents have not been very pleasant. He has been interrogated for hours by the police and has been distressed by the reaction this has caused in his parents. June has been almost totally incapacitated on occasion because of her nerves and I have found her lying on the couch on occasion when calling at the house feeling quite ill. This of course didn't help Colin in the slightest and I told her that what he needed was for her to get off the couch and start loving him and reassuring him. Gordon's epilepsy has also been affected in so far as he appears to be taking more fits than ever and has not increased his drinking. Therefore his epileptic attacks at the moment appear to be stress related rather than alcohol induced. Colin has changed his story in so far as he claims that the old man had not abused him but that another man in the area had done so and told Colin to accuse this old man. Colin also claims that this man has threatened him at knife point warning him that if he informs the police he will get him at some stage. Colin also informs me that this man has been hanging around the school on occasion. I believe that Colin has certainly been abused at some stage - the reactions appear to be genuine and what would be expected from a boy who has gone through this. He has been taking money, however, and his general behaviour has shown signs of deterioration. I feel this could be a reaction to all the events which have taken place since he told people of his experiences. Gordon Saunders is handling the whole affair in the wrong way in that he is telling Colin that he no longer loves him etc., in order to try and bring about a reaction to get to the truth of the matter. This is only causing Colin more insecurity and uncertainty and therefore the deterioration in his behaviour should be considered with this in mind. My main role with this family recently has been to offer support to Gordon and June, give them advice on how to support Colin and to see him on a regular basis in order to reassure and reinforce him about the good aspects of his behaviour and encourage him to share his feelings of fear and anxiety in relation to what he has experienced.

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8.9.83

Home visit. There has been further contact with the Police. Apparently the money that Colin has been bringing home was stolen from Charleston Academy and the old man's house. June and Gordon were charged yesterday with reset and Colin with theft and presumably house breaking.

We had a long chat about Colin's behaviour. It sounds as if there has been a particular deterioration since the time Colin told his mum to stay away. He is clearly exhibiting symptoms of insecurity.

When listening to what June and Gordon had to say, it would appear to be the case that they are both insecure in their own right and these feelings have been picked up by Colin. Gordon is still handling Colin inappropriately and I spoke to him at great length about this. June is asking Colin if he would prefer his natural mum to herself. I explained that Colin requires constant love and attention and continual reassurance from both of them. It would appear to be the case that Colin has tried to buy love and affection from Gordon and school mates.

19.9.83

Phone call from [REDACTED], R.S.P.C.C.; he received a referral that the boys were having to beg at peoples' houses for food. Barry Richards on my behalf gave Inspector [REDACTED] brief background history to the case and he agreed to make contact.

20.9.83

Phone call from [REDACTED], he visited and feels that the complaint was groundless - children well nourished and well clad, house O.K. etc. There will be no further action by him.

Gordon apparently suspects his ^{EX}wife of referring the case to the R.S.P.C.C. - [REDACTED] said that the complaint was made by an anonymous woman.

27.9.83

Wrote to June and Gordon arranging to call up on Wednesday, 5th October. I pointed out to them that I have been asked to prepare a report on Colin because of the thefts at school.

29.9.83

Letter and I.T. referral sent to Bob Miller regarding Colin.

1.10.83

Had a long chat with Gordon and June today - everything is going well with Colin although he is naturally very apprehensive about the referral from the Reporter. They have not heard anything else from the Police either about Colin's allegations about being interfered with or regarding their own offences. Had a long chat with Colin. He appears to be a little bit more relaxed at the moment and spoke freely in my presence. The whole family appears to have calmed down in some ways because they are now over the point of crisis and are beginning to get on with life. There were indications from what I saw today to suggest that perhaps June and Gordon are responding more appropriately to Colin. Colin seems to be picking this up. I have arranged to call back up to see them all on Thursday, 13th October.

6.10.83

Report prepared on Colin and sent to the Reporter - please refer to copy in report section of this file.

12.10.83

Received notification from the Reporter that no formal action is to be taken in Colin's case.

13.10.83

Arrived at June and Gordon's to find them in the middle of making their tea. They had clearly forgotten that I was coming. They told me that they had been informed by the Reporter that he was not taking any formal action in Colin's case and they were very pleased about this. I will call up to see them next on Tuesday, 18th October.

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18.10.83

Visited the Saunders/McNallys as arranged. Gordon was in his bed during my visit today - it does not appear to be related to epilepsy but June told me that the couple had been down town shopping and he was exhausted. June tells me that everything is going well with Colin and they have no worries at all at the moment. Still hasn't heard from the Police about their charges. Had a long chat with Colin today, trying to go over what has happened in the past and reinforcing the positive aspects of his present home situation. Colin's reactions were very positive and he seems to be in really good spirits just now. Will call up to see them again on Tuesday, 25th October.

25.10.83

Home visit - nothing of significance to report from this interview. Next due to call to see them on Monday, 31st October.

28.10.83

Due to a family bereavement I had to write to Gordon and June and cancel Monday's appointment. I will call up to see them instead on Friday, 4th November at 3.30p.m.

4.11.83

Home visit as arranged. Stephen was present with one of June's younger brothers. Colin was away shopping and June and Gordon were in their bed. June came down in her dressing gown and told me that she was lying down as she and Gordon had been shopping and she was exhausted. She also told me that she was having difficulty with her health because of her menstrual cycle. As there appeared to be no point in staying much longer in the house, I arranged to call up to see them again next on Friday, 11th November,

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Summary of Contact

11.11.83 Home visit.

25.11.83 Home visit.

28.11.83 Received request from Reporter for S.B.R. on Colin in connection with assault made against him.

2.12.83 S.B.R. prepared and sent to Reporter.

9.12.83 Home visit.

10.1.84 Letter arranging to call 17.1.84

17.1.84 Home visit.

24.1.84 Home visit.

7.2.84 Home visit cancelled due staffing situation. Letter sent arranging home visit on 1.3.84.

It should be noted that Gordon & June appeared at Inverness Sheriff Court on 23.12.83 in connection of an offence of Reset (this was spending the money that Colin had stolen) and they received a deferred sentence until 17.9.84 for re-payment of the money in full to the woman who had it stolen from her.

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Have kept in regular contact with this family primarily to keep an eye on how Colin has been managing generally. Gordon and June, during this period there have been no adverse reports coming from the school and things have been going quite well within the family home. There were a few indications that all was not well with June and Gordon - certainly Gordon has apparently been suffering more from epileptic type seizures, subsequently June has become a fairly incapacitated through anxiety or stress. All that has occurred as far as Gordon's health has been concerned is that the GP. has altered the medication. According to Gordon this has helped to a certain degree. During my recent visits, Colin has appeared relaxed and happy although I am in no doubt that he is very anxious about his father's health and the possible re-emergence of his natural mother. At the time of preparing this case note, there still has not been any word from Kinmylies Children's Centre about an I.T. Group for Colin, even although he was referred quite some time ago.

Transfer Summary

Eleven year old Colin Saunders lives with his father Gordon (31) at 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, Inverness. Also in that household lives June MacNally, 31 years with her three children, [REDACTED]. Gordon Saunders originates from the Cambuslang area of Glasgow and is the youngest in a family of four children - it would appear that his upbringing was quite normal and secure. His first marriage broke down when Colin was two years old and with the support of the social services in the Cambuslang area was able to look after Colin by himself. Gordon and Colin moved to Inverness when Colin was approximately five years old. Gordon and his first wife at that stage got back together again. This reconciliation only lasted for about 18 months and ended with Gordon handing over the house & the care of Colin to his ex-wife. Gordon then moved in with his new girlfriend, who was in the process of being divorced from her husband. He stayed with her for three years. In December 1981, his ex-wife decided suddenly that she was going to Wales with her boyfriend and asked Gordon to resume care of his son. His girlfriend, however, did not feel that she could commit herself to looking after Colin and this relationship ended. It was at this point that Gordon approached the Department for help as he was very confused as to what to do. At this stage, he was drinking heavily and was suffering from epileptic seizures, as a result of this, Colin had to be received into Care for a period of time until the home situation stabilised. Gordon then formed a relationship with a June MacNally, herself a divorcee with three children. He stayed with this family in their house in Caledonian Road before they all moved into their house at Creagh Dhubh Terrace. Colin was eventually re-united with his father as this new family unit appeared to be functioning very well. Colin is on supervision under Section 44 (1)(a) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act.

The social work department has been working fairly intensively with this family during the past year. Gordon and June's relationship has at times been quite strained and this has been the result of problems that both individually experienced in past relationships. They have also experienced difficulties with Colin whose behaviour deteriorated rapidly after his natural mother re-appeared early last year and asked to have access to him. The couple were also beginning to get into debt and part of the

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the reason behind this was that Gordon started to spend his limited resources on alcohol at around the time his ex-wife appeared. This couple, however, co-operated fully with the social work department and were able to get their situation under control. Their relationship is now showing less signs of strain and it would appear to be the case that Gordon is no longer drinking heavily.

It should be noted however, that Colin has been at some stage, sexually assaulted, and although it may well be the case that he was interfered with several years ago by an uncle of his, ~~that he is~~ naturally concerned that someone within the general area may have approached him recently.

Colin is a very likeable mannerly boy, comes across as having been severely affected by his background history, feels desperately insecure about what is going to happen with regard to Gordon & June's relationship and indeed his natural mother, and is, of course, concerned about his father's health.

This family co-operates with the department. As a result of this, we have been able to stabilize matters to some degree. Gordon & June however, are very immature and the relationship is often under strain. Regular contact is, therefore, required not only to help Colin to understand or come to terms with what has happened to him as an individual but also offer support to June and Gordon with the aim of keeping this family unit together.

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1.3.84

Home visit. Nothing of significance to report from this interview. Gordon and June report that everything is fine and Colin certainly seemed to be quite happy and relaxed during the time that I was there. No further contact from Colin's natural mother and according to June and Gordon his behaviour at school as well as at home has been fine.

21.3.84

Letter to Gordon and June arranging to call up on 11th April at 4pm.

12.4.84

Home visit. I spent very little time today with Colin because it was quite clear that a lot of tension was around once more for Gordon and June. At the one stage June cried a great deal. The discussion today mainly centred around Colin's snappy behaviour towards Billy and Stephen. His behaviour appears to have deteriorated since I informed them on my last visit that I would not be his social worker for much longer. June wasn't really prepared to accept this was the reason underlying his behaviour and tended to feel that Colin was being let off with too much. Tried to point out to June that with Colin's background and when also considering that he has been sexually abused it is understandable that there will be problems from time to time in his behaviour, and that consistency & affection from June and Gordon was the most important things for him at this point in time. June tried to put over that she understood how Colin felt as she herself was the victim of sexual abuse as was her daughter Ann. However, for someone who claimed to understand how he felt she showed a remarkable lack of feeling and understanding. June is clearly very insecure in her relationship with

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Gordon and freely admitted to me that she has been insecure with relationships for most of her life.

9.4.84

Wrote to Gordon and June rearranging my visit from the Wednesday to Thursday 12th.

~~12.4.84~~

~~Home visit. Nothing significant to report from this interview. Gordon and June claim that everything is fine and I found it very difficult to discuss the issues from the previous interview. June nearly apologised for her behaviour but clearly did not want to go into it in any great detail.~~

26.4.84

Letter to Gordon and June arranging to call up on Wednesday, 2nd May.

2.5.84

3 Home visit accompanied by Jessie Rennie. I introduced Jessie to Gordon and June and Colin. We had a discussion about Colin's forthcoming Panel and we agreed together that he should continue on supervision for the timebeing. I spent the main part of this interview reinforcing the positive things that both Gordon and June have to offer Colin but I also suggested at one point that I would hope that Colin's next social worker would be able to spend more time with him as an individual because I have found myself time after time having to devote most of each interview to Gordon and June and their problems. I went over with Gordon and June the problems Colin has had and why perhaps they exist in the first place. Everyone was in agreement that Colin has been affected by his background and will need a great deal as an individual in the way of support and affection.

14.5.84

Report prepared for Review Panel which is to take place at the beginning of June.

23.5.84

Case transferred to Jessie Rennie.

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5.6.84 Home Visit to discuss report for Children's Hearing Review.

6.6.84 Children's Hearing - Annual Review. Supervision Order continued without variation.

SUMMARY FOR JULY AND AUGUST.

Home Visits: 5.7.84; 25.7.84; 9.8.84; 27.8.84.

Other contact: Weekly contact with Colin and his father while attending I.T. Group.

Correspondence:

23.7.84 Received memo requesting I investigate anonymous letter received concerning the family overcrowding. (See file).

27.8.84 Received request for S.E.R. for both June and Gordon in connection with the deferred sentence last year for charges of reset. (See file).

Colin was one of a group of six young people who attended an I.T. Group which I organised to take place during the school holidays.

I was assisted by Archie Beaton, a student on placement, in running the group. Each Thursday of this month the group met for activities between 1 and 5 p.m. Activities included swimming, games, barbecue, ponk trekking and also a weekend camp at Glen Affric. Colin took part in all the activities with enthusiasm. He is a very keen and capable swimmer. Colin preferred the company of the two adults in the group and was almost too anxious to be helpful. He was not popular with his peer group and seemed to have a knack of getting under their skin. Whilst away camping he took off in a rowing boat and drifted out into the middle of the loch. It was fortunate for Colin that there was another boat available and he was given a tow in as the boat he had taken was damaged and was filling very quickly with water. Although Colin is an excellent swimmer the water was extremely cold (it was 5 am in the morning) and the loch was very deep. Despite this incident Colin enjoyed his weekend and ate as if food was going out of fashion. Colin's father always met us on arrival at their home and was very anxious to know how he had behaved. This group was run for the purpose of getting to know the youngster in a setting away from individual interviews in the office. From this point the group was most successful.

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Made visit in August to discuss the reset offence. According to June and Gordon they have paid back most of the money and hope to have the balance paid by the time of the court appearance. In view of this and their present financial difficulties on completing my report I made the recommendation that they be admonished.

In August I arranged a trip to Aviemore for families and invited June and Gordon with the boys. They were very keen for the boys to go but June was not at all interested in going along with them and made several excuses not to go. As Gordon was not prepared to come with them I had to offer the places to another family. This was rather a disappointment for the boys.

3rd - 14th September, 1984 - Social Worker on holiday.

SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.

Home Visits: 19.9.84; 17.10.84; 9.11.84 (Sandy Riddell);
23.11.84.

Office appointment: 25.10.84.

Correspondence: Received notification that Sheriff had gone along with the recommendation in my reports and had admonished June and Gordon for reset offences.

During the past three months most of the contact with June and Gordon has been concerned with their financial and relationship difficulties. In November the boys were not being sent to school as June maintained they had no suitable footwear. This problem cropped up during my holiday and Mr Riddell arranged for the purchase of shoes through the Education Department. The couple appear to have several outstanding debts including those with mail order firms. When pressure is put on them to pay they seek advice and guidance from Social Work Department then choose to ignore advice given. I am under the impression they hope that financial help will be given.

Colin has settled well at Secondary School and appears to be enjoying it. I have tried to impress Gordon about the importance of Colin's education and his school attendance.

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5th - 9th November - Social Worker on Holiday.

19.12.84 : Home Visit. Family all well and very excited about Christmas.

June and Gordon appear more settled at present and have no complaints about behaviour of boys.

SUMMARY FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH.

Home Visits: 11.1.85; 13.2.85; 7.3.85; 21.3.85.

Office appointments: 14.3.85; 18.3.85 (Did not turn up).

Correspondence:

25.2.85 Wrote arranging home visit on 4th March.

4.3.85 Wrote apologising for being unable to keep appointment and arranging to call on 7th instead.

Other contact: Telephone contact with Housing Department to arrange appointment for June to discuss possibility of alternative accommodation.

Over the past three months relationships between June and Gordon have deteriorated. The couple's financial situation always creates problems but I am sure that if the family were not so overcrowded this would alleviate many of their problems. Gordon occasionally says he will consider a change but I do not think that he means to carry this out. In March June and Gordon both came to the office and June made it quite clear she wishes to leave Gordon. She feels she could manage better financially if she was on her own and in turn could give her children a better life. June stated that they have no sexual relationship at all but this is not a major factor in her deciding to leave Gordon. After many lengthy discussions arrangements were made for an appointment with Housing Department following which June was to call in at the office to let me know how she got on. She failed to keep this appointment and when I next saw her she told me that her appointment at housing department was a waste of time as she was informed until she cleared outstanding arrears which they allege she is due from her previous tenancy she will not be considered as an applicant.

When I asked why she had not kept her appointment with me she just said there was little point. The couple both indicated that

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things were still very difficult between them. I suggested that it may help if Mr Sanders could perhaps visit his family in East Kilbride for a short holiday. It would at least give them a little time to sort out their thoughts. Gordon agreed to consider this suggestion.

Colin appears to be coping reasonably well with the family situation. He says he is enjoying school and is hoping to get a place in one of the football teams.

I have been in touch with Kinmylies again to find out if there is any possibility of Colin being included in an I.T Group in the near future. (It is now well over a year since the first referral for Colin was submitted to them. I was told yet again that they are awaiting further referrals in Colin's age group in order to include him.

SUMMARY FOR APRIL AND MAY.

Home Visits: 16.4.85.

Office Appointments: 9.4.85 (Did not keep appointment); 15.5.85 (Colin).

Correspondence:

18.4.85 Received notification of Review Hearing to be held
22.5.85.
23.4.85 Received school report (see file)
3.5.85 Wrote to Colin arranging office appointment for
15.5.85.

The situation appears to have settled down again within this family. We have spent some time discussing overcrowding and the benefits of a larger home. June still says at times she wishes to be on her own. It would appear Gordon acted on my suggestion that he had a break away for a short time and he and Colin spent a brief holiday with relatives in East Kilbride. This certainly has solved some of the difficulties within the family but I suspect not for too long.

Colin appears to have enjoyed his little holiday and spoke warmly of his grandfather and how much he enjoyed having his father to himself for a time.

22.5.85 Children's Hearing Annual Review. The decision of the Panel was that Colin's Supervision Requirement bve continued without variation. Colin and his dad both said they would like the order terminated but in light of the recent family difficulties it was felt Colin required some external support to help him cope with pressures which may arise within the family.

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It was noted that Colin had not been further involved in offences and it is hoped that perhaps a review may be called sooner than twelve months if all was going well. Concern was expressed by panel members about the housing situation and Gordon assured panel members he was seriously considering a change and in fact had looked at a vacant house in the neighbourhood with a view to applying for a larger home. I do not for one minute think that Gordon has any intention of giving up his present home.

SUMMARY FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST.

Home visits: 12.6.85; 8.7.85; 22.8.85.

Office Appointments: 8.7.85.

Correspondence:

21.6.85 Received letter from Gas Board concerning arrears - see file.

18.7.85 - Wrote enclosing application for clothing from Education Department.

29th July to 8th August, 1985 - Social Worker on holiday.

Once again this couple are very anxious about financial difficulties. The Television set has been reclaimed by the Rental Company and solicitors letters have been received regarding non payment of Mail Order debts. On 8th July Gordon and June came into the office with Gordon's sister asking to see me. His sister stated she was going off next day and wished to have the couple's problems 'sorted out' before she left. (Chance would be a fine thing!) As I had another appointment I arranged to call later in the day. I arrived at the home at 5.15 and did not leave until 7 p.m. It was rather obvious that the couple and his sister were hopeful that I may be able to give them financial assistance. I sat with them and looked at all their debts and at the total income they had. Allowing sufficient for food we worked out a budget for them to manage in order to clear their feet. Surprisingly despite all their pressing debts they can afford to pay something towards them all if they make the effort. During our discussion Gordon took one of his 'turns' but I was not convinced it was a genuine one. When I suggested that I perhaps leave and call at a time when Gordon was fitter he immediately recovered and asked me to continue with the discussion. I agreed to contact the Provident Cheque Company to try to negotiate a smaller repayment each week and arranged for

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Gordon to telephone me to find out the outcome. When I telephoned the Manager said there would probably be no difficulty and ask Mr Sanders to telephone him to make an appointment to see him to discuss the matter. I relayed this message to Gordon when he telephoned. During the telephone conversation Gordon asked about school clothing for the boys and I arranged to send an application form for a clothing grant from Education Department.

29.9.85: Home visit. Gordon and June seemed quite happy and told me that they had received grants for clothing for the boys and they had all settled down well in school. I told them I was hopeful that there would be a place in an I.T. Group for Colin very soon.

17.10.85 Received message to call at Sanders home as there was some trouble. When I called that afternoon (Thursday) at about p.m. Colin and Stephen were dressed in their pyjamas. At first I thought they were unwell but was told they were being kept in their bedroom because of their involvement in an offence the previous Sunday. It would appear that the boys had been down at the canal on the Sunday afternoon and had broken into a boat taken some fire extinguishers from it and set them off. The police had been called and Colin was taken home by them. (Stephen had seemingly run off home). The boys were given their supper that afternoon as the meal was already prepared. Colin was thrashed by his father with a belt and both boys were told they were confined to their bedroom for the week until the end of the school holiday. The boys alleged they had only a cup of tea and a cake from Sunday supper time until Tuesday evening at which time they were given supper. Later on the Tuesday evening it was discovered that they had taken a bar of chocolate from the parents' bedroom earlier in the day when they were hungry. As a punishment for this they were given nothing to eat on the Wednesday until just after midnight when they were given a cup of tea and a cake when there were visitors in the house. Shortly after this Colin was asked to dress and go with June to speak to his grandfather on the telephone to inform him of all that was going on in the household. I was concerned about the situation and informed Gordon (by this time June was in her bed sick and requesting a doctor) that I was taking all three boys back to the office with me to discuss the circumstances in full with a senior social worker. When we got to the office I went over the events of the week with all three boys and once again they all gave me the same story including Billy who was not involved in the punishment. Billy also told me he had bought a packet of crisps for Stephen during the week (with Stephen's own money) and his mother had been very angry with him. I then discussed the matter with Nick Boyle, Acting Senior Social Worker who agreed to a joint visit to discuss the matter further with

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the parents. At this stage Colin stated that he wished to be taken into care as he was frightened what would happen to him if he went home. He was reassured that we would not leave him at home if any risk was involved. On returning to the house we were informed that the doctor had called to the family home and had told June there was nothing medically wrong with her. She was still in bed and we started to discuss the position with Gordon. At this stage June came into the room became very abusive shouted and swore at myself and Mr Boyle and refused to listen to us. Eventually she calmed down and apologised for her behaviour. Following further discussion it was decided that Colin should come into care on a voluntary basis for a period of a week to ten days in order to allow the situation to be assessed when the family had calmed down. Colin was placed with Mrs Geddes, [REDACTED] Inverness that evening. *flamin*

Colin settled well with Mrs Geddes and remained there until 28th October by which time the situation at home had settled sufficiently for him to return.

29.10.85. Received letter from Mrs McNally apologising for her behaviour [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] June McNally's [REDACTED]

14.11.85 Received information from June McNally's solicitor [REDACTED]

Colin has been attending Dalneigh I.T. Group. He appears to enjoy it but it is obvious he has difficulty in making relationships with other young people in the group and is usual the scapegoat for the group. It will be interesting to see how Colin gets on at the residential weekend planned for later this month. *flamin*

22.11.85 Colin appeared at office at 9 a.m. this morning without jacket. ASI was not available was seen by Barry Richards. It would seem there had been a row at home and June McNally had sent Colin to the office. According to Colin things had gone from bad to worse since he returned home. Mr Richards took Colin home to pick up his jacket and then took him to school. Arrang for Mr Sanders to come to the office at 2 p.m. Mr Sanders did no turn up but telephoned Mr Richards on three occasions asking for housing for June McNally. After a great deal of negotiation between housing, myself and Barry Richards, Mrs Such agreed that Mrs Sanders could move into a flat for the homeless in Anderson Street at the weekend. Mrs McNally refused this offer and say she will not budge until she gets 'decent accommodation'. It was explained by both myself and Mr Richards that this ~~move to~~ offer of

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Anderson Street would not be available too long and would be the first step to permanent accommodation. It was also made quite clear to Mr Sanders and Mrs McNally that we could not allow Colin to be further upset and confused and that if no definite move was made by Mrs McNally then Colin would have to be admitted into care on Sunday evening following his return from the week-end trip. Mr Sanders agreed that Colin was suffering from his difficulties with Mrs McNally and insisted that his son came first. Telephoned the school to clarify situation and arranged to pick Colin up after school and to carry on with plans for the weekend away with the IT Group at Elphin. Colin was clearly very unhappy about his situation but was relieved to hear that he was still going off for the weekend.

I contacted the duty social worker on Sunday to alert her about Colin's situation. She agreed to check with Mr Sanders to find out if June McNally was still in the household. We also agreed that should Mrs McNally still be with Mr Sanders that he ^{be asked to} attend Dalneigh Children's Centre on Sunday evening to sign the necessary papers for Colin to be admitted into care.

Colin's weekend was pretty mixed. He certainly enjoyed the activities but his anxieties about the home situation together with his usual difficulties within the group resulted in him being rather more annoying than usual. It was also a very tiring weekend for everyone.

On our return to Inverness we were informed that Mr Sanders and Mrs McNally were still together and she had refused to move to Anderson Street. Mr Sanders agreed to Colin being taken into care but declined the offer of a lift to Dalneigh by the duty social worker. His message was if I wished any papers signed I would have to go to his home. Had no alternative but to do so. Managed to keep the discussion to a minimum, he signed the papers agreeing to Colin being taken into care under Section 15 and I arranged to meet the following day at Dalneigh for a review on Colin's situation. (Finished at midnight).

Jennie

25.11.85 Review held at Dalneigh Children's Centre. Barry Richards, Jane Fraser, Mr Sanders, Colin and myself attended. June McNally came to the centre but it was decided that as we were to be discussing Colin's future there was little point in involving her in this discussion. She was not at all pleased and said she wanted to be present to hear all the lies Colin would be telling about her. Tried to impress upon her that the discussion was for future plans for Colin.

This review was very prolonged and taken up most of the time with Mr Sanders talking about his health problems and how difficult Colin was. His opinion was that Colin was using his situation to get his own way. He wanted to come into care because of all the new clothes he would get and the treats! He

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insisted his son came first in his life but he was not prepared to put June out and as she was refusing to go there was nothing he could do. Despite being given advise about his course of action Mr Sanders refused to change his stand. It was then decided that Colin should remain in care (not because he was asking for this but because it was felt in his best interest not to go home. A Children's Hearing Review is to be requested and meanwhile Colin will go to stay with Mrs Geddes, [REDACTED]. He has stayed with her before and she has stated she is prepared to have him on a long term basis if necessary. Following the Review Mrs McNally approached Mr Richards and myself, said she wanted to clear up any lies Colin had told and stated he was very difficult to handle. She then went on to say that she and Gordon Sanders loved each other, would marry tomorrow (if they could!), denied having any relationship difficulties and stated Colin caused all the problems in the house. Without him in the house everything will be alright. When I questioned her about difficulties between Mr Sanders and herself she more or less said I was telling a pack of lies. She then told me to cancel the joint home visit I had arranged with Mrs Such, Housing Department as she had no intention of moving out. She and Gordon then went off arm-in-arm.

Jennie

26.11.85. Colin moved to stay with Mrs Geddes, [REDACTED] Inverness. He has already spent two weeks with her previously and is therefore quite familiar with the household.

27.11.85 Received notification from Reporter that Colin's Review Hearing will take place on 9th December, 1985.

9.12.85. Telephoned Dr [REDACTED] who expressed concern about Mr Sanders ability to look after Colin.

9.12.85. Children's Hearing Review. Panel members were very concerned about treatment Colin had received in October as punishment. They also expressed concern about the confusion within this household and how it was affecting not only Colin but the other children.
Colin's Supervision Order was continued with a variation he reside with Mrs Geddes.

12.12.85 Arranged office appoint- for Mr Sanders today. He did not turn up.

18.12.85 Colin's mother Mrs Ann Philip telephoned and arranged to call into office on 24.12.85 with presents for Colin. Had only heard he was in care. Quite keen to have contact with Colin if it can be arranged.

19.12.85 Colin's I.T. Assessment Meeting was to take place today. Father did not turn up. Telephoned half an hour late to say he was unable to come.

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23.12.85 Office appointment for Mr Sanders to discuss holiday access visits. He did not turn up. Telephoned to say he was ill about half an hour after his appointment time. Promised to call tomorrow.

24.12.85 Mr Sanders did not turn up. Telephoned Margaret Stewart who arranged to let Mr Sanders know plan when he was in touch with her.

Mrs Philips came into office with presents for Colin. Told me they were mainly clothes which could be exchanged if they did not fit. Seemed very pleasant and still keen to have contact. Arranged to telephone her (Tain 3395) after holiday period. Delivered presents to Colin who seemed quite settled at Margaret Stewart's home.

Colin to spend from 19th December to 4th January with Margaret Stewart, [REDACTED] Inverness [REDACTED] Margaret Stewart is a registered foster parent and the daughter of Mrs Geddes who is having a few days holidays.

25th and 26th December - Office closed.

30th Dec.- 6th January - Office closed.

SUMMARY FOR JANUARY, 1986

Contact with Colin

6th, 13th, 20th and 27th - at I.T. Group.
14th, 14th and 28th - at foster home.

Contact with father

15th - Home Visit: Joint visit with Jane Fraser.
26th - Office Appointment

Correspondence: 7th Letter arranging home visit 15th.
26th Letter arranging home visit 28th.

Telephone contact: 6th Colin's mother
7th Mrs Geddes, foster mother.

Colin seemed to enjoy his Christmas holiday despite initially objecting to having to stay with Margaret Stewart. He was delighted at having received gifts from his mother and is pleased that she is keeping contact by telephone. Contact with father has been rather erratic and when he does not turn up he uses his health as an excuse. Whilst appreciating he does have health problems I understand this is well controlled

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with drugs and it is very interesting to note that Mr Sanders is never ill when there is a Children's Panel or important review. The situation within the family home is no better and if anything seems worse. June is still saying she will leave Mr Sanders when she gets a house. Jane Fraser was to take over the supervision of this case (to allow me space to be involved in I.T. Group) however, she is to be leaving the department soon so this will not now be going ahead. She had been introduced to Gordon, June and the family.

My main contact with Colin this month has been through the I.T. Group where I have seen him on a weekly basis. Colin is not popular with the other group members but he has struck up a friendship with one of the other lads and seem to get support from each other.

Within the foster home Colin's behaviour is annoying more than anything. He and [redacted] in general get on well but he can niggle away at [redacted] until it leads to an argument between them. Father's visit can cause problems also as he tends to want to sit in the house and pour out all his worries to Mrs Geddes. I have advised Mrs Geddes to have Colin ready to go out when father calls and get him to answer the door so there is no need for Mr Sanders to come in. Says she will try but he is very persistent.

Glenn

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Contact with Colin

3rd, 5th, 17th, 24th and 28th - at I.T. Group.

6th and 18th - Visits to foster home.

Contact with father - Home visit - 18th

Contact with mother - Home visit - 3rd.

Telephone calls - Foster mother 5th, 17th.
- Mother 3rd.

Correspondence - Father - 26th.

REVIEW 5th. Decisions made :

1. As there is no change in his home situation Colin is to remain with

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his foster mother, Mrs Geddes.

2. Father is to take Colin out every Saturday and at other times as agreed by S.W. Dept., and foster parent.
3. To spend some holiday periods with mother as long as these arrangements are confirmed with S.W. Dept., and foster mother in advance.
4. Situation to be reviewed again in six month's time.

Colin is still displaying his insecurity by constant attention-seeking behaviour and Mrs Geddes confirmed this at the review held on 5th February. This behaviour is not serious but the constancy of it is most aggravating and can be very wearing. This is also the behaviour he shows in the I.T. Group although at times during craft work sessions he has shown he can commit himself, albeit for a short period, to the task in hand.

He is a healthy boy, with a tremendous appetite (at the I.T. Group he will willingly eat his meal, all the leftovers and look for more. He attends the army cadets which he enjoys and he tells me he is keen to make the army his career when he leaves school.

As at home, his behaviour as school is annoying and his concentration span is poor. He is, however, competent in handwork and practical subjects.



SUMMARY FOR MARCH, 1986.

Contact: With Colin: 7-9th (I.T. Week-end), 18th, 24th and 31st.

With foster mother: 10th, 21st.

With father: 5th - Office Appointment
21st - Home Visit.

With mother: 25th - Home visit.

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Telephone calls:

5th and 12th - Foster mother
24th - Mother

Correspondence:

27th - Letter to father.

The situation with Mr Sanders household remains very unsettled. He and Mrs McNally still insist they will split up but refuse to act on any advice given to them regarding a move towards this. Mr Sanders contact with Colin remains on a fairly regular basis but he rarely turns up for Colin on the appointed day. I am sure he does this in the knowledge that Colin will visit him at home. He uses his ill health as an excuse but I often see him and June, arm-in-arm in town. When he does visit the foster home he tends to sit for very lengthy periods giving the foster mother all his problems. Mrs Geddes has tried to stem this but finds it very difficult. I have advised her to have Colin ready for father's visits and to keep Mr Sanders at the door. After all the purpose of these visits is to spend time with Colin.

Within the foster home Colin's behaviour is still very tiring. He is very immature and won't sit still for any length of time. He tends to tell a number of lies, silly ones for which he is invariably caught out. He was involved recently in breaking a school window - the result of stone throwing episode - and the community police were involved. This resulted in Colin repaying the cost of the window out of his pocket money.

At the I.T. Group, there seems to be a little improvement in his relationship with the others but there is still a long way to go. During a week-end at Elphin, Colin and several of the others were involved in throwing stones at a semi-submerged boat. This resulted in quite a bit damage in the way of broken windows. Because of the incident the week-end activities were somewhat curtailed and the group seemed to attach most of the blame on Colin and made his life a misery for the remainder of the day.

Colin is obviously quite confused about the situation at home. This is hardly surprising. June and Gordon tended to blame him for all their problems. Now that he is remote from the situation they are tending to transfer this to June's son, Stephen who is experiencing problems at home and at school. This is resulting in behaviour difficulties. In the past when Colin has visited his home there has been problems mainly between June and himself. This has resulted in severe rows and June lashing out at Colin on occasions. It was because of these difficulties it was thought Colin's contact with his father should be away from the family home. Despite the fact that this has been gone over with Mr Sanders and Colin on several occasions he still tries to manipulate the situation so that Colin is almost forced to visit home.

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I do not know how else we get round this but I do know these visits invariably end up with Colin being further upset and confused.

I visited Colin's mother, who lives in Tain, this month and met her husband. They have a comfortable home which is reasonably well furnished. Mr Phillips has a son and daughter from his previous marriage (aged 10 and 12 years) who spend occasional holidays with them. Mr and Mrs Phillip work a lot in the evenings. They are a musical duo and have a number of contracts locally. This involves late hours often into the early hours of the morning. They are, however, keen to keep contact with Colin and have him on occasional holidays. Because of their life style they cannot see Colin going to stay with them on a long term basis.

SUMMARY FOR APRIL, MAY and JUNE, 1986.

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With foster mother: 6th and 15th April.
3rd, 18th and 25th June.

With father: 22nd April and 18th June.

Visit to school: 5th June

Colin visited mother: 30th March-6th April.
Adventure Course Week-end: 14th-17th June.

Correspondence: 30th April - D.H.S.S.
11th June - Letter to father

Telephone Calls: Regular calls to foster mother.
Calls to mother and school.

School Report received: 6th June.

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Colin's behaviour over the past three months has been varied. However, there is never anything serious and he has not been involved in any offences. In the main his behaviour is attention-seeking and very immature. He continues to go to army cadets and is looking forward to the annual camp which is to be held in York in July.

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Colin's spent some time with his mother during the Easter holiday. She admits she found it hard going at times but again nothing serious in his behaviour. "Just niggly"

things which all add up. She still wishes Colin to visit at week-ends and Colin himself is keen for these visits to take place. I get the impression Colin's mother would handle Colin in a very firm manner which is what he requires. If you give Colin an inch he will take two miles!

His behaviour at school has been difficult too. I attended a meeting at the school on 6th June as I shared their concern about the deterioration in his behaviour. Once again the statement was made - nothing serious but several incidents which all add up. He is disruptive in class and not making any effort in his subjects. Constant source of irritation to teachers and classmates. Inattentive and restless.

Colin was one of a group of six who took part in an Adventure Course Weekend on the island of Scarba. This was a mini survival course and was no picnic! During the weekend he took part in an assault course, hill walking, abseiling, canoeing, etc. and slept rough in caves and under tarpaulins. The group had to fend for themselves regarding meals, etc with what was provided including a little stove. Colin found the course quite taxing but excelled himself in the canoeing. There was an incident, of a sexual nature, on the Saturday night involving Colin and the two girls but it was the opinion of all leaders there that Colin was 'set up' by the two girls. This, however, caused a little friction between Colin and the other boys but the situation was kept well in hand and the group were so heavily occupied that the matter was swept aside by the youngsters. As far as Colin was concerned the weekend was a huge success and he participated well.

Relationships between June McNally and Gordon Sanders seem no clearer. Mr Sanders [REDACTED]

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CONTACT: Visits to foster home: 5th July.

Office Appointment with Colin: 5th August.

Office Appointment with June McNally: 18th August.

19th-26th July : Colin at Army Camp in York.

14th July - 4th August: Social Worker on holiday.

Mrs Geddes still complaining about Colin's annoying behaviour although she says he can be helpful at times. Father's visits still erratic and he can be a nuisance when he does visit. I am surprised that Mrs Geddes has not been able to handle this situation as she is normally a very forthright lady who speaks her mind quite freely. I am beginning to wonder if she is in fact trying very hard to discourage Dad as she talks about him having a cup of tea with her.

I saw Colin immediately after my holiday when I arranged to see him at the office. Colin told me he had an injury to his head. He and Richard had been fooling around and Colin had been struck on the head. He said Mrs Geddes had bathed it but it was still quite sore. He was also suffering from a very heavy chest cold which I felt would probably require anti-biotics to clear. On examining the head wound I thought that perhaps it should have had medical attention. Suggested to Colin that I felt Mrs Geddes should make an appointment with the doctor to have a check up regarding the chest cold. I suggested the doctor might examine the head wound at the same time. Colin said that his camp was a huge success although he had found it tiring as he had had a lot of late nights. He told me things were going reasonably well but he was a bit fed up of getting into trouble and then going over it all again when his Dad visited and asked how he had behaved. It would seem Mrs Geddes sounds off about the weeks events then. Suggested to Colin that one way to avoid this was to try not to get into trouble during the week. However, I feel it is a little unfair of Mrs Geddes to punish Colin for his misdemeanours and then go over it all again when his Dad visits. Plan to discuss this discreetly with Mrs Geddes. Telephoned Mrs Geddes when Colin left to say I thought it might be wise for Colin to see the doctor and she agreed to make appointment.

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1.9.86 Message received from Harry Garland. Whilst on Standby Duty on Saturday he had occasion to go to the office. Colin was waiting at the office in a distressed state. He told Mr Garland he was not returning to his foster parent as he would be punished. It would seem Colin's Dad had turned up to take Colin out. Mrs Geddes had told him that during the week there had been girls at his bedroom window late at night and he had been speaking to them. He had not been allowed out for the rest of the week. Colin's Dad had given him a row and then they went out for a walk. During this walk Colin had got so tired of his father going on and on at him. When his father hit him on the thumb with the neck of a lemonade bottle he had lost his temper and swore at him. His father was furious and said they would return home and Mrs Geddes would punish him for his cheek. Colin had been so fed up he ran off. Mr Garland eventually persuaded Colin to return to Mrs Geddes to talk things over. However, immediately Colin got in both Mrs Geddes and Colin's Dad started on him and Mrs Geddes said he would go to his room and would be confined there for the rest of the week because of his cheek to father. Mr Garland was concerned about the attitude of both the foster mother and the boy's father and their unwillingness to talk things over and listen to Colin's side of the story. I agreed to visit the foster home that day to discuss the situation.

Mrs Geddes telephoned me before I left the office to say she was tired of Colin's behaviour and the difficulties she was experiencing with his father. I arranged to see her later in the day. During the home visit we had a discussion about the week-end's incident and I expressed my concern that Colin

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seemed to be punished more than once for the same incidents. Turned out that the incident concerning the girls took place at 7.30 p.m. at night and not in the middle of the night as I had been led to believe. I told Mrs Geddes I thought it was perfectly natural for Colin to meet with girls bearing in mind his age but she did not seem to wish to discuss this further. I expressed my concern that all Colin's misdemeanours were being relayed to father when he visited and that as she was in the habit of dealing with these as they arose there was really no need to have a post-mortem when father visited. Especially in view of the fact she was aware he continually nagged at the boy. Mrs Geddes said she was tired of Colin's father sitting around her home when he called for Colin. I said if she was not able to keep him at the door as previously suggested that perhaps we should be arranging the visits away from the foster home. She felt this might help the situation. I also discovered that father had not kept to two of the visits recently as a punishment for Colin's behaviour. Told her I would have appreciated knowing this sooner and that I would discuss the matter with Mr Sanders.

Saw Colin when he came in from school and had a chat with him. I assured him I was trying to iron out some of the problems he had been having and hoped we could resolve them. He apologised for being causing trouble at the week-end. I told him that whilst I could understand how it happened I tried to explain that running away from any situation like that does not solve the problems and that he should let me know if he has any problems in the future.

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2.9.86 Telephone call from Mr Sanders complaining about Colin's behaviour and asking what I was going to do about it. I told him I did not think that it was just Colin's behaviour that was out of order and that I was concerned about his handling of the boy. Especially withdrawing his visits as a punishment. He was not at all pleased about my comments and I suggested we should meet at the office next day to discuss the whole situation. He agreed to call at the office.

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3.9.86 Father did not keep appointment. Telephoned later to say he was not at all well. Asked him to call tomorrow.

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4.9.86 Mrs Geddes telephoned to say she had been allocated another house and as it was much smaller she would not have room for Colin. Could we please arrange to move him within the next two weeks! I was absolutely speechless. She went on to say she had already turned down the offer of two others and as she particularly liked this one she had decided to move. She would have room for her lodger and [redacted] who would share a room but could not accommodate Colin. It was

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not that she didn't want Colin to stay because despite the problems he caused she liked him. I made some comment about her lodger perhaps finding alternative accommodation and then Colin [REDACTED] could share. She did not take this up. Told her that it would have been helpful to have had more warning as she obviously had planned a move for some time. She said she had just got word of this house today. I asked how she thought Colin would react to this. She said she had already told him and he was neither up nor down. Indeed had said it would suit him fine to move on. I said this would be a normal response from a young lad as vulnerable as Colin and I was sure he was covering up his true feelings of hurt and rejection. Told her I would get on to Helen Adam at once to which she responded that she had already telephoned her before telephoning me. Arranged for Colin to visit me this afternoon after school. To say I felt very angry indeed was putting it mildly.

Telephoned Helen Adam who was as shocked as myself. She had no inclination Mrs Geddes was considering a smaller house. At present there are no long term placements available and indeed not many short term ones either at present. Colin will be discussed at their Regional Meeting.

Telephoned Reporter to Children's Panel and explained position. He is to arrange an early review.

Colin called in at the office and although he was putting on a brave face there is no doubt he is very upset. He told me he was not stupid and that although Mrs Geddes is saying she would like him to stay he knows she is happy that she cannot give him a room. Explained to Colin that I would be investigating possibilities and keeping him posted. *Penn*

9.9.86 Visit to foster home: Joint visit with Helen Adam to try and ascertain just how much time we have to find Colin another home as all Mrs Geddes will say is as soon as possible. Mrs Geddes was rather evasive and I think is feeling a little guilty. She would like to move in about a fortnight's time but requested the bunk beds be removed tomorrow. She wants to be organised for her move. We tried to negotiate with her as to the possibility of her accommodating Colin a little longer to allow us time to find a suitable placement. She insisted he would have to be out in two weeks.

9.9.87 Received notification from Reporter - Review to be held on 22nd September.

16.9.86 Received further notification cancelling Review - New date 29th September.

16.9.86 Mrs Geddes telephoned. Informed her we had not yet

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been successful in obtaining an alternative placement but that I was to be interviewing a couple on 18th. She has now moved to Carse Road and Colin is sleeping on a mattress on the floor.

18.9.86 Visited foster parents Mr and Mrs Freeman.
Discussed Colin. Mrs Freeman interested but her husband felt he could not cope with a boy. Would still be interested in a girl. Mr Freeman felt he was not fit enough to keep up with interest of a young lad. Also they had holiday commitments which they could not change and he felt they enjoyed their freedom now and wondered about the wisdom of tying themselves down again.

19.9.86 Contacted Homefinding section and informed them of my visit the previous evening. They have no other foster homes available at present. Contacted Dalneigh Children's Centre and spoke to George Livingstone to confirm my previous conversation with him and the possibility of a short term admission to the Centre. He very reluctantly agreed to have Colin. We are both of the opinion that he should be with a family and not in residential care but as there is no alternative it would seem to be the only resource available. Told him I would only place Colin if Mrs Geddes specifically asked me to move him. This must have been tempting fate because Mrs Geddes telephoned within minutes of my conversation with George Livingstone. I told her the outcome of my previous evening's visit and said I had no other families available. Her response was that she had Colin's clothes packed and I would have to move him today. I tried to persuade her to keep him at least until over the weekend in order to allow me to prepare Colin for his admission to Dalneigh Children's Centre. This plea was to no avail. I told her I would pick Colin up from school and discuss plans with him then.

Picked Colin up at school. Informed the school that Colin would have to move to Dalneigh Children's Centre but that was envisaged as a short term measure until we could identify a family. Told Colin of plans and he seemed almost relieved. He told me he thought Mrs Geddes and her family would be pleased to see him go and that during the past few days he had been sleeping in a sleeping bag on the floor of the wardrobe in Mrs Geddes' bedroom. Took Colin for his Freedom from Infection Medical examination and then went to Mrs Geddes' to pick up his belongings. Mrs Geddes seemed genuinely upset when Colin kissed her and said goodbye but I wondered how much of this was due to feelings of guilt. Took Colin to Dalneigh where he was given a very warm welcome by staff. Saw him settled and promised to visit soon.

Wrote to Mr Sanders informing him of Colin's move and

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arranging to see him in the office on Monday 22nd September.

22.9.86 Telephone Dalneigh Children's Centre. Colin giving no cause for concern. He is relating well to the staff and getting on with other residents.

22.9.86 Office appointment with Gordon Sanders: He told me he had not been visiting Colin because he was still annoyed at his behaviour. We went over all that had been said in the past and I warned Gordon that there was a good chance he would turn Colin against him if he continued to treat him in the way he was doing so at present. I tried to point out that Colin is going through a difficult enough time at present and needs the support of his father more than ever. Mr Sanders response to this was that he was not a well man and it was he who needed understanding. It was time Colin treated him better. He then went on again at great length about what June has done for him in the past and how it was her who got Colin out of care and he just does not seem to appreciate that. I am afraid I cannot get through to Gordon and really wonder at his mental stability. He often behave like a little child and expects his son to relate to him in an adult manner.



I eventually got him to talk about Colin's placement at Dalneigh and explained that I saw this as a very temporary measure. I once again talked about the importance of him visiting Colin and asked him not to encourage Colin to visit him at home due to the disruption it causes. He was full of promises but I have no confidence he means to keep them. Explained to Mr Sanders there would be an internal review held very soon and also a Children's Panel Review. Could not give Mr Sanders date for internal review but said I would drop a note to him with particulars.

Wrote to Mr Sanders later in the day informing him that the review would be held on 24th September. Telephoned Colin's mother who has now moved to Dingwall.

23.9.86 Visit to Colin at Dalneigh. He appeared to be in good spirits and was full of all that was going on at the centre. Explained about the review to be held next day and he was keen to attend. He seemed rather anxious about seeing his father as he has not seen him since the incident with the lemonade bottle at the beginning of the month. Reassured him that although we would be having a frank discussion he would have nothing to fear. He was cheered up by the fact that his mother is to attend.



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breaking into a warehouse and stealing a quantity of food and drinks. This resulted in him being charged with these offences in the middle of the month.

Colin has had regular visits to his mother in Dingwall and these visits have proved to be successful. His father, however, has not kept to the access arrangements made at the previous review. He says he is not fit enough to visit the Centre and that Colin should visit him at home. This has resulted in Colin going against the department's wishes and regularly visiting his father. Apart from putting Colin in the position of having to be deceitful, most of these visits have been unsatisfactory and indeed, at times most upsetting for Colin. Towards the end of the month an argument between June and Colin ended up with Colin hitting out at June McNally after she struck him in the face. It was to avoid incidents such as these that the department made the decision that contact between Colin and his father should be away from the family home. It worries me that Mr Sanders still continues to put Colin under a great deal of pressure and it is my opinion that his illness is used as an excuse to do so. I do not think it is too much to expect Mr Sanders to visit Colin at the Centre occasionally. It is also interesting to note that Mr Sanders is always fit enough to attend Children's Panel Review and Internal Reviews although he constantly fails to turn up for appointments with me (he thinks I should always see him at home) and fails to visit Colin when again he feels it is Colin's responsibility to visit him. During this month all the members of the group who took part in the Adventure Course were presented with their certificates. Despite being invited Mr Sanders chose not to attend. Colin was most disappointed, especially since other parents were in attendance, and he was most depressed the day following this. It saddened me that despite this he felt compelled to visit his Dad at home and give him the certificate.

Throughout the month staff at Dalneigh became more aware of Colin reacting adversely to group living. During discussion with homefinding section I learned of a couple who lived in Skye and who were interested in fostering a teenager on a short term basis. In view of the fact that Colin was getting into trouble and beginning to show signs of being unable to cope with group living together with the fact that there was no hope of identifying a long term family in the near future, I felt it would be in Colin's best interest to pursue this couple as a possible alternative family in the interim. Following discussion with Patrick Morgan, Social Worker Children's Resources in the Fort William area and telephone conversations with the foster mother, I arranged to visit them with Colin. Mr and Mrs Parks live in a cottage in Dunvegan and have a two year old daughter. Mr Parks is a gardener/handyman with Dunvegan Estate and Mrs Parks was a school teacher prior to the birth of their daughter.

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24.9.86 SIX MONTHLY REVIEW: Following an extremely lengthy discussion the following recommendations were made.

1. Suitable long-term foster family be identified.
2. Access meeting with father reduced to once a month and to be on structured basis with a view to improving the relationship between the two.
3. Contact with mother to continue as mutually arranged between her and social work department.

25.9.86 Completed and submitted report for Children's Hearing.

25th September - 4th October. Social Worker off sick.

26.9.86 Colin's mother telephoned to request visit from Colin this weekend. Robert Gibson, Team Leader confirmed this would be in order.

28.9.86. Received message from Dalneigh Children's Centre that Colin had chipped a bone in his arm and it was in plaster.

29.9.86 CHILDREN'S HEARING REVIEW: Stuart Marquis, Social Worker attend on my behalf as I was off sick. The decision of Panel Members was that Colin's Supervision Requirement continue but be varied to require him to reside at Dalneigh Children's Centre.

SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER, 1986.

CONTACT: Visits to Colin: 6th, 14th, 15th, 17th, 21st, 28th.

Office appointments with father: 27th, 29th.

Telephone Contact with mother: 14th, 27th.

Correspondence: Wrote to father 15th, 24th 27th.

Initially Colin appeared happy and relaxed at Dalneigh Children's Centre. However, it was not too long before he began to show signs of unhappiness and restlessness. It could be however, that this was related to the fact he was involved with others, included [REDACTED] in

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Colin was delighted at the prospect of meeting the couple and the visit to Skye was most successful. Whilst it is appreciated that would be yet another move for Colin and a change of school would be involved it was thought that it would be the best option for Colin at present. A Children's Hearing Review has been arranged and this is due to take place on November 5th. Colin's mother and father have both been informed about the proposed plan for him and although they would wish him to be closer to Inverness they are aware of the difficulties he is experiencing and would not be opposing the plan if the Children's Panel Members agree with the recommendation. *flm*

3.11.86 Children's Panel Report completed and submitted.

5.11.86 Mrs Parks and her daughter Margaret visiting Inverness so I arranged for them to have tea at Dalneigh Centre with Colin and myself. This visit went well despite the fact Colin was rather anxious about the Hearing tonight. Colin is still keen to move to Skye but is naturally concerned about the change of school (he saw Portree High School when we visited Skye but we did not go into the school). He was concerned about how his Dad was going to behave at the Panel tonight and I tried to reassure him. Should the panel members agree with my recommendation it is planned that Colin will travel to Skye with Christine Parks and Margaret next Sunday.

5.11.86 CHILDREN'S HEARING. This went relatively well and Mr Sanders was rather subdued and for once did not dominate the discussion. Panel members expressed their concern about Mr Sanders not visiting Colin and were met with the usual response. The decision of the panel members was that the home situation was not conducive to Colin returning but that he needed to be with a family. In view of this they continued the Supervision Requirement and felt Mr and Mrs Parks seemed ideally suited to give him some stability until a long term family was identified. They made it quite clear to Mr Sanders that if Colin was to be travelling from Skye each month to see him they would expect him to make an effort to turn up. *flm*

6.11.86 Met with Mrs Parks to discuss practical issues such as clothing etc. She is delighted at the prospect of Colin staying with them and I think Colin will respond well to both Mr and Mrs Parks and their little daughter. *R.*

8.11.86 Colin visited his mother. This went well and she has promised to write and telephone. *fl*

9.11.86 Colin travelled to Skye with Mr and Mrs Parks today. *R.*

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10.11.86 Telephoned to find out how the journey had gone. All was well. Colin's clothing seems to be rather sparse though despite the fact it was agreed that Dalneigh staff would make sure he had sufficient and would get him wellington boots. Asked Mrs Parks to let me know what Colin would require and I make the necessary arrangements. Colin is due to start Portree High School tomorrow and is most apprehensive.

Telephoned the school and discussed Colin's enrolment and his apprehension. *Ran*

13.11.86 Received letter from Christine Park with note of clothing required. Following a further telephone conversation it would seem Colin has only one pair of underpants. Negotiated with Patrick Morgan. Eventually, it was agreed that an Initial Clothing Grant would be sent to Mrs Parks with her allowance and Dalneigh would also provide #50 out of their budget for the extras. As it is difficult to buy reasonable clothing at a realistic price on Skye I agreed to purchase certain items. Posted essential items on to Mrs Parks and will take the remainder when I visit later this month. *R*

23.11.86 Received letter from Patrick Morgan telling me all was well. See file. *R*

24.11.86 Picked up Colin's School photographs following a telephone call from Charleston Academy. They were keen to know how Colin was settling. *R*

24.11.86 Home visit. No reply. Left note for father to call at office on 26th.

26.11.86 Father did not keep appointment. Wrote to him arranging an appointment for 2nd. December. *R*

27.11.86 Visit to Foster Home: Colin seems very relaxed and happy with Mr and Mrs Parks and he is getting on well with their daughter Margaret. The main problem at present seems to be related to school. Colin's mother has kept in regular contact but he has been disappointed not to hear from his father. Colin has telephoned neighbours in an effort to speak to his father but this seemed to cause problems. I understand they do not get on well with some of their neighbours.

Colin was pleased to get his clothing and seemed happy with my choice - thank goodness. He is looking forward to his visit to Inverness and was looking close to tears when I left. *R*

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SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 1986 and JANUARY, 1987.

CONTACT: With Colin: 5th December, 12th and 16th January.

With father: 2nd and 12th December - Office
Appointments.

With mother: 12th December.

Telephone Calls to mother: 4th, 20th December.
7th, 16th, 23rd Jany.

Approximately weekly telephone calls to foster
home.

Correspondence: Wrote to father 23rd and 30th January.

Colin's contact with mother : 6/7th, 29/31st December.
30th January /1st February.
Regular letter and telephone
contact from Mum. Received
Christmas Card and presents.

Colin's contact with father: 6th, 30th December.
31st January.
Christmas card but no present.
No letters. 1 telephone call.

INTERNAL REVIEW (Month after placement) : 12TH December, 1986. .

Recommendations were:

1. Placement with Park family to continue.
2. Long term placement nearer Inverness to be identified.
3. Access to continue on monthly basis.
4. Mr Sanders agreed to try to write to Colin or at least
telephone occasionally.

Generally, Colin continues to get on well with Mr and Mrs
Parks but they do have their disagreements which usually end
up in Colin going off in the huff. Christine usually ends
this by going up to his room and spending time with him
talking over the disagreement. Colin seems to be most
unhappy at school and is for ever in trouble. On one
occasion he walked out of school and made his way to

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Dunvegan. He said everyone was picking on him and he was getting the blame for everything that was going wrong!

Mrs Parks noticed Colin appeared to have a hearing difficulty. She has sought medical advice and Colin is to be seen by the Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist at Raigmore Hospital next month. He has also developed a breathing difficulty and his G.P. suspects it could be asthma. He has been given an inhaler (which he doesn't always use) and is to be seeing the specialist at Raigmore soon. Colin also suffered a blow on the head during swimming at school. He was taken to the hospital as a precaution, was given the all clear but told to rest for the remainder of the day. He certainly has had his share of medical problems recently but still seems to be basically very healthy and full of energy. His appetite is remains exceptionally good!

Colin has spent a weekend in Inverness every month since going to Skye. He looks forward to these visits and is usually uptight the week previous. He normally stays with his mother and sees his father for about two hours on the Saturday. However, his father complain he seems disinterested during the time he spends with him and seems to be impatient to meet up with his friends. When he returns to Skye it usually takes Colin about a week to settle down again.

Colin appears to have made friends in Dunvegan and the surrounding area. He is encouraged by the Parks to bring friends home and has been invited to friends' homes on occasions.

He seems to enjoy the outdoor life and helps out at a local farm some weekends. He also gets involved with fishing and helps Roly Parks on the estate doing odd jobs. He tells me he can drive the miniature tractor.



SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY, 1987.

CONTACT: With Colin: 4th and 10th February.

With father: 4th February at office.

Telephone Contact with mother: 23rd.

Telephone Contact with foster parents: Almost on a weekly basis

Correspondence : Wrote to father: 23rd

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Colin was seen at the Chest Clinic, Raigmore Hospital on 4th February. The specialist ruled out asthma and told Colin he was a perfectly healthy boy. He suggested that rather than have a sudden exertion in sport he should build up in a gradually way. Colin was seen at a follow up appointment at Broadford Hospital and as far as I know is not to be seen again. I hope to get a report in writing regarding these appointments. He was also seen by the Ear, Nose and Throat specialist on the 10th February. It would seem he is quite deaf, particularly in the right ear. He is requiring to have his adenoids removed, his ears drained and grommets fitted and his sinus washed out. He is due to be admitted to Raigmore Hospital on 29th March and will be in for a day or two. Once this treatment is complete he should have no further difficulties. (Christine Parks is due to be admitted to Raigmore Hospital the same weekend for a minor operation.)

Colin is due to visit Inverness again at the beginning of March. This is a week late as his mother was unable to have him at the end of this month. He was not too disappointed at the delay and is looking forward to seeing his friends again. Colin seems to place more importance in seeing his friends than his parents - particularly his Dad. He is still very disappointed his father does not keep in touch with him.

He is now attending Glendale Youth Club which is about 12 or so miles from Dunvegan. Unfortunately, this means the Parks have to do the return journey twice but they are hoping to share the transport with one of the other parents.

There is still no long term family available for Colin yet. However, Jenny Gwilt tells me that there is an Inverness couple whose assessment is almost completed and who sound as if they could be suitable for Colin. She knows that I am anxious to see Colin placed with a suitable family as soon as possible. He is becoming very attached to the Parks but knows that he cannot stay there indefinitely. I feel part of his restlessness is due to his insecurity.



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<u>CONTACT:</u>	<u>With Colin:</u>	19th March.
	<u>With father:</u>	Father did not keep appointment for 4th March.
	<u>With June McNally:</u>	4th, 11th March

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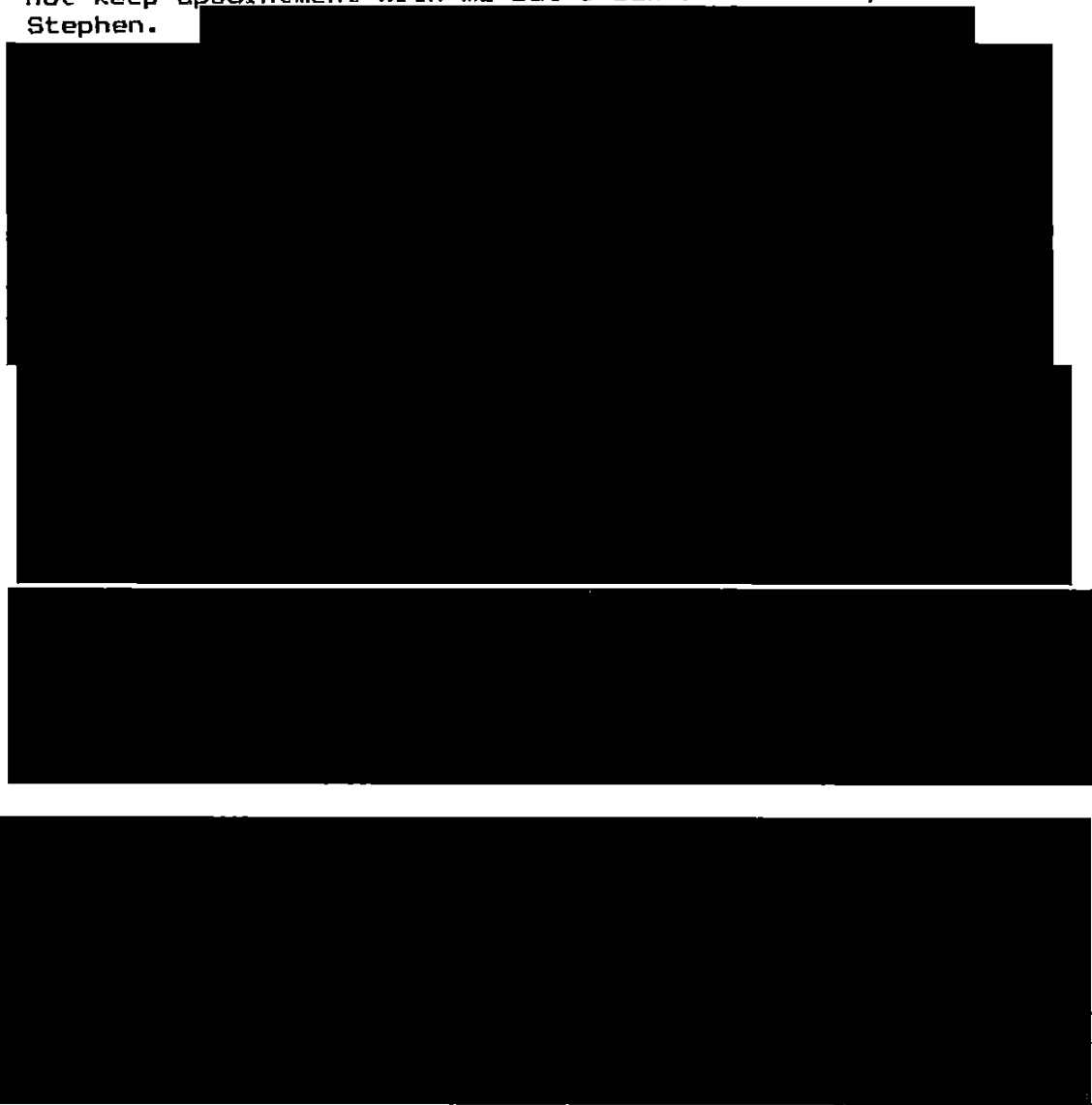
With School: 19th March

Colin visited his mother: 6th/8th March.

Contact with his father: 7th March.

Telephone contact: With Patrick Morgan: 15th, 17th March.
With Mother: 18th March.
With School: 18th March
With foster home: At least weekly.

Things are not good in the Mr Sander's household. Gordon did not keep appointment with me but I saw June McNally and Stephen.



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It is obvious that the situation within this household is not one in which Colin could be returned to and it is my opinion that it is not realistic to envisage any change in the near future. Mr and Mrs Parks, whilst they are fond of Colin, do not wish to consider having him on a long term basis. It is, therefore, essential that an alternative long term family is found as soon as possible if we are to avoid any further confusion in Colin.

When I visited Skye this month I visited the school and spent some time with Colin's Guidance Teacher. It would seem that Colin has made some progress with his work since starting there and could make more progress if he could only settle to his work. They think he is a bright boy who could have done well in school if he had not had so many disruptions in his earlier life. His behaviour at times ~~was~~^{is} disruptive and they now have him on a system where each teacher signs a form and comments on his performance and behaviour - positive as well as negative. This is then sign by the parent each day and then by the Guidance Teacher. Once his behaviour and performance is acceptable he will be taken off the system. This, on average usually last for no more than a period of three weeks and the school have found the system quite effective. Despite Colin's problems in school I am told he is quite popular and they enjoy having him in school. Indeed, they would be quite happy if he could stay. Explained that we had not anticipated Colin would be with Mr and Mrs Parks and that we are making every effort to find an alternative placement for Colin.

Due to bad road conditions caused by snow, Colin had not managed into school that morning. We were, therefore, able to spend sometime together. When I arrived Colin was busy making a rabbit trap in the hope of catching some rabbits alive. He proudly showed me the old shed he had repaired and was using as his own "den". He had discovered new lambs in the field next door and we had to go and admire them, despite the biting gale force wind and snow. Colin hand feeds the wild birds in the garden and I was amazed at how tame they were. He has gerbils (all four of them) and thankfully is keeping the male and female separate at the moment. Colin constantly says he is missing Inverness and is very home sick for all the things he used to do there. I am in no doubt despite his he is enjoying his life style at Dunvegan and I think he will miss all these enjoyable

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activities more than he thinks. I am sure that once he moves it will not be too long before he is homesick for Dunvegan.

8.4.87. Telephone call to Jenny Gwilt to ask her what the present situation regarding a long term family for Colin. She advised me she had almost completed her assessment on Mr and Mrs Brown who might prove suitable for Colin. She hopes to present this couple to the Fostering Advisory Group in the very near future.

8.4.87. Telephoned Colin's mother to make final arrangements for Colin's visit to her. She offered to come to the office to pick Colin up shortly after 2 pm. tomorrow. Told her I would spend some time with Colin discussing the present situation and then we would have lunch together.

8.4.87. Telephoned Christine to finalise Colin's holiday arrangements. Asked her to let Colin know I would expect him at the office on his arrival from Skye. Told her I planned to spend some time with him and then we would have lunch before his mother picked him up at the office. Apologised yet again for the delay in finding a family for Colin. She says they are managing to hold on but are finding that Colin's behaviour is gradually becoming worse. He is openly defiant and frequently throws tantrums when he does not get his own way. Told her I was hopeful that it would not be too long before he is moved.

9.4.87. Colin travelled to Inverness from Skye to spend a week's holiday with his mother in Dingwall. He turned up at the office but on being told he would have to wait five minutes until I was free he told the receptionist he would not wait and would make his own way to Dingwall. Despite being advised to wait he walked out of the office. (This is just typical of Colin. He thinks he can do anything he likes without having any regard for the consideration of others.) I telephoned his mother at lunchtime to learn he had just arrived at the door as they were on their way out to come to Inverness. She said Colin had told her he had called at the office as arranged but was told by the receptionist just to go and make his own way to Dingwall as I was not available. I informed his mother that this was not the case and told her the truth of the matter. I also made it quite clear that I was not very pleased at Colin's attitude, irresponsibility and his lies. She said she had been rather puzzled by his explanation and that she would certainly give him "a piece of her mind". I asked to have a word with Colin who immediately gave me the same

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story he had given his mother. I told him this was nonsense and that he should stop playing games!

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16.4.87 Colin returned to Skye after a reasonable holiday with his mother during which he visited his father on two occasions. According to mother he was quite helpful in the shop at times but in the main he was very demanding, attention seeking and continually pestering her to buy him new clothes, etc. He is aware his mother does not stand any of his nonsense but he tried her patience to the very limit. His behaviour continually caused strains between his mother and her husband but she says they are able to talk it through with each other and her husband is keen for them to keep contact with Colin.

JK

21.4.87 Visit to foster home. The purpose of this visit was to provide some support and advice to the foster parents who are experiencing further difficulties with Colin's behaviour. He continues to be disruptive both at school and in the home. Mr. & Mrs. Park are almost at the end of their tether and are ~~ready~~ ^{in a bit of a state} in case they cannot hold the situation until another family is found for Colin. I discussed the possibility of a family being available in the next few weeks and that I was hopeful that introductions could go ahead quite soon. The couple would really like to manage to keep going until then, but really cannot give any guarantee. Christine Park is obviously having health problems and this is also taking its toll. Colin came home from school and I had a fairly lengthy discussion with him about his future. I explained that hopefully he could be moving back to Inverness in the very near future, but meanwhile he owed it to Mr. & Mrs. Park to try and behave himself, both at school and at home. He said he was disappointed he had not heard from his father recently. I agreed to call on his father quite soon, to see how he was and ask him to contact Colin.

5.5.87 Home visit to Mr. Sanders - no reply. Left note to say I would call next day.

6.5.87 Home visit to Mr. Sanders. Had a chat with him about Colin, his difficulties and his future plans. Explained to father once again how important it was that he keep some contact with Colin. Mr. Sanders seemed to be more interested in talking about his health than listening to how Colin was doing.

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7.5.87 Received telephone messages from Mrs. Park and Portree High School to say Colin had been excluded from school because of his disruptive and violent behaviour.

JK

11.5.87 Joint visit with Jenny Guilt to meet Mr. & Mrs. Brown who have been approved as community carers by the Fostering Advisory Group. I was most impressed by this couple and we discussed Colin and the sort of problems he was likely to manifest. They have a grown up family and obviously have some experience in dealing with teenagers. They are quite keen to get some further information about Colin and I agreed to visit the following week.

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Telephoned Mrs. Park. It would seem she is keeping Colin busy with odd jobs around the house. Explained there is a good possibility of introductions to Mr. & Mrs. Brown next week and arranged for Colin to travel to stay with his mother next weekend. This hopefully will take some of the pressures off Mr. & Mrs. Park, especially as Colin is not attending school.. *flanni*

18.5.87 Phoned Mr. & Mrs. Brown to say I would visit later in the forenoon. Following this home visit I arranged to take Colin to meet them in the afternoon.

Colin's first meeting with Mr. & Mrs. Brown seemed to go reasonably well. I was impressed with their approach to Colin. They didn't fuss too much but showed considerable interest in Colin and his interests. It was agreed that Colin would visit them the following morning and spend the day with them. *R.*

19.5.87 Took Colin to Mr. & Mrs. Brown's and left him to spend the day with them. He is to travel back to his mother's in the early evening.

20.5.87 Telephoned Reporter to request a Children's Hearing Review. Also phoned Portree High School to explain that Colin was now in Inverness and being introduced to foster parents. Told them it seemed unlikely that Colin would be returning to school.

22.5.87 Received notification of Panel which is due to take place on Monday the 8th of June.

Home visit to Mr. Sanders. He was not in, but I left a note asking him to call in to see me at the office on 26th May.

26.5.87 Mr. Sanders did not keep appointment. He phoned up later in the day to say he wasn't well enough to call. I told him on the phone that I had arranged for a Children's Hearing Review and this would take place early in June. Later that day, wrote to Mr. Sanders confirming this in writing and explaining I would be on holiday at the time of the Panel, but that Mr. Gibson the Area Team Leader would attend the Panel on my behalf.

Colin is to go to stay with Mr. & Mrs. Brown today and will remain there on a holiday basis until the Children's Hearing on the 8th of June. I had planned to travel to Skye with Mr. & Mrs. Brown and Colin to allow them the opportunity to have a discussion with Mr. & Mrs. Park and also collect some of Colin's belongings. However, due to my holiday arrangements I will be unable to accompany them but this arrangement will still stand. *flanni*

27th May to 29th June Social Worker on leave.

8.6.87 Colin attended Children's Panel. The decision of the Panel was that Mr. & Mrs. Brown seemed an ideal couple for Colin to stay with and his Supervision Order was varied to allow him to reside with the couple. During my absence from the office, Mr. Gibson visited Colin and Mr. & Mrs. Brown on several occasions. Colin at times was creating difficulties, but Mr. & Mrs. Brown with the support of Mr. Gibson and Jenny Gwilt appeared to cope reasonably well with these difficulties.

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22.6.87 School report received from Portree High School in Skye. Please refer to copy of report in file.

7.7.87 Home visit to Mr. Sanders. No reply.

7.7.87 Telephoned Mrs. Brown and arranged to visit later that day. Had a fairly long session with Mrs. Brown and she was able to talk over the many difficulties they were experiencing with Colin. They are not finding Colin easy to handle, but are determined they are going to persevere in the hope that he will settle.

14.7.87 Telephoned Mrs. Brown. She thinks Colin is settling down somewhat. He has got a part-time job helping with milk deliveries. This entails early morning starts, but when he gets home he has a sleep and gets up about lunch time.

17.7.87 Home visit to Mrs. Brown's. Once again we had a fairly long session which included Colin. The main difficulty in his behaviour would appear to be his defiant attitude. On a more positive note he has opened a bank account and is saving some of his wages for spending money when they go off on holiday to Largs next month.

21.7.87 Wrote to Christine and Ron Park telling them how Colin was settling down and thanking them for all their help with Colin.

30.7.87 Home visit. Things appear more settled. Although Colin's behaviour still leaves a lot to be desired there would seem to be some improvement. Colin is still keen on doing his milk round but I had to explain to him that this could not continue once school started. He seemingly goes out at the back of four in the morning and gets in around 8 O'clock when he goes to bed and sleeps till lunch time. Despite the difficulties they are experiencing, the couple are really determined to work through these problems in the hope that Colin will settle down with them.

SUMMARY FOR AUGUST

Contact: Home visits to Community Carers - 4.08.87, 18.08.87, 24.08.87.

Home visits to father - 24.08.87 - No reply.

Telephone calls: 18.08.87 telephone call to mother. 27.08.87 telephone call to Reporter to request a Hearing Review. There was also regular weekly contact with Mrs Brown to monitor Colin's progress.

Correspondance: Letter to both mother and father on 21.08.87 informing them of internal Review on 27.08.87.

Internal Review - 27.08.87.

Colin's behaviour towards the beginning of this month was giving cause for concern. He continued with his milk round but often came in a bit later, bringing [REDACTED] with him. These two boys were using the Brown's home as if they were lodgers and Colin was providing them with food. As Mrs Brown pointed out, she rarely encourages Colin to bring friends home and originally, the boys visits did not bother her. However, when it came to the point that one of them went in to her son's room, took a bath towel and went for a bath, she felt she had had enough. In her view, the

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boys were all but sleeping in her home. They therefore put their foot down and told Colin this had to stop. Colin was also paying regular visits to Dalneigh Children's Centre and also to June MacNally's home on getting into trouble there. I understand he was also visiting his father in the early hours of the morning when he was delivering milk. He would knock on the door and then run off. Colin saved quite a bit of his money towards a long weekend which the family spent with relatives in Largs. However, within the first day of arriving, Colin blew all his money at the local carnival. This amounted to over £40. He then expected Mrs Brown to provide him with more money for the rest of the holiday, this she refused to do. As she pointed out, he had more spending money than she had for the long weekend.

On return from the holiday, Colin's behaviour seemed to deteriorate rapidly. He said he was not getting enough food and demanded the Browns should be feeding him more as they had an additional allowance specially for this! He also came in one day and very aggressively demanded he be kitted with new clothes for returning to school. Mrs Brown was uncertain what brought this on as prior to this he had been happily playing football with a group of boys. He explained to him that whilst he would get some clothing for starting school, he couldn't expect to get everything brand new. At this Colin through a tantrum and said if she didn't do this he would contact me and the Social Work Department would provide him with this as they had done in the past! There were therefore some very frank discussions with Colin in the company of Mr and Mrs Brown to clear the air on this issue.

On another occasion, Colin had come in rather drunk and demanded some food. When told he could make himself a cup of tea, he clattered and banged in the kitchen and in a tantrum broke one of the unit doors. Eventually, just prior to the internal Review, Mrs Brown telephoned me to say they were really very sorry but they felt they were not making any progress with Colin. Colin is making everyone's life difficult and this is causing troubles within the family situation. Colin was becoming more and more aggressive and often threatened her. She fears that it is only a matter of time before he lashes out at her. She feels the situation has reached a point where Colin is purely using their home as somewhere to eat and sleep and there is no commitment at all towards her or her family. He has no respect for anyone in the household and is positively rude to her husband who has bent over backwards to make some headway with Colin.

Colin's mother is also indicating that during his visits to her, Colin creates difficulties which end up with her and her husband falling out. Despite this, Colin's mother has continued to see him on a regular basis. At the Internal Review held on 27.08.87, it was decided that for the sake of all concerned, it was not appropriate for Colin's placement with Mr and Mrs Brown to continue. An early children's hearing Review is to be sought to discuss Colin's future. Bearing in mind Colin's age, and the fact that there are no placements readily available to meet Colin's needs, together with the fact that he insists he will not settle anywhere other than with father, it may be that this is probably the best alternative available for Colin. Colin's father did not attend the Review and the Review was continued to discuss the whole situation with him.

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04.09.87 Continuation of Review held on 27.08.87. Colin's father said he was prepared to have Colin home as long as he behaved and he will have to tow the line. It was explained that this was purely our recommendation and that the ultimate decision would be made by the Children's Panel members.

07.09.87 Received message from Colin's mother. He had gone off with her on the Friday and stayed with her at the weekend. On the Saturday evening he was left on his own and when Mrs Phillips he was lying on her bed. He had been drinking and according to Colin, had a glass of vodka and two glasses of whiskey and this resulted in him being sick all over the toilet. He was returned to his Community Carers on the Sunday afternoon. Shortly following this, I received a telephone call from Mrs Brown to say Colin had been sent home from School and would I please contact the Rector of Milburn Academy. Colin was to remain at home until I had met with Staff there. Telephoned the School to be told that Colin had been violent towards a School Teacher and this had resulted in him pushing her. Arranged to go to the School to discuss the whole situation with the Staff.

10.09.87 Meeting at Milburn School. It would appear that Colin had been disobedient and refused to do as he was told several times. The teacher became so frustrated she smacked him over the hand and told him to go and sit down and get on with his work. Colin responded to this by gripping the teacher's clothing and pushing her. In view of the seriousness of this incident, it was felt by the Staff that Colin should be excluded from School. However, after negotiating with the Rector and assuring him there was a good possibility Colin would be moving in the very near future, it was decided that he should be allowed to return to the School on the understanding that any other incident regardless of the seriousness would lead to automatic expulsion. *Glenn*

14.09.87 Children's Panel Review. Please refer to full Report in the file. The decision of the Panel members was that in view of Colin's age and the unavailability of alternative placements, Colin should return to the Care of his father. Mr Steve Rowan who is to assume responsibility of this case, also attended the Panel.

18.09.87 Met with Rector of Charleston Academy along with Colin and his father to negotiate the possibility of Colin returning to attend Charleston Academy initially after much discussion, we were told that this was not to be possible due to the lack of places within classes. However, a phone call was received on my return to the Office. Mr Lisle said that due to the offer of a member of staff who had seen Colin leave the building looking rather dejected, they would be able to accommodate Colin after all. However, Mr Lisle stated that he would like to meet with Colin and his father on Monday to make it quite clear that this place was offered on the understanding Colin would behave himself.

21.09.87 Attended meeting at Charleston Academy with Colin and his father when Mr Sanders and Colin both gave an undertaking that Colin would attend regularly and would behave as best he could. *Glenn*

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2.11.87. During my absence from the office Robert Gibson, Area Team Leader received referral from Martin Tidey. Mr Gordon Sanders was having problems with his son Colin. This case was in the process of being transferred to Steve Rowan but as the case file had not been transferred yet Martin was not prepared to become involved. Robert Gibson paid two visits to Mr Sander's home but received no reply on either occasion.

5.11.87. Received referral from Kath Groves who had been on Standby previous evening. Mr Sanders complaining about Colin's behaviour - please refer to Referral Form for details.

Martin Tidey telephoned to ask what had happened to his referral to Robert Gibson as Mr Sanders was at office complaining about his son's behaviour. Informed him Robert had called but no one was in. Told him to ask Gordon Sanders to telephone me. When he contacted me I suggested he bring Colin to the office after school as I was on duty and unable to visit them at home. He agreed to this but telephoned me later in the day to say Colin had been home at lunchtime and was refusing to come to the office. According to Gordon his son was saying if I wished to speak to him I could call at the home! Repeated my request that he and Colin call at my office after school.

Colin and Gordon duly arrived at the office about 4.30 and I made it quite clear I had no intention of receiving Colin into care. I said it was my view that if there were problems we would have to resolve them. In the main this would be their responsibility but they would be given the support from the Social Work Department. Colin refused to discuss the problems. Stated he would do as he wished. When I asked what he meant by this he said he would come in when he liked and had no intention of doing household chores. At this point he left the office saying to his father he would not be in that night. Following a discussion with Gordon Sanders when he said he could not cope with Colin and he was a bag of nerves "because of his health", I suggested he go home and try not to worry. Colin was not a child any longer and was well able to take care of himself. Asked him to contact me next day.

6.11.87. Received telephone call from Avril Osborne first thing in the morning to say Colin Sanders, an abscondee, had turned up at Kinmylies Office first thing in the morning. Was determined he was not

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returning to his father and was in need of refuge. Told her I was not aware he was an abscondee but suggested he call at my office to discuss his problems.

Shortly after this received a telephone call from Paul Heinowski telling me Colin had telephoned Standby at 5.45 a.m. to say he had arrive home and found the door locked! Paul had advised him to report to Kinmylies Office first thing in the morning which he did along with [REDACTED], his girlfriend.

Colin did not turn up at my office. I telephoned Kinmylies Office to be told that after he had been advised by Avril Osborne to call on me he had walked out saying he was going to visit his mother at Dingwall.

An hour later Gordon Sanders telephoned me to say Colin had arrived at his house followed shortly by the police (father had reported him missing). He was interviewed by the police, given a telling off and warned to behave himself and settle down. He then changed his clothes asked his father for money, which he was refused and said he was coming to see me at the office. He did not turn up.

Following discussions with Robert Gibson I telephoned Dalneigh Children's Centre, Coul Park Children's Centre, Wick Children's Centre and Ferintosh. Dalneigh have a vacancy but do not feel it was an appropriate placement bearing in mind group they have at present and Colin's attitude and behaviour during his previous stay with them. Coul Park have a vacancy. Wick have a vacancy but at present have several adolescent girls who are perpetually absconding. Jack Goodfellow informed me they have no vacancies at present but there might be a change in the situation in the near future. He suggested I send on relevant papers for consideration.

[REDACTED]

Contacted Fiona Farrell and requested she place a message in the Advanced Message Book in the Standby Case regarding Colin. This was to the affect that if Colin contacted Standby he should not be admitted to care as negotiations were in hand for a planned admission. If absolutely necessary he should not be admitted to Dalneigh Children's Centre but placed

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elsewhere.

Colin eventually turned up at the office in the afternoon and was seen by Robert Gibson in my absence. Colin was advised that consideration was being given for a planned admission but meanwhile he should return to his father. Colin's main complaint was lack of pocket money, having to do household chores and not being provided with new clothing!

9.11.87. Received telephone call from Dalneigh Children's Centre to say Colin had been received into care the previous evening (despite my message) and could I please arrange a meeting to discuss future plans. Called at Dalneigh Children's Centre in the afternoon and suggested that any decisions regarding Colin's future be left until Steve Rowan's return to work as he is to be taking over the case. Still have not ascertained the circumstances which led to this admission into care.

Jennie

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INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

The following person :-

Surname: SANDERS Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Christian Names : COLIN Religion:
or Forenames

Address : 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, Inverness.

At present: c/o Mr. and Mrs. Brown, [REDACTED] Inverness.

Marital State : Single Occupation: Schoolboy

is to appear on 14th September, 1987 at Inverness Children's Hearing Court

in connection with the crime or offence of Review at Request of Social Work Department

Prepared by: Mrs. J. Rennie Designation: Social Worker

ORDER OF COURT / DECISION OF HEARING

MR. KILPATRICK
MRS. OSTREE
MRS. PRESTON

INTRODUCTION:

Colin's situation was last reviewed in June of this year, when a long term foster home had been identified after a period of ten months. At this Hearing his Supervision Order was continued with a Condition he reside with Mr and Mrs Brown, 80 Drakies Avenue, Inverness.

FAMILY STRUCTURE:

Father: Gordon Sanders, 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, Inverness. Unemployed.

SUBJECT: COLIN SANDERS, [REDACTED] Inverness. Attends Milburn Academy.

Mother: June Phillips, 3 Blackwell Street, Dingwall. Shop Owner.

FAMILY BACKGROUND:

Please refer to previous reports.

COLIN'S PRESENT SITUATION:

Initially, Colin settled in quite well with Mr and Mrs Brown. Naturally, there were difficulties in adjusting to the change in the family but the couple coped very well and, in fact, did everything possible to make Colin feel at home. Over the past sixteen weeks they have worked through countless problems regarding Colin's behaviour as it was their wish for Colin to settle with them and be part of the family. However, at a recent internal review throughout discussions it became evident that, despite all the efforts made by Mr and Mrs Brown and their family, the placement was not working and Colin's behaviour and attitude was causing disharmony within the household. Clearly it was not in the interest of Colin or the family to allow the situation to deteriorate any further. Through his negative attitude and his continual aggressive, defiant and demanding attitude he has made it quite plain he has no commitment to the family and is purely using the situation as a place to eat and sleeps and he seems to see Mr and Mrs Brown as someone to provide material provisions at his demand.

School: Although Colin has been in Milburn Academy for only six weeks his time there has not been uneventful. He was suspended from school at the beginning of this week, 7th September, and during an interview with the rector, Mr Wedderspoon, I was concerned to hear that all but one of Colin's teachers have described him as disruptive, aggressive or a troublemaker. The incident which caused his removal from school came about after a confrontation, in front of the whole class, with a female teacher ended up in Colin gripping her by her jumper and pushing her. After a lengthy discussion with Mr Wedderspoon, he agreed to Colin returning to school but has made it abundantly clear that he is on his final warning and any misdemeanour by him will result in a formal exclusion.

Colin as continued to visit his mother on a fairly regular basis and has spent weekends and longer periods with her and her husband. Although in general, these visits have gone reasonably well at times Colin's attitude and behaviour has resulted in some strain being put on the couple's relationship. Only this month, when Colin was alone in his mother's home, he helped himself to some Vodka and Whisky. This resulted in Colin becoming very drunk and sick. Mrs Phillips was most disappointed in Colin breaking his trust and although she/

is prepared to have him back for visits , because of her business commitments she feels at present she cannot have him to stay overnight.

MR SANDER'S PRESENT SITUATION:

Colin's father is now living alone as his co-habitee Mrs McNally was allocated a home of her own in June of this year. I understand from Mrs McNally that although their relationship has terminated she still has some contact with him when she returns to use his washing machine. Mr Sanders, however, denies this. He appears to be coping reasonably well on his own and says his health situation is stable.

It would seem Colin fell out with his father after he was given a telling off by him for an incident involving June McNally's neighbour and Colin took exception to this. His contact with father was, therefore, for a time rather spasmodic. He has now got over this and has been visiting his father more regularly.

FUTURE PLANS FOR COLIN:

Colin is due to leave school next May and plans to enlist in the Junior Army. He has already taken the intelligence test and was told he had passed. He was told, however, to apply again later as he is on the young side. Colin has been warned, and not only by myself, that if he continues to behave as he is at present he is going to jeopardise the likelihood of this opportunity.

When Colin was placed with Mr and Mrs Brown he had a good chance to make something of his final year at school. Unfortunately, he has failed to take advantage of this and he will have to be moved from this household. There is no other suitable long term family available at present and bearing in mind it took ten months to find a family for him last year I am not at all optimistic that this is a realistic option at this stage. I am of the opinion that Mr and Mrs Brown are an excellent resource and if they have had no success with Colin , I am not hopeful that we can come up with a family who could do better.

There are very few short-term families available and certainly none at present who could meet Colin's needs. It should also be noted that Colin's spell in Dalneigh Children's Centre proved detrimental and resulted in him being moved to a short term foster home.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION:

Colin appears quite unaffected by all the adverse reports about him and seems quite unconcerned about all the discussions which have taken place about his situation and future. In fact, he gives the distinct impression he finds it all quite "boring". He states he wishes to return to stay with his father and his father has indicated he would be prepared to have him returned to his care. Whilst this option is not ideal, I am afraid I am unable to come up with any other alternative plan which would have any hope of success and in turn not cause Colin any more harm.



J. Rennie,
Social Worker.

10th September, 1987.



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Dear Sir/Madam

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

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

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

G. Pattison,
Regional Organiser (Childrens Services)

P.S. Although Colin has now
left your school it would
be helpful to have your
report and comments. Thank you.

Name of Child Colin Saunders School Portree High School

Address Kintom Cottage, Dunvegan, Skye Date of Birth 11.3.72

Class Number in Class Place in Class

Progress and Ability

Conduct

Attendance

Comments

Signature

J. J. Hoffat
Assistant Head

Date

19-06-87

I have enclosed a copy
of the most recent Social
Work Report & School Report

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

The following person :-

Surname: SANDERS Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Christian Names: Colin Religion:

Address: 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, Inverness

Presently: c/o Mrs. Park [REDACTED] Isle of Skye

Marital State: Single Occupation: Schoolboy

is to appear on 8th June, 1987 at Inverness Children's Hearing Court

in connection with the crime or offence of Review at request of Social Work Department

Prepared by: Mrs. J. Rennie Designation: Social Worker

ORDER OF COURT / DECISION OF HEARING

INTRODUCTION

Colin last appeared at a Children's Panel in November 1986, when his Supervision Order was varied, with a condition he reside with Mrs. Park at [REDACTED] Skye. This was seen as a temporary placement until a permanent family was available for Colin.

PRESENT SITUATION

Colin has, in the main, got on well with Mr. & Mrs. Park and adjusted quite well to his rural situation. However, not unnaturally he has missed Inverness and has therefore been unable to settle too well with Mr. & Mrs. Park as he was aware that he would be moving on again at some stage.

The main difficulties Colin has experienced has been in coping with the change of school and feeling rather isolated at Portree High School, despite efforts by staff and pupils to integrate him. His behaviour at school has left a lot to be desired and during May he was excluded from school because of his continual disobedience and disregard of staffs' requests.

Health wise, Colin has also had problems. He has had breathing difficulties which at first were thought to be asthmatic, but following visits to Raigmore Hospital, this has been ruled out, and in fact there would appear to be nothing physically wrong with Colin. I wonder if perhaps the breathing difficulties have been more psychological than physical. He has also spent a brief period in Raigmore Hospital having his ears drained. At one stage, it was felt that he would require his adenoids removed, but this was not necessary. This visit to hospital initially improved Colin's hearing, but it would seem there has been a deterioration again and this will be followed up in the near future.

Whilst at Skye, Colin has had visits to Inverness on a monthly basis, during which time he has stayed with his mother, and has had contact with his father. On occasion, father has not kept the arrangement with Colin, due to his health problems. Colin's mother has also kept contact with Colin by telephone and writing, but Mr. Sanders despite being encouraged to do so, has been unable to correspond with Colin. He has, however, on occasion telephoned, but this has not been too frequent.

SITUATION WITHIN FATHER'S HOUSEHOLD

There is no change at all in Mr. Sander's situation. It was during a Hearing for Stephen that Mrs. MacNally announced that she had been offered a house at Bught Park, but took so long in making up her mind that she lost the opportunity. I am still of the opinion that this couple have no real intention of going their own ways.

FUTURE PLANS FOR COLIN

Recently, Community Carers were identified for Colin and the initial introductions went extremely well. The couple are a Mr. & Mrs. Brown, who are in their 40's and live at [REDACTED] Inverness. They have 2 daughters who are married and live away from home, and a son of 18 who still resides in the family home. Mr. Brown was previously in the Armed Forces until 2 years ago. He is now a Security Officer in Inverness. They would appear to have a particular sympathy for young people, a clear understanding of normal teenage development, some idea of abnormal development and problems and would seem to be an ideal couple for a suitable placement for

Colin. Colin has met all members of the family, including the three grandchildren and he himself is keen to move in with Mr. & Mrs. Brown. He would have his own bedroom, which is fairly small but adequately furnished and in moving there, would be involved in decorating to his own taste. Although newly assessed, I am confident they could offer Colin a secure and happy home with them, and would be capable of encouraging him in outside activities and assist him in making plans for his future when he leaves school. Mr. Sanders is still very much wrapped up in his own problems and in particular his medical difficulties. He recently upset Colin during a telephone conversation, when he was saying once more, Colin should be at home looking after him, after all he has done for him in the past. These sort of comments are very damaging to Colin and I have already explained I do not wish him to be undermining the placement at the early stages. Should the Panel decide Colin should reside with Mr. & Mrs. Brown, it would be my plan to continue with the access arrangement with his father on a monthly basis, until Colin has settled with his new family. His contact with his mother has been very positive, and I would wish this to continue on a fairly regular basis.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

Colin is at present spending 2 weeks with Mr. & Mrs. Brown as a continuation of his introductory period with them. In view of the fact that he has lost schooling because of his exclusion from Portree High School and bearing in mind his anxieties about a change of school, it has been decided that during this 2 week period with Mr. & Mrs. Brown, he should attend Millburn Academy. This was decided for the foregoing reasons and should not be interpreted as pre-empting the decision of the Panel.

Although Colin has made some progress in his placement with Mr. & Mrs. Park, he has certainly not been totally committed as it was a temporary one. There is nothing to indicate that the situation in Mr. Sander's house is suitable for Colin to return there. In my opinion, Mr. & Mrs. Brown would seem to be an ideal couple to provide Colin with a stable and settled environment during his last year at school. I would, therefore, respectfully recommend that his Supervision Order be continued, but varied to allow him to stay with Mr. & Mrs. Brown at [REDACTED] Inverness.

Robert D Gibson

J. Rennie
Social Worker

27th May, 1987

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCILDepartment of Reporter to the Children's Panel
Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968**EDUCATIONAL REPORT (Supplementary)**To be returned to the Reporter by As soon as possible.

1. Name of Child Colin Sanders 2. Date of Birth 11.3.82
3. Address c/o Park, [REDACTED] Skye.
4. Present School
5. Details of School Attendance since Supervision Requirement was made on
- | | (i) During last session | (ii) During current session | (iii) During last four weeks | Possible Attendance | Absences |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| | N.A. | 11.11.86 to 06.05.87 | 23.03.87 to 06.05.87 | 198 | 33 |
| | | | | 40 | 12 |

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

For Colin, attendance was not a problem. There was always a satisfactory explanation for absences.

Although likeable and friendly in a one-to-one situation, Colin was a persistent source of trouble in the classroom. Unsettled by the uncertainty regarding the future, he indulged in all sorts of attention-seeking behaviour, which disrupted class work and alienated him from his peers. When checked, he invariably reacted petulantly eg. throwing a tantrum. All his teachers made allowances for him but his behaviour deteriorated to the point where he had to be excluded from school.

On the positive side, he did strike up a reasonable working relationship

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

P.T.O.

Class or Guidance Teacher

Head Teacher J. M. R. [Signature]

School PORTREE HIGH, SKYE

Date 01.06.87

School

Name Address

Date of Birth

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

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

Date (Reporter)

with two mature, experienced female members of staff, both of whom had small sections and were able to give him much more attention than is possible in a normal classroom situation.

TEAM REPORT FORM

(REV. 1984)

SCHOOL <u>PORTREE HIGH SCHOOL</u>	CLASS <u>M3</u>
PUPIL <u>COLIN SANDERS</u>	SESSION <u>50/57</u>
	TERM <u>3</u>

Number of absences	33
Possible attendance (half-days)	222

10	Punctuality at Registration	
	SATISFACTORY / UNSATISFACTORY	

SEE NOTES ON REVERSE	1	2	3	4		6	7	9	Number of absences	33
SUBJECT	Level of Course	Assessment or Percent Grade	Mark Average	Place No of Pupils	Type of Exam.	Effort	Punctuality	Possible attendance (half-days)	222	
ENGLISH	SB	5	/	/	C	5		8 Subject Teacher Comments		
MATHEMATICS	F		63 60	/	C	2		Winnant's "L'gionnaire"		
ARITHMETIC			/	/						
HISTORY			/	/						
GEOGRAPHY			/	/						
MODERN STUDIES			/	/						
FRENCH			/	/						
			/	/						
PHYSICS			/	/						
CHEMISTRY			/	/						
BIOLOGY			/	/						
GENERAL SCIENCE	ST	6	/	/	C	5		-		
TECH.	SB		15 44	10	C	5		Difficult boy to get along with. Can work quite well if he takes the notion to do it.		
			/	/						
HOME ECS.			/	/						
			/	/						
SECRETARIAL STUDIES			/	/						
ACCOUNTING			/	/						
ART	SB		56 34	6 14		4		Has some ability - lazy - disorganized.		
MUSIC			/	/						
PHYSICAL EDUCATION			/	/						
			/	/						

11 Comments

See. 'Guidance Transfer Report' for full details.

C. Ashwin.

STAFF SIGNATURE	J. M. Rogers
STATUS	HEADMASTER
DATE	19/6/87

Please sign, tear off, and return as receipt

Pupil _____ Class _____

Date _____

Parent's Signature _____

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

MMo

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date)

Children's Hearing Centre,
INVERNESS.

5th November, 1986.

A children's hearing for the Highland Region

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 29.9.86 to which

Colin Sanders, is subject, hereby require him, ~~for the purpose of~~
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS

]†

[to be under the supervision of the Highland Regional Council

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subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 29.9.86 is hereby revoked.


 Chairman of
the Children's Hearing
Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement~~1. The child shall reside at the address of his residence as stated in the requirement.~~~~2. The child shall reside in a residential establishment as stated in the requirement.~~3. (1) The child shall reside c/o Park,
etc. [REDACTED], Skye.

 Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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

*Delete as appropriate

Directed the Reporter to send notification of the requirement to the juvenile court acting for the Petty Sessions Area/District of

Directed the Reporter to make a report of the case to the Secretary of State with a recommendation for the transfer of the child in accordance with the provisions of Section 74

Directed the Reporter to arrange with the Reporter for
for a Children's Hearing for the area of that authority
to dispose of the case

Reporter

REPORT OF DECISION

) Vary supervision

reside 210 Park,

Skye

REASONS FOR DECISION

The panel feel the home situation is not yet conducive to him returning there. He obviously needs a family instead of living in a group situation at Dalnagry and the Parks seem ideally suited to his needs.

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Chairman of
Children's Hearing

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to dispose of the case

Reporter

REPORT OF DECISION

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vary supervision -
reside Dalnreigh Centre, Inverness.

REASONS FOR DECISION

Colin's placement with the Geddes' was terminated abruptly when they decided to move to a smaller house and therefore could no longer accommodate him. The panel felt an alternative long-term placement was necessary since his home situation had changed little and therefore not suitable. Since no placement is immediately available, it was decided to place him in Dalnreigh where he is happy and can attend Charleston Academy. It was decided that once a placement was found, a review would be called by social work department.

G. A. Savage.

Chairman of
Children's Hearing

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

Residential Background Report.

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The following person :

Surname:SANDERS..... Date of Birth:11.3.72.....

Christian Names :COLIN..... Religion:
or Forenames

Address :c/o DALNEIGH CHILDREN'S CENTRE,.....

.....INVERNESS.....

Marital State :SINGLE..... Occupation:SCHOOLBOY.....

is to appear on 5th NOVEMBER, 1986..... atINVERNESS CHILDREN'S HEARING..... ~~XXXX~~

in connection with the crime or offence of

Prepared by:MR. L. BRONNY..... Designation:CARE OFFICER,.....
.....DALNEIGH CHILDREN'S CENTRE!.....

ORDER OF COURT / DECISION OF HEARING

BACKGROUND TO ADMISSION.

Colin was admitted to Dalneigh Children's Centre on Friday, 19th September, 1986. Colin's foster placement with Mrs. Geddes broke down when Mrs. Geddes moved to a smaller house and no longer had room for Colin. Mrs. Rennie, social worker, was informed of the situation and took Colin straight from school to Dalneigh Children's Centre. Despite the fairly abrupt nature of his admission, Colin seemed relaxed, and in some sense relieved, on arrival at Dalneigh.

RELATIONSHIP TO PEERS.

Colin mixed well with the group at Dalneigh Children's Centre and has often sought out other children to join in on activities. Colin has had frequent visits from his step-brothers, Stephen and Billy, and these visits have generally gone well. Colin also has a considerable network of friends in the Dalneigh community and many of these friends visited Colin at the Centre.

Colin could at times be pesty towards other children, but these occasions tended to be short-lived and isolated. Colin could be particularly pesty and excitable at bedtimes; however, when Colin moved into a room of his own this excitable behaviour ceased.

RELATIONSHIP TO ADULTS.

Colin already knew most of the staff at the Centre from his previous stay here and consequently was relaxed and chatty from his arrival here.

Colin is able to discuss his feelings and worries with adults and seems to benefit from these discussions. There were times, particularly over this last week or two, where Colin was very sad and withdrawn and needed to be cheered up or encouraged into some activity. On one of these occasions, Colin stated that he was feeling totally fed up and was wanting a foster family organised for the next day.

Like any other 14 year old, Colin could be excitable, noisy, and at times aggravating. However, Colin was able to calm down when asked and was generally able to accept the limits set here.

HEALTH.

Colin is a fit and healthy 14 year old, with a good appetite. He did, however, chip a bone in his elbow and has only recently had the plaster removed. While in plaster he sprained his ankle. He has fully recovered from both injuries now.

SPECIAL INTERESTS.

Colin in recent weeks has developed a keen interest in playing the piano and can now pick out several tunes and play fairly complex rhythms. Colin is also keen on skating and enjoys playing pool and table tennis.

INCIDENTS.

(1) Colin, along with a younger boy from the Centre, was involved in breaking into a Cash & Carry Warehouse on the 13th October, 1986. Both boys were charged and the matter is now in the hands of the Police.

(2) On a trip to the Landmark Centre, Colin, along with another boy, ran off. The boys made their own way to Raigmore Police Station and were returned to the Centre shortly afterwards.

FAMILY VISITS.

Colin has visited his Mum in Dingwall on three or four occasions. All these visits have gone well and Colin has returned to the Centre in good humour on each occasion.

Colin has visited his Dad's house on several occasions. These brief visits have been made without staff knowledge and generally occurred either when Colin was going to or from school. Some of these visits went well, however, other visits were not too pleasant. Unfortunately, Mr. Sanders, due to his ill health, did not feel able to visit Colin at the Centre.

OTHER INFORMATION.

Colin has met his future foster parents and returned from Skye in an excellent mood. Colin seems to be very taken with the family and the location. He is understandably a bit worried about changing schools, but is looking forward to the move.

Lawrence Bronny,
Care Officer.
29th October, 1986.

LB/DMcK

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

The following person .

Surname: SANDERS Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Christian Names or Forenames COLIN Religion:

Address: 3 CREAG DHUBH TERRACE,
INVERNESS.

At Present: c/o DALNEIGH CHILDREN'S CENTRE, INVERNESS.

Marital State: SINGLE Occupation: SCHOOLBOY

is to appear on 5th NOVEMBER, 1986 at INVERNESS CHILDREN'S HEARING ~~XXXX~~

in connection with the crime or offence of REVIEW HEARING

Prepared by: MRS. JESSIE KENNIE Designation: SOCIAL WORKER

ORDER OF COURT / DECISION OF HEARING

INTRODUCTION.

Colin last appeared at a Children's Panel on 29th September, 1986, when his fostering placement was terminated as the foster mother moved to a smaller house and was unable to accommodate him. No immediate fostering placement was available and Colin was placed in Dalneigh Children's Centre on a temporary basis until a permanent family became available. At this Hearing, Colin's supervision order was continued with a condition he reside at Dalneigh Children's Centre.

PRESENT SITUATION.

Colin has now been living at Dalneigh Children's Centre for almost 6 weeks and a full report on his progress there is being submitted by the Centre. He has had regular contact with his mother at Dingwall. Colin enjoys these visits and they have proved most successful. Unfortunately, Mr. Sanders has not kept to access arrangements that were made at a recent internal review. He says he is not fit enough to visit the Centre and it is his opinion that Colin should visit him at home. This has resulted in Colin going against the wishes of the Social Work Department and regularly visiting his father. Apart from putting Colin in the position of having to be deceitful, most of these visits have been unsatisfactory and indeed have been very upsetting at times for Colin. Only last weekend an argument ensued and, I understand, Colin struck June MacNally after she had slapped him on the face.

It was to avoid incidents such as this that the Department made the decision that contact between Colin and his father should be at Dalneigh Children's Centre and not in the family home. It worries me that Mr. Sanders still continues to put Colin under a great deal of pressure and it is my opinion that he uses his illness as an excuse to do so. Whilst I appreciate that Mr. Sanders does have a medical condition, I understand from the G.P. that this is fairly well controlled through medication. I, therefore, do not think it is expecting too much of Mr. Sanders to visit his son at Dalneigh Children's Centre occasionally.

Recently Colin was involved in offences whilst in the company [REDACTED] and this has resulted in him being charged with breaking and entering and theft. The [REDACTED] have been visiting Colin regularly at the Centre and had previously been involved in breaking into this warehouse. As far as I know this offence has not been brought to the attention of the Reporter at present.

Initially when I visited Colin at the Centre he was bright and cheerful, but he very quickly began to show signs of being rather unhappy and unsettled. During discussions he made it quite clear he was more than eager to be with a family as soon as possible. A recent advertisement for Community Carers has had a very good response and I am fairly confident that out of these applicants a suitable family will be identified for Colin. The assessment of these couples will, of course, take some time and it is estimated that it could take until the end of January. Meanwhile, I am more than ever convinced that Dalneigh Children's Centre is not a suitable placement for Colin.

I was recently told of short-term foster parents, Mr. & Mrs. Park, who stay in Dunvegan. They are available at present and have some experience in working with teenagers. In light of all that was going on in Colin's situation, and knowing how anxious he was to have a family, I discussed Colin with them and they expressed an interest in meeting him. Following a discussion with Colin, I arranged to take him to meet the couple. Prior to going to Skye, I made an

appointment for Mr. Sanders to call at the office to enable me to give him information about this plan. However, Mr. Sanders was unable to keep the appointment, but he did telephone me and I was able to give him the information over the telephone.

The visit to Skye was most successful and Colin and Mr. & Mrs. Park are enthusiastic about the possibility of Colin going to stay with them for a few months until a permanent home is available. Mr. & Mrs. Park live in a cottage in Dunvegan with their little daughter, Margaret, who is 2½ years old. Roland Park works as a gardener at [REDACTED] and enjoys outdoor life. His wife, Christine, was a school teacher prior to her marriage, but has no wish to work now that they have a family. Mr. Park enjoys do-it-yourself and has a great love for fishing which is something that Colin is very interested in also.

During our visit to their home I was very impressed with the warm, relaxed atmosphere. Roland and Colin disappeared out to the workshop and spent some time there together. They then went off with Margaret to have a look round the area. Colin certainly appears very keen to stay with the couple on a short-term basis and he feels he could get on very well with the family as they seem to have a lot in common. Colin is naturally a little apprehensive about starting a new school, but on the way back to Inverness we went through Portree and he has at least seen the building from the outside.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION.

At present there are many aspects of Colin's situation that are worrying me. He is certainly not responding to group living and is desperate to be part of a family. At present he is feeling very confused about his relationship with his father and it is not surprising he is feeling rejected. Understandably, he is drawn back to the family house and, of course, this has unpleasant repercussions. During a recent visit home it is alleged that June MacNally told Colin that instead of going off to Skye he should be coming home to look after his father. Remarks like these are very damaging to Colin and I find it impossible to try to convey to Mr. Sanders just how Colin is feeling at present. Mr. Sanders can only consider his own position and how hurt he is feeling.

As well as all this, Colin is also getting caught up in criminal activities. It is, therefore, my opinion that a move away from the Inverness area could be quite helpful and advantageous to Colin and I think the couple in Skye could give Colin the environment he at present so desperately requires. I would, therefore, respectfully recommend that Colin's supervision order be continued, but he move to stay with Mr. & Mrs. Park at [REDACTED] Isle of Skye, who are short-term foster parents.

Colin's mother is at present in hospital, but I have discussed the move with her, and while she appreciates this will lessen her contact with Colin, she fully agrees with the plan. Naturally Mr. Sanders is not too keen for Colin to move from the area, but arrangements will be made for Colin to visit Inverness to meet the access arrangement that Colin should see his Dad once a month, should the Panel members agree with my recommendation. I see the move as a positive one despite the fact it means a change of school for Colin. It

may give Colin and his father a chance to start afresh with the access arrangement and hopefully build up to a more positive relationship.

J. Rennie
J. Rennie,
Social Worker.
3rd November, 1986.

JR/DMCK

MMo

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1988**Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement***(Place and date)*

Children's Hearing Centre,
INVERNESS.

29th September, 1986.

A children's hearing for the Highland Region

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 9.12.85 to which

Colin Sanders, is subject, hereby require him/her* [to reside in Dalneigh Children's Centre,
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, Inverness Inverness. Sec
44(1)(b)]*†

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

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 9.12.85 is hereby revoked.

G. A. Savage
Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

- †1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.
- †2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.
3.
etc.

G. A. Savage
Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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

*Delete as appropriate

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

The following person :

Surname: SAUNDERS Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Christian Names: Colin Religion:
or Forenames

Address: 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, Inverness

At Present: c/o Dlaneigh Children's Centre, Inverness

Marital State: Single Occupation: Schoolboy

is to appear on Monday 29th September 1986 at Inverness Children's Panel ~~xxxx~~

in connection with the crime or offence of Review Hearing at request of Social Worker

Prepared by: Mrs. J. Rennie Designation: Social Worker

ORDER OF COURT / DECISION OF HEARING

INTRODUCTION

This family have been involved with the Social Work Department since 1981. Colin last attended a Children's Hearing on 9th December, 1985 when his Supervision Order was continued with a condition that he reside with Mrs. Geddes, [REDACTED] Inverness. Earlier this month, Mrs. Geddes telephoned me to inform me she had been successful in obtaining a smaller house and therefore we would have to move Colin. Hence the reason for my request for this Review.

PRESENT SITUATION

Colin settled down very quickly at Mrs. Geddes'. He continued his interest in the Army Cadets and attended regularly and also was a member of an I.T. group run at Dalneigh Children's Centre. Mrs. Geddes found Colin's behaviour wearisome, but apart from one incident involving the breaking of school windows, it would appear his behaviour was annoying rather than bad. Mrs. Geddes indicated he required firm handling, but that she could cope.

Since he came into care, arrangements for access have been that Colin's father would call for him each Saturday. Due to the circumstances in his own home, it was felt necessary that access should take place away from his father's house. Apart from occasions when Mr. Saunders was unfit to visit Colin, he has maintained this contact on a regular basis until recently. Colin has not had a visit from his father for the past 3 weeks now, and this decision was made by Mr. Saunders as a punishment to his son. This whole matter was discussed at a Departmental Review this week, when it transpired that latterly, Mr. Saunders has been spending most of his visits to his son, chastising him for behaviour which Mrs. Geddes has already dealt with. This has naturally caused a great deal of frustration and hurt, particularly to Colin, but also to his father. It was, therefore, decided at this Review that until things become more settled, access between Colin and his father should be reduced to a meeting once a month. Colin has also been having access visits to his mother, who now stays in Dingwall, and this contact will continue.

Colin was placed with Mrs. Geddes on a long term basis last year, and it was therefore quite a surprise to myself and also the Homefinding Section, to be informed that Mrs. Geddes was moving house. We had been given no prior warning. Unfortunately, we had no other long term family immediately available for Colin at this particular time. He was moved to Dalneigh Children's Centre on Friday 19th September, by which time Mrs. Geddes had moved house and there was no other suitable placement available for him. I am of the opinion that Dalneigh Children's Centre is an inappropriate placement for Colin, and he has been placed there only on an emergency basis. This opinion is shared by the Manager of the Children's Centre, who shares my anxieties about Colin being there for any lengthy period of time. I have been exploring all possibilities and hope to have an alternative placement in the very near future.

Meanwhile, Colin has settled down remarkably well at Dalneigh Children's Centre, and I am receiving good reports about his behaviour and his attitude to the staff there.

At school, Colin has his ups and downs. He is not too academically talented, but appears to be good in practical subjects and enjoys sports. His behaviour at school towards the end of last term was most disruptive and I had occasion to visit the school to discuss this with Colin and the Deputy

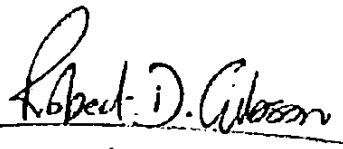
Rector. From what I can gather, Colin is a little more settled at school again. There has never been any school attendance problems with Colin and one of the positive features of him living at Dalneigh Children's Centre is that he is able to continue attending Charleston Academy without any practical difficulties. Whether this remains possible once a placement has been identified will of course depend on the location of the family.

The situation within Mr. Saunder's family household has changed very little. Relationship difficulties still exist between him and June MacNally and there are still financial problems, which have always burdened this family. Last month, Mrs. MacNally [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

It is disappointing to say the least that Colin's placement with Mrs. Geddes has had to end so abruptly and it would have obviously been much more satisfactory if we had been given some prior warning. There is no change in the situation within Mr. Saunder's household and indeed there is still much stress around. I am, therefore, in no doubt that Colin should remain in care. Whilst, in my opinion, Dalneigh is not an appropriate placement for Colin, he knows many of the staff there, he is not unhappy about being there and at least has the continuity of his schooling at present.

It is my considered opinion that Colin requires to remain in care and I would respectfully recommend that his Supervision Order Requirement is continued. It is just possible, a family may be identified by the time of the Hearing, but if not perhaps Panel Members might wish to continue the Hearing.


J. Rennie
Social Worker

25th September, 1986



Highland

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Director

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Date 03/06/86

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Please reply to: Miss H Adam, Senior Social Worker...
(Childrens Resources Section)
Social Work Department.....

The Head Teacher
Inverness High School
Montague Row
INVERNESS

5 Ardross Street, INVERNESS.....

Tel ..234121....Ext798.....

Dear Sir/Madam

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

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

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

pp H Adam

Regional Organiser (Childrens Services)

CHARLESTON ACADEMY

Name of Child Colin Sanders School ~~Inverness High School~~

Address C/o Mrs Geddes, [redacted] Inverness Date of Birth 11/03/72

Class2A..... Number in Class 31.. Place in Class

Progress and Ability Colin is not gifted academically and will be following courses in 3rd & 4th years at Foundation or School Based level.

Conduct He can be disruptive in class, especially practical classes. He needs very firm handling.

Attendance Very good

Impression of Standard of Care Provided at Home

Satisfactory.

Signature ...L. Gallan (Mrs)..... Date 11th June 1986

SUBJECT SCIENCE

NAME COLIN SANDERS CLASS 2C TERM 1 1985-86

	SKILLED	COMPETENT	HAVING DIFFICULTY
KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING			✓
HANDLING INFORMATION			✓
PRACTICAL SKILLS <u>NT</u>			
PROBLEM SOLVING			✓

	GOOD	SATISFACTORY	UNSATISFACTORY
EFFORT			✓

	SATISFACTORY	UNSATISFACTORY
BEHAVIOUR		✓

COMMENTS

Colin is not working to his full capacity,
and tends to be disruptive.

Teacher's Signature D.A. Shireff

COMPLETE ONLY IN S2 TERM 3
SUITABLE COURSE LEVEL IN S3/4:

SUBJECT HOME ECONOMICS

NAME COLIN SANDERS CLASS 2C TERM 1 1985-86

	SKILLED	COMPETENT	HAVING DIFFICULTY
PRACTISING SAFETY			✓
FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS	✓		
SELECTING AND USING EQUIPMENT		✓	
HANDLING INFORMATION		✓	
MANIPULATIVE SKILLS		✓	
SENSORY SKILLS			✓

	GOOD	SATISFACTORY	UNSATISFACTORY
EFFORT		✓	

	SATISFACTORY	UNSATISFACTORY
BEHAVIOUR		✓

COMMENTS

Constant source of irritation to both me and
his classmates - "wings" his way round room in
every lesson Cannot stay in any one place.
Inattentive at times

Teacher's Signature H. Cumming

COMPLETE ONLY IN S2 TERM 3
SUITABLE COURSE LEVEL IN S3/4:

MEMORANDUM

To Miss A. Osborne, Senior
Principal Social Worker, Inverness

From Regional Reporter,
INVERNESS.

Your ref.

Our ref. PSF/MM

Date 10th December, 1985

Please ask for

CHILDREN'S HEARINGS

The case/s noted below has/have been considered by a Children's Hearing and disposed of as follows:-

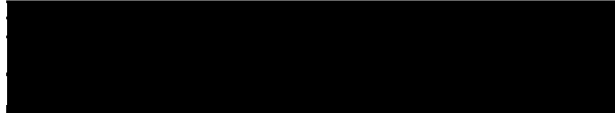
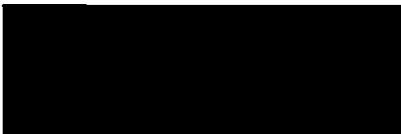
Place:- Regional Buildings, Inverness

Date:- 9th December, 1985

Case

Result

Social
Worker

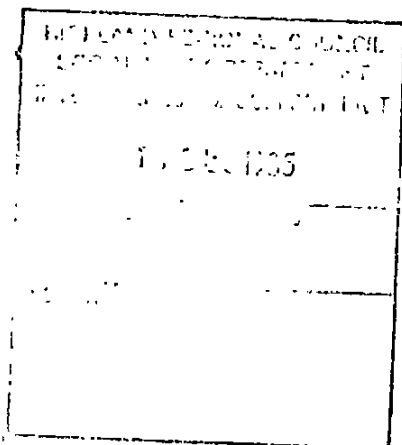


Mrs. Ewing

Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72,
3 Craigdhu Terrace,
Inverness

Supervision requirement varied for him Mrs. Rennie
to reside c/o Gaddes, [redacted] Inverness
- referrals accepted and discharged

I enclose a copy of each requirement made for your attention



Regional Reporter

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date)

INVERNESS

9th December, 1985

A children's hearing for the Highland Region,

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 22.5.85 to which

Colin Sanders, is subject, hereby require him/her to reside in xxx
3 Creag Dhubb Terrace, Inverness

]*†

[to be under the supervision of Highland Region

]*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 22.5.85 is hereby revoked.

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R. Kilpatrick
Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

~~†1 The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.~~~~†2 The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.~~3. The child shall reside c/o Geddas, [REDACTED] Inverness
etc.

R. Kilpatrick
Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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

*Delete as appropriate

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

The following person :-

Surname: SAUNDERS Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Christian Names: COLIN Religion:
or Forenames

Address: 3 CRAIGDHU TERRACE,
INVERNESS.

AT PRESENT: c/o MRS GEDDES [REDACTED] INVERNESS

Marital State: SINGLE Occupation: SCHOOLBOY

is to appear on MONDAY, 9th DECEMBER, 85 at INVERNESS CHILDREN'S PANEL ~~Court~~

in connection with the crime or offence of REVIEW HEARING AT REQUEST OF SOCIAL WORKER

Prepared by: MRS J. RENNIE Designation: SOCIAL WORKER

ORDER OF COURT / DECISION OF HEARING

INTRODUCTION

Colin last appeared at a Children's Hearing on 22nd May, 1985, when a Supervision Order under Section 44 (1) (a) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 was continued without variation. The family have been known to our Department since November 1981, when Mr Saunders referred himself and Colin because of marital problems.

FAMILY STRUCTURE & BACKGROUND

See previous report.

PRESENT SITUATION

Since the previous hearing Mr Saunders and Mrs MacNally have continued to have relationship and financial problems. The situation became quite serious in October, when Colin had to be admitted into care for a period of 11 days, as he was unable to cope with the situation at home. When I called at the family home on Thursday, 17th October, Colin and Stephen were in their pyjamas at 3.00 p.m. in the afternoon. At first I thought they were unwell, but was told that they were being kept in because of their involvement in an offence the previous Sunday. Colin had been thrashed and both boys had been told they were confined to their bedroom for a week until the end of the school holiday. The boys claimed they had only a cup of tea and a cake from Sunday supper time until Tuesday evening, at which time they were given supper. Later on the Tuesday evening, it was discovered that they had taken a bar of chocolate from the parents' bedroom. As a punishment they were given nothing to eat on the Wednesday, until just after midnight, when they were given a cup of tea and a cake. It was my opinion that this punishment was excessive and I returned to the office to discuss the situation with a Senior Social Worker. Together, with the Senior Social Worker we went back to the home to talk things over with the parents. [redacted] Mrs MacNally [redacted]

At this stage Colin said he did not wish to stay at home and arrangements were made to admit him into care for a brief period to allow this situation to cool off. The following week Mrs MacNally and Mr Saunders decided they would definitely separate [redacted]

Towards the end of last month, Colin called at the office shortly after 9.00 a.m. in his slippers and with no jacket. He was seen by Mr Richards, as I was not available. It would seem he was in a distressed state following a row that morning. Mr Richards took him home to collect his outdoor clothing and then took him to school. I saw both Colin and the family in the afternoon. Colin was due to go away for the weekend with the I.T. Group he has recently joined, but said he could not return to his home if Mrs MacNally was still there. Following several discussions with Mr Saunders and Mrs MacNally, who were still saying they wished to separate, [redacted]

[redacted] on the Sunday evening it was decided that it would be in Colin's best interest for him to be admitted into care until the situation was resolved. Mr Saunders and Mrs MacNally were of the opinion that Colin had too much power, was playing games and wished to be in care because of the material gains. This most certainly was not the opinion of myself, Mr Richards, Senior Social Worker or Miss [redacted] Dalneish Children's Centre, who had also been

involved with Colin. Over the past two weeks, Mr Saunders and Mrs MacNally have swung from saying they are definitely parting and going their separate ways to saying they care very deeply for each other, have no relationship difficulties and their only problems are with Colin's behaviour. The situation has changed daily and there is little wonder Colin is confused, unhappy and disturbed as the behaviour of this couple is quite bizarre and totally unpredictable.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

Mr Saunders still maintains his son comes first, but he is naturally reluctant to hurt Mrs MacNally as she has done so much for himself and Colin in the past. He says that he and Mrs MacNally will separate once she has suitable accommodation, [REDACTED]

This couple's problems are causing pressures within the family that Colin, in particular, is unable to cope with. Until this situation is resolved it is my considered opinion that it is in Colin's best interests to remain in care. I would, therefore, respectfully recommend that his supervision requirement be continued, but that he reside with Mrs Geddes at [REDACTED] Inverness.

J. Rennie

Mrs J. Rennie
Social Worker

9.12.85

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

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

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

Information sought by the Reporter to the Children's Panel for the purpose of (a) helping the Reporter to decide whether or not a child should be referred to a Children's Hearing as being possibly in need of compulsory measures of care and (b) thereafter helping a Children's Hearing to decide what measures are appropriate, in terms of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.

To be returned to the Reporter by 11th December, 1985

(a) PERSONAL DETAILS

Name of Child Colin Sanders Date of Birth 11.3.72

Address 3 Craig Dhubh Terrace, Inverness

Class and (if appropriate) Course 2C

School Leaving Date (if appropriate)

(b) RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

	Possible Attendance	Absences
(i) During last session (1 AUG 85 to 21 NOV 85)	383	30
(ii) During current session (1 AUG 85 to 6 DEC 85)	118	4
(iii) During last four weeks (1 NOV 85 to 6 DEC 85)	35	3

(Please give inclusive dates relating to each entry)

(iv) Do 'days absent' form a pattern? (Yes or No) No

(v) If 'Yes', can you give any possible reason for this?

(vi) Is there any other relevant information, e.g. genuine reasons for absences, which should be stated?

(vii) Is the child a persistent late-comer? (Yes or No) No

(viii) If 'Yes', can you give any possible reason for this?

(c) CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR PATTERN IN SCHOOL

(i) How does the child behave?

He can be talkative and a fidget, and on occasions will try to 'stir things up' but with firm handling he will behave.

(ii) What is the child's reaction to control?

He reacts in a variety of ways. Occasionally he's resentful, even argumentative. Sometimes he's a bit 'cheeky'. For the most part he reacts in a positive way without showing any indignation.

(iii) Does child have a close relationship (good or bad) with any other pupil or pupils?

He is a bit of a 'lover' but less so now than in first year. He's friendly with Joseph Ross, a second year pupil and Brian Robertson who also has family problems.

(iv) How does child relate with members of staff generally, and does the child relate particularly well with any individual teacher?

He appears to get on well with his Technical Teachers. He finds it easy to talk to all at the moment because I understand his difficult situation.

(v) What is the child's temperament and personality?

He can be quiet, cheerful and lively and likes to be the centre of attention. At the same time he can be "sneaky".

(vi) Has there been any change in the child's pattern of behaviour?

Not really. He appears to be the same on the surface which may be a bit.

(d) PARENTS' RELATIONSHIP WITH SCHOOL

(i) What personal contact has there been between school and parents?

Father has been, at his own request, to see me on two occasions, when he has unburdened himself

(ii) What is the parents' attitude to school? He says he wants to see Colin all right, and is supportive of school.

(iii) Are there any significant circumstances in the home environment which affect the child's school life?

Mrs. Colin is very unsettled at school because he is unsettled at home. Mrs. McHally and her family pull against Colin and his father.

(e) SPECIALIST SERVICES

Colin has told me that he does not want to go back "home" until Mrs. McHally has left.

Has the child been referred to any of the following specialists? (Yes or No) ... Yes ... usually has left.

(i) School Doctor; (ii) Social Worker; (iii) Educational Psychologist; (iv) Speech Therapist; (v) Child Psychiatrist.

If 'Yes' give name of specialist to whom referred, date of referral and reason for referral.

Original referral to Social Work dates back to before Colin and his father came to Inverness.

(f) PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

(i) Is it known whether the child is in part-time employment? If so, please state with whom.

I believe he may have been doing a milk round, and collecting money, but is no longer doing so. He has no work permit.

(ii) Are the hours of employment known? If so, please give details.

(g) EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

(i) What subjects or activities is the child interested in, including extra curricular activities?

He likes Art, Technical Drawing, Maths & Science. He's keen on Cross-Country, Football, Rugby and Athletics.

(ii) In what subjects does the child show special ability or aptitude?

He tries to do his best in Technical Drawing and Craft work.

(iii) In what subjects does the child show special difficulty?

He has difficulties in all his academic subjects.

(iv) How does the child apply himself/herself?

At all times.

(v) Where applicable, what certificate work is to be undertaken by the child and at what level?

(h) GENERAL COMMENTS

Head teacher/Guidance or Class Teacher's assessment of child

Calvin has had to cope with more than his share of life's problems. His father's present rejection of him has hurt him deeply and must make him feel very insecure. School can be difficult enough for someone with his level of ability but when you're carrying the extra burden of confused family relationships that he has to bear it's no wonder he doesn't achieve a great deal.

He seems to be reasonably happy in his foster home. He appreciates the routine of regular meal times, leisure time, bed time etc. It seems to have brought some order into his life.

I've found that he responds well to praise and encouragement. He's very idealistic.

He likes being at Charleston and doesn't want to leave this school before he's better. School is probably the most stable part of his life at the moment.

Calvin is likeable boy who desperately needs security. He relates well to me, but I see so little of him that I feel frustrated and inadequate in that I can help him so little.

[Signature]

Class or Guidance Teacher V. Gollan
Head Teacher Ronald J. Lyall
SCHOOL CHARLESTON ACADEMY
Date 6th December 1985



Highland

Reporter to the Children's Panel
Regional Reporter
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Inverness. IV3 5NX

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Please ask for

Our tel PSF/MM

Extension No

Your tel Jessie Rennie

Date 20th November, 1985

B.F. Richards, Esq.,
Area Team Leader,
Social Work Department,
13 Ardross Street,
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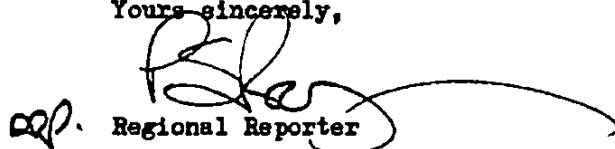
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Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72, 3 Cragg Chubb Terrace, Inverness

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I would be grateful if you could submit a report within 21 days.

Yours sincerely,


Regional Reporter

GROUND'S OF REFERRAL

- 1) That on 13th October, 1985 at Caley Marina, Canal Road, Inverness, he did, while acting along with another, steal five marine fire extinguishers from boats berthed there, being an offence of theft;
- 2) That on the date and at the place libelled in paragraph (1) above he did, while acting along with another, wilfully or recklessly destroy five marine fire extinguishers. Contrary to the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act, 1980, Section 78(1);

Child resides with parent/guardian Mr. Gordon Sanders,

..... AS ABOVE

I enclose a copy school report and



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Our ref PSF/MM

Extension No

Your ref Jessie Rennie

Date 20th November, 1985

B.F. Richards, Esq.,
Area Team Leader,
Social Work Department,
13 Ardross Street,
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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF CHILD - FREEDOM FROM INFECTION

Name of Child Colin SandersAge or Date of Birth 13y Sex MAddress 3 Craig Dhill Terrace, Inverness

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

Yes

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

No

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

Satisfactory

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

No

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

6. I examined the above named child on 18th October 1985 DateSigned AllochDesignation SCMODate 18.10.85Address 28 QueensgateInverness

J.R.

Highland Regional Council (Inverness Division)	
24 MAY 1985	
Social Work Department	
	A.D.D.
Date 23.5.85	

MEMORANDUM

To Acting Divisional Officer,
INVERNESS.

From Regional Reporter,
INVERNESS.

Your ref. Our ref. PSF/MMO

Please ask for Mr. Ferguson

CHILDREN'S HEARINGS

The case/s noted below ~~has~~/have been considered by a Children's Hearing and disposed of as follows:-

Place:- Regional Buildings, Inverness. Date:- 22.5.85

<u>Case</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Social Worker</u>
Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72. 3 Creag Dhubb Terrace, Inverness.	supervision requirement continued without change.	X Mrs. Rennie
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Groves

I enclose a copy of each requirement for your attention.


Regional Reporter

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

MMo

Instrument continuing supervision requirement

Made on 6th June, 1984 in respect of:-

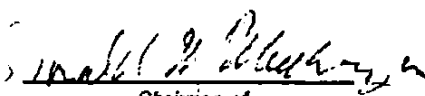
Colin Sanders,
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

(Place and date)

Regional Buildings,
INVERNESS.

22nd May, 1985.

A children's hearing for the Highland Regional
considering that [the foregoing supervision requirement]* ~~the supervision requirement attached and~~
~~documented with reference hereto~~* is due to expire on 6th June, 1985, and being satisfied that it is
proper so to do, hereby continue the said requirement in force.


Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

*Delete where appropriate

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

The following person :

Surname: SAUNDERS Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Christian Names: Colin Religion:
or Forenames

Address: 3 Craig Dubh Terrace
..... Inverness

Marital State: Single Occupation: Schoolboy

is to appear on Wednesday, 22nd May 1985 at Inverness Children's Panel ~~Case~~

in connection with the crime or offence of Review Hearing

Prepared by: Mrs. J. Rennie Designation: Social Worker

ORDER OF COURT / DECISION OF HEARING

INTRODUCTION

Colin last appeared at a Children's Hearing on 6th June, 1984 when his Supervision Order was continued. I took over as his Supervising Officer from Mr. Riddell following the Hearing last year.

FAMILY STRUCTURE & PERSONAL HISTORY

See previous reports.

GENERAL SITUATION

Within the family situation there is little change. Mr. Saunders remains unemployed and the relationship between him and June MacNally [REDACTED] Add to this financial problems and coping with a teenage family in overcrowded conditions and it is not surprising that the situation can and does reach crisis point quite frequently. Earlier this year, the couple's relationship was so strained that they were on the point of separating. However, Mr. Saunders went off with Colin to visit his father for a few days in Cambuslang and it would seem that this helped defuse the situation meantime.

Colin is now coming towards the end of his first year at Charleston Academy and appears to have coped reasonably well there. Towards the end of last year there was concern about Colin's school attendance when the parents claimed this was due to lack of clothing and shoes. This matter was resolved and there has been a marked improvement in Colin's attendance since.

During the summer holidays last year, Colin was involved in an I.T. Group which I organised for a group of 6 young people. This involved activities one afternoon each week and a weekend camp at Glen Affric. Although Colin was enthusiastic about the activities, he was continually seeking attention and constantly niggled the other members of the group. Colin is a very competent swimmer and enjoys fishing. I feel involvement in an I.T. Group over a lengthy period could be of benefit to Colin and I have referred him again to Kinmylies Centre. As yet, there is nothing available for him, but I am hopeful he might be considered for a week's course in August. Failing this I will be putting pressure on the I.T. Organisers for definite place early in autumn.

Colin has had no contact with his natural mother over the past year, but I understand he has heard from an outside source that his mother has remarried.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

Originally, Colin was taken into care in 1983 when his parents separated and his father was not coping and was drinking heavily. He eventually went back to the care of his father and was later involved in offences of theft and there was an alleged incident of Colin having been indecently assaulted by a man. Over the past year, as far as is known, Colin has not been involved in any further offences. However, he is a boy who shows signs of insecurity and/

and/
is rather immature. Although the situation at home appears more settled at present, I am of the opinion that this is not permanent and that not only Colin but the whole family will require a great deal of support and guidance for some time yet. I would therefore respectfully recommend that it would be in Colin's interest that his Supervision Requirement be continued.

J. Rennie

J. Rennie
Social Worker

20th May, 1985

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Instrument continuing supervision requirement

Made on 22nd June, 1983 in respect of:-

Colin Sanders,
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

(Place and date)

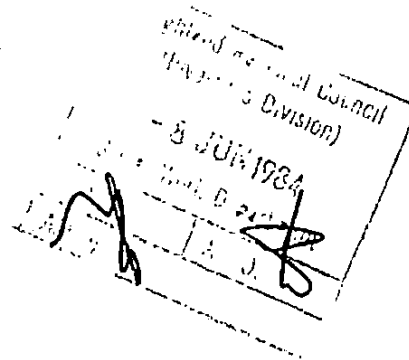
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6th June, 1984.

A children's hearing for the Highland Region
considering that [the foregoing supervision requirement]* [the supervision requirement attached and
~~discontinued with reference hereto~~]* is due to expire on 22nd June, 1984, and being satisfied that it is
proper so to do, hereby continue the said requirement in force.

G. E. McInnes
Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

*Delete where appropriate



HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

The following person :-

Surname: SANDERS Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Christian Names : Colin Religion:
or Forenames

Address : 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace
..... Inverness

Marital State : Single Occupation: Schoolboy

is to appear on at Inverness Children's Panel xxx

in connection with the crime or offence of Review Hearing

Prepared by: Mr A H Riddell Designation: Senior Social Worker

~~CHIEF OF POLICE~~ / DECISION OF HEARING

Review to be held on 6.6.84 at 7pm

INTRODUCTION

Colin last appeared at a Children's Panel on 22.6.83 when it was decided that he should continue for a further period on statutory supervision. At that stage it was felt that this family unit would continue to require considerable support and Colin was still on occasion showing symptoms of insecurity.

GENERAL SITUATION

A great deal of social work input has been offered to this family over the past year and has mainly taken the form of trying to help June and Gordon resolve some of their individual difficulties. They are both very insecure as individuals and when a crisis occurs their response to one another and the children can be very negative. I had hoped that Kinmylies Children's Centre would have been able to offer Colin a groupwork experience but unfortunately this has not been possible.

A series of significant events have taken place over the past year. Colin's natural mother made contact with the family a year ago requesting that he should spend some time with her. Colin had hoped at one stage to spend the summer holidays with his mother, but she let him down by pointing out that as she had a full time job she was unable to care for him on this basis. Colin was then taken up to Tain to spend one weekend with her just before the summer holidays. When he reached his destination he was told by his mother that she had to go to sing in a local club and he was put round to a neighbour's house and told to make friends with the children there. Colin claims that he had to spend the night at this house as his mother did not return for him until the following day. This was obviously a great disappointment for him and after a few more broken promises, Colin eventually decided to tell his mother not to call for him again. During this time Colin started stealing money from school and a local house. He became unreliable and dishonest within the home. Unfortunately the situation was not helped by the way Gordon and June reacted. Gordon put a great deal of pressure on his son almost in a way which expected Colin to make a choice between his father and mother. Gordon was becoming more and more anxious by Colin's deteriorating behaviour and started remarking that he did not love him any more in order to bring about a reaction. Unfortunately these tactics only served to further confuse the boy. June also dealt with Colin in an inappropriate way because of how she felt threatened by the re-emergence of Gordon's wife. Perhaps in a subtle way, June did try to expect Colin to choose between her and his natural mother. Added to this pressure, Colin also has had to continue worrying over his father's on-going health problems (epileptic type seizures).

During last summer, Colin told his parents that he had been sexually abused by an old man in the Kinmylies housing scheme and added that he had been assaulted by an uncle on several occasions many years ago. Colin was questioned at great length by myself and the Police. Some of the symptoms which he exhibited e.g. unreliable evidence, distorted information, delayed allegations, attending seeking behaviour are all very typical for someone who has been assaulted in this way. Gordon and June were naturally shattered by this whole affair and once they were helped past the stage of being firstly totally incapacitated through shock and then constantly demanding further information from Colin, they managed to give him the care and consideration he required. It is interesting to note that Colin responded to this and for many /...

/many months, did not present any behavioural problems at home or within school.

Fairly recently, I detected renewed strain in Gordon and June's relationship and it is interesting to note that Colin has recently started to behave in an attention seeking way again at school.

Colin's natural mother has not been in touch with him since last autumn.

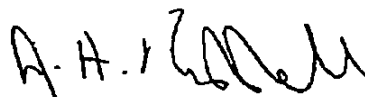
CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION

There continues to be interactional problems within this family. Colin's behaviour has given cause for concern from time to time during the past year and this appears to be associated with the insecurity in Gordon and June's relationship, confusion over his natural mother, having been the victim of sexual abuse at some stage in his life and worry over his father's health.

I am in no doubt that a great deal of work will require to be done with this family for some time to come particularly as Colin is about to enter his adolescence.

I will therefore be recommending at his forthcoming Review for his Supervision Order to continue.

14 May 1984



A H Riddell
Senior Social Worker

PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT:

P4 to P7

Name of school *Kimmyhies Primary School*

Note to parents

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

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

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

Name of pupil *Colin Sanders*

Class *7*

ACTIVITY	CLASSIFICATION*	EFFORT	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
LANGUAGE SKILLS			
LISTENING	rarely distracted	☒	☐
	attentive	☐	☒
	easily distracted	☒	☐
Remarks:			
SPOKEN ENGLISH	communicates fluently	☒	☐
	communicates satisfactorily	☒	☐
	has difficulty	☐	☒
Remarks:			
READING	skilled	☒	☐
	<i>fairly</i> competent	☒	☐
	has difficulty	☐	☒
Remarks:			
WRITTEN ENGLISH	communicates fluently	☒	☐
	communicates satisfactorily	☒	☐
	has difficulty	☐	☒
Remarks: <i>Sometimes careless.</i>			

SUBJECT	Special aptitude	Interested	Shows little interest
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CENTRES OF INTEREST			
Social studies		☒	
Science		☒	

INTERESTS AND APTITUDES			
Creative art and crafts		☒	
Dramatic activities		☒	
Recreative reading		☒	
Creative writing		☒	
Musical activities		☒	
Instrumental tuition			
Physical education		☒	
Other languages			

ATTENDANCES	
POSSIBLE	ACTUAL
350	320

MATHEMATICAL SKILLS			
HANDLING PRACTICAL PROBLEMS	special aptitude	☒	☐
	competent	☒	☐
	has difficulty	☐	☒
Remarks:			
COMPUTATION	firm grasp	☒	☐
	competent	☒	☐
	uncertain	☐	☒
Remarks:			

COMMENTS: *Colin has been unsettled lately. His concentration span has been short and his work has suffered. His behaviour also has been erratic.*

Donna K. Fraser (Class Teacher)

M. J. Fairweather (Head Teacher)

June 1984 (date)



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Our ref PSE/MM

Extension No

Your ref

Date 24th April, 1984

Divisional Officer,
INVERNESS

Dear Mr. Paterson,

I have to advise that the child, whose particulars are appended, will have his/~~her~~ supervision requirement reviewed within four weeks. In this connection please arrange for an up-to-date supplementary report to be submitted which should indicate how the child has progressed under supervision and, if conditions were imposed, whether these conditions have been complied with.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Regional Reporter

Particulars of Child

SURNAME SANDERS DATE OF BIRTH 11.3.72
CHRISTIAN NAMES ..Colin.....
ADDRESS 3.Creag.Dubh.Terrace,.....
INVERNESSZ
PREVIOUS SOCIAL WORKER Mr. A.H. Riddell

c.c. J. Bailey, Director of Social Work

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

The following person :-

Surname: SAUNDERS Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Christian Names: Colin Religion:
or Forenames

Address: 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
Inverness

Marital State: Single Occupation: Schoolboy

is to appear on at Court

in connection with the crime or offence of Offence against child

Prepared by: Mr. A.H. Riddell Designation: Social Worker

ORDER OF COURT / DECISION OF HEARING

N.F.A.

Towards the end of July 1983, Colin told his parents that he had been sexually abused by an old man who lives within the Kimmylies housing scheme. He further alleged that his uncle had abused him on several occasions throughout his earlier life. June MacNally, his step-mother, recalls seeing Colin one day with a very sore bottom but at the time had thought nothing more about it. Naturally at the time that Colin made these allegations, June believed that abuse had taken place. June and Gordon immediately notified the Police and a series of long interviews took place. The Police informed me at a very early stage and asked me to interview Colin, preferably on his own. On Thursday, 4th August I had a lengthy discussion with Gordon and June before sitting down to discuss this issue with Colin on his own. I got the same details as was already relayed to the Police from everyone concerned. Colin appeared to be very distressed and he clearly found it particularly painful to go over the issue once again. His contribution appeared to be rather rehearsed at the time, but I felt this was to be expected considering the number of people he had to tell it to at that stage. I impressed upon him at the time how serious this matter was and tried with a variety of techniques to try to see how consistent his story was. Nothing emerged during the interview which made me feel that he was not telling the truth and I felt that his symptoms of distress were genuine. From what he had to tell me, it would not appear that this was in any way related to his attention seeking behaviour. On the contrary, it sounded as if Colin was trying to keep this from his parents in fear of getting chastised. I asked Colin at that stage whether or not he and his peers had been discussing sexual matters in the community or within the school playground etc. Colin told me that no-one in school of his age had discussed such issues which I found a little hard to believe at the time. There were occasions during the interview when I felt that he was well aware of the line of questioning I was taking at any given time and was quick to block each attempt. I felt at the time and still believe that this might be related to the fact that he was getting angry and frustrated because he felt that no-one was believing him.

Colin has since changed his story on 2 occasions. He firstly announced that the old man had not interfered with him, but that another man in the area had done so and told Colin to accuse this old man. Colin also claimed that this man had threatened him at knife point, warning him that if he informs the Police he will get him at some stage. Colin also informed me that this man has been hanging around the school on occasion and Gordon Saunders as a result started to make sure that Colin got to and from school safely. Now Colin claims that he has not been abused by any man in Inverness and that the only abuse which has taken place was by his uncle.

I believe that Colin has certainly been abused at some stage - the reactions appeared to be genuine and what would be expected from a boy who has gone through this. Colin's general behaviour had deteriorated between May and August of this year. This seemed to be related to the re-emergence of his mother. His mother asked on several occasions to have Colin and for a time Colin's loyalties were clearly divided between June and her. Colin had hoped at one stage to spend the summer holidays with his mother, but she let him down by pointing out that as she had a full time job she was unable to care for him on this basis. Colin was then taken up to Tain to spend one weekend with her just before the summer holidays. When Colin reached his destination he was told by his natural mother that she had to go out and sing in a local club and he was put round to a neighbour's house and told to make friends with the children there. Colin also claims that he had to spend the night at this house as his mother did not return for him until the following day. This was obviously a great disappointment for this boy and after a few more broken promises, Colin eventually decided to tell his mother that he did not want her to call for him again. During and after this time Colin started stealing money from school and a local house. He became unreliable and dishonest within his own home. Unfortunately the situation was not helped by the way his father and step-mother reacted. Gordon put a great deal of pressure on his son almost/

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in a way which expected Colin to make a choice between his father and mother. Gordon was becoming more and more anxious by Colin's deteriorating behaviour and started remarking that he did not love him any more in order to bring about a reaction. Unfortunately these tactics only served to further confuse the boy and naturally the behaviour did not change. June also dealt with Colin in an inappropriate way because of her own insecurity and anxiety. She clearly found the re-emergence of Colin's mother threatening and in a very subtle way was almost making Colin choose between her and his natural mother. She often remarked to me that she felt that Colin did not really accept her and these feelings were obviously being relayed to this boy. I had long discussions with both parents about this and feel that they have now come to terms with their situation to a greater extent than before. They are handling Colin in a much more consistent manner and are presently providing him with the attention and care that he requires. It is interesting to note that Colin in turn has responded to this and is not presently giving any cause for concern.

ASSESSMENT

There are several aspects of Colin's behaviour which would suggest that he has been abused at some point in time, although I am sure that this was probably several years ago. His withdrawn, attention seeking behaviour is what would be expected of a child who has gone through this. The low level of self-worth he has been exhibiting is also quite typical. Police Officers have mentioned that his allegations have been unreliable, but once again his confused, delayed allegations are quite symptomatic of child abuse and the details which he has given should persuade anyone that he has been the victim of sexual abuse.

The recent crisis with his natural mother and the resulting behaviour shown by his father and step-mother has obviously re-awakened very painful issues for Colin and during the point of crisis these feelings have come out in a very distorted way. I feel that Gordon, June and Colin have come through the crisis and are functioning at a reasonable level. It is my opinion that at this point in time, Colin needs to remain with his father and step-mother and that no fundamental changes take place.

I therefore feel that a Review of his current Supervision Order is not necessary at this stage and would only lead to further anxiety in this youth.

5 Ardross Street,
Inverness

A.H. Riddell
Social Worker

2nd December, 1983



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Divisional Officer,
INVERNESS.

Our ref PSF/MMC

Highland Regional Council Your ref Mr. Ridderf (Inverness Division)	
18 NOV 1983	
Social Work Department	
D. C.	A.D.O.
Action	

Date 24.11.83

Dear Mr. Paterson,

Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72, 3 Creag Dhubb Terrace, Inverness.

The above named child, who is presently under supervision, has been referred to me on the undernoted grounds. Would you please let me know if the supervising officer considers that the whole circumstances warrant a review of the current supervision requirement.

I would be grateful if you could submit a report within 21 days.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Regional Reporter

GROUND'S OF REFERRAL

Offence against the child - see attached.

Child resides with parent/guardian Mr. Gordon Sanders (as above)

~~I enclose a copy of the report~~

INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

The following person:

Surname: SANDERS Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Christian Names: Colin Religion:
or Forenames

Address: 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace

Inverness

Marital State: Occupation:

is to appear on at Court

in connection with the crime or offence of Theft (3 charges)

Prepared by: Mr A H Riddell Designation: Social Worker

~~ORDER OF PROCEEDING~~ DECISION OF HEARING

No formal action

INTRODUCTION

This report was prepared after a lengthy interview with Colin and his parents at their home. Colin last appeared at a Hearing on 22.6.83 when it was decided that Supervision should continue under Section 44(1)(a) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

GROUND OF REFERRAL

These have been accepted by Colin and his parents.

PARTICULARS OF REFERRAL

- 1) With regard to the incident at [REDACTED] Colin told me that he entered the house by the back door which he found to be open. There was no-one in the house at the time and he was on his own. Colin stated that he went into the house with the intention of getting some money and it didn't cross his mind that he could be caught. He told me that he wanted to steal some money in order to tell his father that he had found some - I got the impression that Colin felt he would appear to be important by doing this in his father's eyes, and also the money would help his father pay some bills and buy things for all the kids. Colin was not able to say any more about this incident but it should be borne in mind that it took place quite shortly after he himself had told his mother that he no longer wanted to see her. It is also important to note that several months before that time, he had had a disagreement with his father and had told him that he wanted to pack his bags and go and live with his mother. It is therefore my opinion that Colin was going through a particularly confusing time and he took this money in order to try to buy his father's love. Colin claims that he put all the money from the cash-box into a polythene bag and gave it to his father, claiming that he had found it. Gordon Sanders tells me that there was only £40+ in the bag. Colin stresses that there was no more money. Instead of handing the money in to the Police, Gordon Sanders and June MacNally spent it and have now been charged with reset.

- 2) Colin told me that he saw the pen when he was at school and he decided that he wanted it for himself - he claims that it "looked nice". He could not offer any further explanation.

He admits to taking the £10 and it was his intention at the time to hide the money and use it bit by bit. He, however, handed it back the same day as he was scared in case he had been seen taking it in the first place. When Colin had taken the pen home, June had already heard that it was suspected that Colin had been taking money from the school. She realised the pen must have come from the school and made sure it was returned.

/ Colin has claimed that his natural mother had been going down to the school and seeing him there. He further alleges that she told him to do bad things so that his father would eventually get fed-up with him and he would be returned to her. It is my opinion that this is highly unlikely to be the case as Colin's mother has not shown any sustained interest in her son. She has certainly asked for Colin to stay the occasional night or weekend with her in Evanton, but as pointed out to Gordon, she has not got the room to take him on a longer term basis and that in any case she works. Gordon and June, however, feel that she may want to get back at her ex-husband through Colin.

GENERAL SITUATION

) Towards the end of July 1983, Colin told his parents that he had been sexually abused by an old man who lives within the Kinmylies Housing scheme. He further alleged that his uncle had abused him on several occasions throughout his life. June recalled seeing Colin one day with a very sore bottom but at the time had thought nothing more about it, but naturally believed that this abuse had taken place after Colin bringing the matter up. I continue to feel that this does not follow the normal attention seeking behaviour of Colin. He was clearly very reluctant to divulge this information in the first place, and certainly the events which took place since it was originally discussed with his parents have not been very pleasant for him. He has been interrogated for hours by the Police and has been distressed by the reaction this has caused in his father and step-mother. June MacNally has been almost totally incapacitated on occasion because of her nerves, and I have found her lying on the couch several times when Colin is in the house feeling quite ill. This of course didn't help Colin in the slightest and I told her that what he needed was for her to get off the couch and start loving him and reassuring him. Gordon's epilepsy has also been affected in so far as he appears to be taking more fits than ever, and has not increased his drinking. Therefore, his epileptic attacks at the moment appear to be stress related rather than alcohol induced. Colin changed his story in so far as he claims that the old man had not abused him, but that another man in the area had done so and told Colin to accuse this old man. Colin also claimed that this man had threatened him at knife point, warning him that if he informs the Police he will get him at some stage. Colin also informed me that this man has been hanging around the school on occasion and Gordon Sanders now makes sure that Colin gets to and from school safely. I believe that Colin has certainly been abused at some stage - the reactions appeared to be genuine and what would be expected from a boy who has gone through this. He has continued to take money, however, from home and his general behaviour has shown signs of deterioration. I feel this could be a reaction to all the events which have taken place since he told people of his experiences. Gordon Sanders is handling the whole affair in the wrong way in that he is telling Colin that he no longer loves him etc. in order to try and bring about a reaction to get to the truth of the matter. This is only causing Colin more insecurity and uncertainty and therefore the

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/the deterioration in his behaviour should be considered with this in mind. June MacNally is also dealing with the situation in a negative way at times, and this again reflects her insecurity. My main role with this family recently has been to offer support to Gordon and June, give them advice on how to support Colin and to see him on a regular basis in order to reassure and reinforce him about the good aspects of his behaviour, and encourage him to share his feelings of fear and anxiety in relation to what he has experienced.

I am intending to continue seeing Colin on a one to one basis for the time being, but I have put his name forward for an Intermediate Treatment Group run by staff at Kinmylies Children's Centre. I am also intending to start an Intermediate Treatment Programme in the near future and will include Colin in this.

I feel little would be achieved by having another Hearing at this stage. This whole family has serious interactional problems and I believe that social work intervention will be required for some time to come. An appearance at another Hearing will only add to the anxiety that is already around for Colin and I believe that Colin requires now a period of stability and consistency in his life.

I would therefore request that no formal action be taken on these referrals and that Supervision continues for the time being under Section 44(1)(a) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

6 October 1983

A. H. Riddell
Social Worker

AHR/HGM



Handwritten: *WAZ*

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Our ref PSF/MM

Extension No

Your ref

Date 28th September, 1983

Tom Paterson, Esq.,
Divisional Officer,
INVERNESS

Dear Mr. Paterson,

Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72, 3 Greag Dhubh Terrace, Inverness

The above named child, who is presently under supervision, has been referred to me on the undernoted grounds. Would you please let me know if the supervising officer considers that the whole circumstances warrant a review of the current supervision requirement.

I would be grateful if you could submit a report within 21 days.

Yours sincerely,

PSF
Regional Reporter

ADDITIONAL
GROUNDS OF REFERRAL

That on 11th June, 1983 from within the dwellinghouse at [REDACTED]
Inverness, he did steal a metal cash box containing £60 in single notes,
being an offence of theft.

Child resides with parent/guardian Mr. Gordon Simmons Sanders,

as above
.....



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Our ref PSF/MM

Extension No

Your ref

Date 21st September, 1983

Divisional Officer,
Inverness

Dear Mr. Paterson,

Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72, 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, Inverness

The above named child, who is presently under supervision, has been referred to me on the undernoted grounds. Would you please let me know if the supervising officer considers that the whole circumstances warrant a review of the current supervision requirement.

I would be grateful if you could submit a report within 21 days.

Yours sincerely,


Regional Reporter

GROUND'S OF REFERRAL

- 1) That sometime between 1st and 29th August, 1983 from a desk situated near to the door of Primary 3/4 Classroom, within Kinmylies Primary School, Inverness, he did steal a rolle gold "Parker" pen, being an offence of theft;
- 2) That on 26th August, 1983 and at the said locus libelled in paragraph 1 above, he did, steal the sum of £10 from a handbag at that time placed under the said desk, being an offence of theft.

Child resides with parent/guardian Mr. Gordon Simmons Saunders

as above

I enclose a copy school report and

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Instrument continuing supervision requirement

made on 28th July, 1982, in respect of:-

Colin Sanders,
3 Greag Mubh Terrace,
INVERNESS

(Place and date)

Regional Buildings,
Inverness

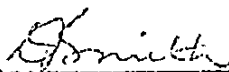
22nd June, 1983

A children's hearing for the Highland Region,

considering that [the foregoing supervision requirement] ~~the supervision requirement to which~~~~decreased with reference hereto~~ is due to expire on 28.7.83

, and being satisfied that it is

proper so to do, hereby continue the said requirement in force.


Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

*Delete where appropriate

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

The following person :-

Surname: SANDERS Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Christian Names: Colin Religion:

Address: 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace
Inverness

Marital State: Single Occupation: Schoolboy

is to appear on Date to be fixed at Inverness Children's Panel

in connection with the ~~review hearing~~ Review Hearing

Prepared by: Mr A H Riddell Designation: Social Worker

~~ORDER OF COURT~~ DECISION OF HEARING

Supervision Continued

SUMMARY OF FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES

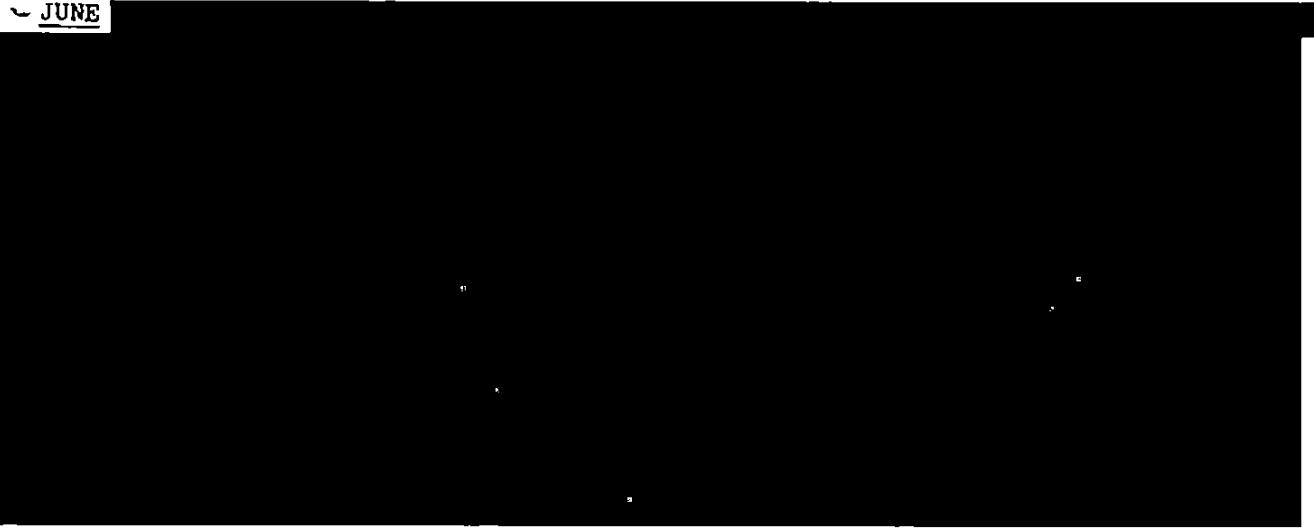
Colin's parents belong to the Glasgow area and were married in their teens. The marriage only lasted 4 years, Colin being about 2 years old when his mother left. For some time after this Mr Sanders looked after Colin on his own with some support from the local Social Work Department. The parents were eventually divorced in 1976. Mr Sanders and Colin moved to Inverness when Colin was approximately 5 years of age. Mr & Mrs Sanders had a reconciliation and the family moved to Creag Dhubh Terrace. After 18 months, Mr Sanders left the household and moved in with a girlfriend. In December 1981 Mrs Sanders suddenly decided to go to Wales and live with her boyfriend (her second marriage had broken down by this time) and asked Gordon Sanders to resume the care of Colin. Mr Sanders' relationship with his girlfriend terminated as she was not prepared to commit herself to Colin. Shortly after this time, Colin was received into care due to his father's alcohol problems. One particular problem with Mr Sanders is that he suffers from alcohol induced epilepsy. Mr Sanders became involved with a Mrs June MacNally, herself a divorcee, who has a daughter and two sons. This new family unit appeared to settle and Colin was eventually discharged from care but continued to be the subject of a Supervision Requirement.

SUMMARY OF ONGOING CONTACT

This Department has been working fairly intensively with this family since Colin was discharged to their care. Gordon Sanders was originally living with June MacNally at her house in Caledonian Road but they decided to move the Creag Dhubh Terrace because it was a better house and a better neighbourhood. June MacNally was a little apprehensive at giving up her own tenancy as a result of housing difficulties she has experienced in the past and they initially made an agreement with the Department of Health & Social Security to keep on the tenancies of both houses for a trial period before the tenancy of Caledonian Road was eventually given up.

GORDON SANDERS is a very immature, dependent man, of a pleasant disposition who tends to be a bit of a dreamer, full of fanciful notions which never quite come off. I have found him to be very plausible during interviews and when he is confronted with certain aspects of his behaviour he goes on at great length in order to try to rationalise or offer explanation for what has happened. There have been many instances of when he has spent a great deal of the family's limited resources on drinking sprees and although he tends to regret his actions after the event, I sometimes wonder if he is really prepared to change. There is no doubt in my mind that he is very fond of Colin and does make an effort to give a great deal of himself to June's children.

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I have tackled this situation in two ways. I have spent a great deal of time with June and Gordon examining the problems that have been emerging in their relationship. We have focused on key issues and I have endeavoured to get them to individually agree upon certain goals in order that change can occur which will satisfy the needs of everyone within the household. This has mainly related to the family's budgetting and agreement between June and Gordon of the various roles which have to be carried out within the home. The couple have been trying hard in this respect and I am certainly beginning to see signs of improvement. There is certainly less tension within the household. Colin has been presenting everyone with some behavioural problems and this is clearly related to the past instability he has experienced throughout his short life. These problems include continual attention seeking, petty stealing and temper tantrums. This situation has worsened recently due to the re-emergence of Gordon Sanders' first wife. She has turned up on a few occasions unexpectedly at the house requesting Colin for weekends etc. This created a great deal of insecurity in Gordon and June's relationship and Colin's loyalties were divided for a time. The family have examined all the issues and have made a decision that contact with Mrs Sanders should stop. Colin has told his mother to stop calling for him.

Colin [REDACTED] have been involved in an Intermediate Treatment programme over the past 8 weeks. The Group was composed of four boys of approximately similar age and it was designed to help individuals through the use of relationship/trust building exercises, role playing and discussion to develop social skills to help them cope with certain situations in their lives. At the time of preparing this report the Group has come to an end and it is my intention to use some of the issues which were raised in the group, during one to one interviews with Colin at the Social Work Department. It has become clear from the way Colin behaved in the Group, that he is a very confused, insecure young boy who has been seriously affected by the various losses he has experienced in his life. He has a very short concentration span, tending to be totally detached from those around him. At times he appeared depressed and clearly had a great deal on his mind. He found it very hard to participate in some activities but when he discovered that they could be fun and "safe", tended to get moody if other group members were not prepared to play that one game for the remainder of that particular session. When he was checked for misbehaving or not paying attention, Colin tended to go overboard in trying to prove his worth by offering to do things to win favour. In particular, when checked for not paying attention he tended to respond in a quietly aggressive manner. I can well imagine that the staff at Colin's school would find difficulty in bringing about change in his attitude if this process is continued repeatedly.

ASSESSMENT

Colin has experienced many losses and disappointments over the years. In many respects, I wonder to what degree Colin may have interpreted past events as being partly related to his own behaviour, considering how low his self-esteem is. He is also very bitter about what has happened and his impatient, attention seeking behaviour is typical of a child who has had a limited say in major decisions throughout his life.

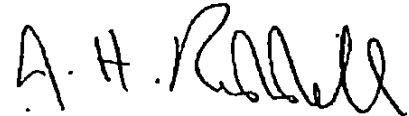
CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION

This family unit is still in its early stages, and although there have been problems emerging from time to time, the situation is becoming much more stable. Situations do arise, however, which require social work intervention. A great deal of work requires to be done in helping Colin come to terms with what has happened and helping him to develop more appropriate responses to those around him. The Intermediate/

/Intermediate

Treatment Group has been invaluable in assessing how Colin interacts with his peers, and it is my hope that further groupwork experience may be arranged for him after a suitable period of individual counselling.

I would therefore respectfully recommend that Colin remains on Supervision for the time being.



A H Riddell
Social Worker

16 June 1983

AHR/HGM

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

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

EDUCATIONAL REPORT (Supplementary)

To be returned to the Reporter by ..20th June, 1983.....

1. Name of Child ...Colin Sanders..... 2. Date of Birth ...11.3.72.....
3. Address ...3. Creag Dhubb Terrace, Inverness.....
4. Present School ...Kinmylies Primary.....
5. Details of School Attendance since Supervision Requirement was made on28th July, 1982.....

			Possible		
(i)	During last session	(	to	)	Attendance
(ii)	During current session	(	August	to June	) 353 14 ..
(iii)	During last four weeks	(	6th May	to 3rd June	) 19 4 ..
6. General Comments on attendance and progress (including any significant change noted since Supervision Requirement was made).

...Colin is a demanding child in the classroom constantly seeking attention....

...He is unable to work in a group. When he has my attention he is capable
of working to a reasonable standard.

...He seems to have become more unsettled lately.

(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Class or Guidance Teacher Donna K. Fraser
Head Teacher M. J. Fairweather
School Kinmylies P. School
Date 2nd June, 1983.

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date)

Regional Buildings,=
Inverness

28th July, 1982

A children's hearing for the Highland Regional Council,

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 2.6.82 to which

Colin Sanders, is subject, hereby require him ~~not to reside in~~

Inverness]*†

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

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 2.6.82 is hereby revoked.

S. Yang
Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

~~Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement~~~~1. The child is required to observe the following conditions:~~~~2. The child is required to observe the following conditions:~~3.
etc.

Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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*Delete as appropriate

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

Supplementary

Social Background Report

The following person :-

Surname: SANDERS Date of Birth: 11.3.72

Christian Names: COLIN Religion:
or Forenames

Address: c/o ROSEDENE CHILDREN'S HOME,

INVERNESS.

Marital State: - Occupation: SCHOOLBOY

is to appear on WEDNESDAY, 28th JULY, 82 INVERNESS CHILDREN'S HEARING ~~xxx~~

in connection with the crime or offence of REVIEW

Prepared by: HELEN GILKISON Designation: SOCIAL WORKER

ORDER OF COURT / DECISION OF HEARING

BASIS OF REPORT

This report should be read in conjunction with the Initial Enquiry Report prepared for the Children's Hearing on 2nd June, 1982. I have had regular contact with Colin and his father since the previous hearing.

DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LAST HEARING

At the last Hearing which was attended by Mr Sanders, Colin and Mrs June McNally, it was felt that the uncertainty of Colin's position was very difficult for him. It was agreed that his behaviour would probably not improve until some definite plans were made for him. Mr Sanders and Mrs McNally made it clear that they were planning to set up home together and that they wanted to look after Colin. It was, therefore, agreed that Colin could go home for weekends during the month of June and then go home for the school holidays.

Colin went home every weekend in June and this seemed to work out well. He also had some contact with his father and Mrs McNally on weekdays. Mr Sanders and Mrs McNally felt that Colin fitted in well with Mrs McNally's children and Colin was always extremely anxious to spend time there at weekends.

On 2nd July, Colin left Rosedene for the summer holidays. Initially, I had some difficulty in seeing Mr Sanders and Colin as he did not keep an appointment with me. However, when I did get in touch with him I explained to him again the importance of keeping appointments and he accepted this and was very co-operative afterwards.

Mr Sanders has been staying at Mrs McNally's house in Caledonian Road, but he still has the tenancy of his house in Creag Dhubh Terrace. They claim that they are planning to live in Creag Dhubh Terrace, but they have to do some alterations to the house first.

Colin seems to be very pleased to be with his dad again and does not seem to mind having to share him with other children. He is very worried about the possibility of having to go back to Rosedene and would be extremely upset if this had to happen.

ASSESSMENT

Colin has had a very difficult time since his mother left him in December, and for him, the worst part of that was the time spent in Rosedene. For the moment Mr Sanders seems to be reasonably settled with Mrs McNally and she seems to be very keen to provide a home for Colin. In the past Mr Sanders has been somewhat rash in his actions and I think that he still has a tendency towards this kind of behaviour but he appears to be able to cope best when he is involved in a settled relationship. I would suggest that Colin return home to his father and that the residential supervision requirement be varied to one of home supervision.



Helen Gilkison
Social Worker

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision Requirement

(Place and date)

Regional Buildings,
INVERNESS.

2nd June, 1982.

A children's hearing for the Highland Regional Council

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

that Colin Sanders, 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, Inverness

is in need of compulsory measures of care require him/~~her~~ [to reside in Rosedene Children's Home,
Inverness Section 44(1)(b)]
[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council] subject to the conditions noted below.~~Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.~~

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 Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

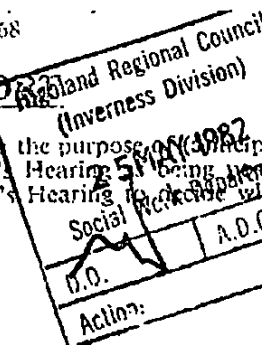
Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.
2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.
- 3.
- etc.

 Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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

*Delete as appropriate

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

Information sought by the Reporter to the Children's Panel for the purpose of deciding the Reporter to decide whether or not a child should be referred to a Children's Hearing. If being referred to a Children's Hearing, the Reporter to decide what measures are appropriate, in terms of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.

To be returned to the Reporter by as soon as possible

(a) PERSONAL DETAILS

Name of Child Colin Sanders Date of Birth 11.3.72

Address h/a 3 Greag Unruh Terrace, Inverness

Class and (if appropriate) Course P.5

School Leaving Date (if appropriate)

(b) RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

		Possible		
		Attendance	Absences	
(i) During last session	(..... to)			
(ii) During current session	(..... to)			
(iii) During last four weeks	(..... to)	 37	 6	

(Please give inclusive dates relating to each entry)

(iv) Do 'days absent' form a pattern? (Yes or No) No

(v) If 'Yes', can you give any possible reason for this?

(vi) Is there any other relevant information, e.g. genuine reasons for absences, which should be stated?

(vii) Is the child a persistent late-comer? (Yes or No) No

(viii) If 'Yes', can you give any possible reason for this?

(c) CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR PATTERN IN SCHOOL

(i) How does the child behave? Colin's behaviour is most distracting. He disturbs everyone near him. He has a very short span of concentration.

(ii) What is the child's reaction to control? Colin takes badly to being reprimanded and always answers his teachers back. This undermines discipline in the class.

(iii) Does child have a close relationship (good or bad) with any other pupil or pupils? No, Colin does not have a close relationship with other pupils. He annoys and aggravates other pupils to the extent that they do not wish to befriend him.

(iv) How does child relate with members of staff generally, and does the child relate particularly well with any individual teacher? He demands constant attention from his teacher and tries to be over familiar with her.

(v) What is the child's temperament and personality? Colin is a very stubborn boy with a violent temper. He is very emotional.

(vi) Has there been any change in the child's pattern of behaviour? Under very strict one-to-one

(d) PARENTS' RELATIONSHIP WITH SCHOOL

(i) What personal contact has there been between school and parents?

(ii) What is the parents' attitude to school?

(iii) Are there any significant circumstances in the home environment which affect the child's school life?

(e) SPECIALIST SERVICES

Has the child been referred to any of the following specialists? (Yes or No)Yes.....

(i) School Doctor; (ii) Social Worker; (iii) Educational Psychologist; (iv) Speech Therapist;
(v) Child Psychiatrist.

If 'Yes' give name of specialist to whom referred, date of referral and reason for referral.

Social Work Dept. - I have not referred Colin to the Educational Psychologist as I understand he is to be with us on a temporary basis. His real need is to be referred to the Child Psychiatrist.

(f) PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

(i) Is it known whether the child is in part-time employment? If so, please state with whom.

(ii) Are the hours of employment known? If so, please give details.

(g) EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

(i) What subjects or activities is the child interested in, including extra curricular activities?

Colin has not long been here but his educational attainments are poor mainly due to his short span of concentration and his unwillingness to "get on with it".

(ii) In what subjects does the child show special ability or aptitude?

(iii) In what subjects does the child show special difficulty?

(iv) How does the child apply himself/herself?

(v) Where applicable, what certificate work is to be undertaken by the child and at what level?

Colin was sent home on a temporary basis so I have held off doing much by way of referring him to the local support agencies until the Panel had decided his future.

Colin is, in my opinion, very emotionally disturbed and there is a real question as to whether or not he should be attending 'normal' school while so emotionally disturbed. His emotional condition seems to be the result of the circumstances in which he finds himself. He is most unhappy at Rosedene and there would appear to be some considerable friction between himself and the other children. I would question the wisdom of having Colin in a home where many children must vie for attention. I feel that, given his emotional condition, he would be better as a single child with a foster parent (temporary) where he would get the loving attention (hopefully!) which he so badly needs and craves. I feel that whether or not the Panel come to a "permanent" decision regarding his future that there is an urgent and pressing need for Colin's present residence to be changed. (I would stress that this infers no criticism of the staff of Rosedene who I know do their very best for children).

There is also a pressing need for Colin to be referred to The Child Psychiatrist once he is in a permanent setting.

Class or Guidance Teacher *R. Macdonald*
Head Teacher
School Holm Primary School
Date 21st May, 1982.

Mr T. Paterson,
D.S.W.O.

Mr I. Smith,
P.S.W. (Fieldwork)

1 Helen G.
2 Filed

IS/PW

5th May, 1982

RE: COLIN SANDERS, ROSEBORNE CHILDREN'S HOME -
ACCIDENT REPORT DATED 20th APRIL, 1982

I refer to your request for further information in respect of the accident to the above boy, which occurred on Monday, 19th April. The notification to the boy's father took place on Tuesday, 20th April, after he had been seen by the Doctor and admitted to Hospital. His father visited him in Hospital, on Thursday, 22nd April, 1982. Notification to the father was by way of a third party, as Mr Sanders has not stayed at any fixed address since his son came into care and the third party concerned, his girlfriend, who was notified by telephone on Tuesday, 20th April, undertook to pass the information to Mr Sanders as soon as possible.

With regard to your enquiry in connection with why medical attention was not sought sooner for Colin, I have passed this matter to Mr Grant, and asked him to respond directly to you, as this was a decision taken by his staff.

P.S.W.
(Fieldwork Services)

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT - INVERNESS DIVISION

REPORT OF ACCIDENT TO A RESIDENT

20/4/82

17/10

17/10

1. Name of Establishment: Rosedale Childrens Home
2. Particulars of injured person:
(a) Name SAUNDERS (b) Age 10 YEARS
(c) Christian Name(s) Colin
(d) Home Address 3 Craig Shulish Terrace
3. Date, time & place of the accident: Monday 19th April 8 PM. The Islands
4. Name of member of staff supervising at the time: E. MacPherson
5. To whom was the accident reported: E. MacPherson
6. Nature of Injuries: a. bump on side of head, and a few scratch
7. How did the accident arise? Attack by another boy while quarrelling
8. Was the accident due to any defect in the premises, lack of supervision etc.?
No.
9. Action taken following the accident:
(a) First Aid ✓
(b) Further Treatment ✓ Took him to his doctor the next day.
(c) Informing parents/relatives etc.
10. Action regarding Medical Treatment:
(a) Name of Doctor - DR [redacted] Academy Street.
(b) Name of Hospital - in-patient/out-patient Raigmore Hosp under observation
11. Names & Addresses of Witnesses: No witnesses except [redacted] who attacked him

Signature & Designation of Reporting Officer: E MacPherson

DATE: 20/4/82

FOR OFFICIAL USE

1. Director of Social Work: [Signature] Date: 21/4/82
2. Further Action Taken: for the report submitted to V.W. Fairbank

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

M. TIDEY

22 APR 1982

Information sought by the Reporter to the Children's Panel for the purpose of (a) helping the Reporter to decide whether or not a child should be referred to a Children's Hearing as being possibly in need of compulsory measures of care and (b) thereafter helping a Children's Hearing to decide what measures are appropriate in terms of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.

To be returned to the Reporter by 26th April, 1982.

(a) PERSONAL DETAILS

Name of Child Colin Sanders Date of Birth 11.3.72

Address 3 Creag Duabh Terrace, Inverness.

Class and (if appropriate) Course

School Leaving Date (if appropriate)

(b) RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

(i) During last session	(<u>20.8.80</u> to <u>3.7.81</u>)	Possible Attendance <u>598</u>	Absences <u>26</u>
(ii) During current session	(<u>19.8.81</u> to <u>20.11.81</u>)	" <u>96</u>	" <u>0</u>
(iii) During last four weeks	(<u>22.1.82</u> to <u>26.3.82</u>)	" ..	" ..
(In Holm School)	(to)	" ..	" ..

(Please give inclusive dates relating to each entry)

(iv) Do 'days absent' form a pattern? (Yes or No) No

(v) If 'Yes', can you give any possible reason for this?

(vi) Is there any other relevant information, e.g. genuine reasons for absences, which should be stated?

(vii) Is the child a persistent late-comer? (Yes or No) No

(viii) If 'Yes', can you give any possible reason for this?

(c) CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR PATTERN IN SCHOOL

(i) How does the child behave? Erratic behaviour - can try hard to please but unable to concentrate for long. Very unsettled recently.

(ii) What is the child's reaction to control? Reacts reasonably well. Begins to show slight resentment recently.

(iii) Does child have a close relationship (good or bad) with any other pupil or pupils? Mixes well with other children.

(iv) How does child relate with members of staff generally, and does the child relate particularly well with any individual teacher? likes attention - friendly towards teachers.

(v) What is the child's temperament and personality? humble boy - behaviour tends to alter according to home circumstances.

(vi) Has there been any change in the child's pattern of behaviour? More unsettled of late.

- (i) What personal contact has there been between school and parents? When Colin was with his mother, she kept in touch with school. When his father took over responsibility, he came to school and appeared anxious to co-operate.
- (ii) What is the parents' attitude to school? Both have given the appearance of being anxious about Colin's progress at school.

(iii) Are there any significant circumstances in the home environment which affect the child's school life? Home circumstances have very much affected his school life.

(e) SPECIALIST SERVICES

Has the child been referred to any of the following specialists? (Yes or No) ... No

- (i) School Doctor; (ii) Social Worker; (iii) Educational Psychologist; (iv) Speech Therapist; (v) Child Psychiatrist.

If 'Yes' give name of specialist to whom referred, date of referral and reason for referral.

(f) PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

(i) Is it known whether the child is in part-time employment? If so, please state with whom. Not in part-time employment.

(ii) Are the hours of employment known? If so, please give details.

(g) EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

(i) What subjects or activities is the child interested in, including extra curricular activities? No

Special interests noted:

(ii) In what subjects does the child show special ability or aptitude?

(iii) In what subjects does the child show special difficulty? Below average generally

(iv) How does the child apply himself/herself? Unable to concentrate for long.

(v) Where applicable, what certificate work is to be undertaken by the child and at what level?

Class or Guidance Teacher
Head Teacher *M. J. Fairweather*
School *Shinglin School*
Date *21/4/82*

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

The following person

Surname: SANDERS Date of Birth: 11.3.72
Christian Names or Forenames: COLIN Religion:

Address: 3 LRLAG DHUBH TERRACE
INVERNESS

Mental State: Occupation: SCHOOLBOY

is to appear on at Court

in connection with the crime or offence of

Prepared by: HELEN GILKISON Designation: SOCIAL WORKER

ORDER OF COURT / DECISION OF HEARING

BASIS OF REPORT:

This Report was compiled following fairly frequent contact with Mr. Sanders and Colin since December 1981. I have also been in contact with Derek Seeley, Social Worker who dealt with Colin and his Dad when they lived in Canbuslang.

FAMILY STRUCTURE:

Father:	Gordon Sanders	(30)	Unemployed
Mother:	Anne Ross	(32)	Living in Wales
<u>Subject:</u>	<u>Colin Sanders</u>	<u>(10)</u>	<u>Rosedene Children's Home</u>

HOME CIRCUMSTANCES:

✓ The family home is a three bedroomed house rented from the S.S.H.A. It is situated in the Kinmylies area of Inverness. The house is very poorly furnished as Mrs Ross apparently sold the furniture when she went off to Wales in December. This has meant that Mr. Sanders has had to start furnishing the house from the beginning and he has found this extremely difficult as the Department of Health & Social Security can only supply the bare necessities.

PERSONAL HISTORY:

✓ Colin was born in Canbuslang, which is just outside Glasgow. His parents, Gordon Sanders & Anne Jamieson were born and brought up in that area and got married when Gordon was seventeen and Anne was nineteen. Colin was born about 2 years after the marriage and he is an only child. However, this marriage did not work out and when Colin was two years old, his Mum left. Mr. Sanders is not able to identify any specific reasons for the break up of the marriage but certainly feels that he was far too young to get married.

✓ For the next few years Mr. Sanders stayed in Canbuslang and looked after Colin by himself. He was helped by staff at Cathkin House in Canbuslang, who provided day care for Colin. The Social Worker who was involved at the time, Derek Seeley, said that Mr. Sanders found things fairly difficult but managed to hold things together reasonably well. He described Mr. Sanders as a rather immature person who was usually very caught up in his own problems. He felt that he always provided well for Colin but always needed a fair amount of help with his own feelings. Mr. & Mrs Sanders got divorced in 1976 and Mr. Sanders got custody of Colin.

✓ Apparently Colin's mum did not maintain contact with him when she left.

Mr. Sanders and Colin then moved to Inverness when Colin was five. It was about this time that his parents got together again and they lived together as a family in Creag Dhubh Terrace. However, this reconciliation only lasted for about eighteen months and ended with Mr. Sanders handing over the house and the care of Colin to his ex-wife. Mr. Sanders then moved in with his new girlfriend, Jenny Stewart, who was in the process of being divorced from her husband. Mr/

Mr. Sanders has now been involved with Jenny for about three years. Meanwhile, Colin was looked after by his mum who got married to a Mr. Ross. During this time Colin saw his dad and Jenny at weekends.

This arrangement continued until December 1981 when Colin's mum decided, out of the blue, that she was going to Wales with a boyfriend (her second marriage had broken down by this time). She wanted Mr. Sanders to resume care of Colin but his girlfriend, Jenny Stewart, did not feel that she could commit herself to looking after Colin.

It was at this point that Mr. Sanders approached the Department for help as he was very confused about what to do. In the end, he got the tenancy of the house in Creag Dhubbh Terrace and took over the care of Colin. However, he seems to have found this very difficult for various reasons.

1. He was still had strong feeling for Jenny but this relationship was not working out.
2. He was drinking heavily and his GP. has said that he suffers from alcohol induced epilepsy.
3. He seems to find it difficult to manage finances by himself and is often tempted to live beyond his means.

Mr. Sanders was reluctant to admit these problems to me until he was forced to face up to them, when Colin was received into Care. His situation is still very unsettled in that he is now also involved with a Mrs June McNally, while claiming at the same time that he and Jenny are hoping to get back together again.

Colin has been very unsettled since being received into Care and really needs stability at the moment. Until the time of writing this Report Mr. Sanders has only visited Colin on two occasions and Colin obviously finds this very difficult to understand. He is now attending Holm Primary School and appears to be doing reasonably well there. Residential staff feel that his behaviour has deteriorated since being received into Care.

HEALTH:

Colin has always been in good Health.

CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING & ATTITUDE TOWARDS GROUNDS OF REFERRAL:

Mr. Sanders accepts that the incident took place but is understandably vague about the details because of the nature of the incident. He claims that he was over indulging in drink because he felt that he was under a great deal of pressure. He has been feeling extremely guilty and ashamed.

ASSESSMENT:

It is apparent that in his short life Colin has already experienced several major upheavals and at the moment he is feeling very lost and rejected. I feel it is vital that long-term plans are made for Colin as soon as possible. His father, Mr. Sanders, is a very good man and I feel that he should be encouraged to take part in Colin's life as much as possible. I feel that he should be encouraged to take part in Colin's life as much as possible.

Also it would be necessary for Mr. Sanders to start visiting Colin regularly. Mr. Sanders has accepted that he would not be able to look after Colin by himself, as he feels that he is likely to run into the same kinds of difficulties which he experienced over the last few months. It is difficult to say at the moment whether Mr. Sanders will be able to sort himself out sufficiently to resume the care of Colin. At the moment, we are trying to work out what realistic possibilities there are for Colin, but whatever does happen I think it will be necessary for Colin to be made the subject of a Supervision Order.

Helen Gilkison
Helen Gilkison
Social Worker

29th April, 1982

MEMORANDUM

03/0018424. H. Gilkison

To MR. P. FERGUSSON,
DEPUTE REGIONAL REPORTER,
H.R.O. H.Q.

From MRS. H. GILKISON, S.W.,
13 ARDROSS STREET, INVERNESS.

Your ref.

Our ref. HC/LT

Date 31.3.82

Please ask for

RE: COLIN SANDERS (11.3.72). 3 CREAG DUBH TERRACE, INVERNESS.

Highland Regional Council
(Inverness Division)

- 7 APR 1982

Social Work Department

The above child was received into care on 28th March, 1982 under Section 15. The problem began on 27th March, 1982 when Colin contacted the next door neighbour to say that he was worried about his dad. The neighbours, [redacted] of [redacted] investigated and found the father, Gordon Sanders to be drunk, unconscious and unable to care for Colin. The neighbours, who are friendly with [redacted], phoned him and arrangements were made for Colin to stay with neighbours for the night. The following day arrangements were made for Colin to be received into care under Section 15, by Standby Social Worker.

When Mr. Sanders was interviewed he accepted how bad his condition had been the previous evening and although he was not keen for Colin to be received into care, he accepted this in the end and agreed to Section 15. It was fully explained to Mr. Sanders that I would be referring the case to the Reporter.

Colin has been in Rosedene since Sunday and it is difficult to say how long he is going to have to remain in care.

Helen Gilkison
MRS. H. GILKISON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Mrs Rennie

JR/VJM

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2 October 1987

Mr and Mrs T Brown

INVERNESS

Dear Elizabeth and Tom

I am writing you to thank you for all the care and help you gave Colin during his stay with you. It is a pity that the placement had to end so soon as I am sure there was a lot you could have offered Colin over the next few months to prepare him for leaving school. However, this was not to be but certainly the efforts of you and your family to support and guide Colin will no doubt have an effect on him even if it is sometime in the future.

I know there has been a lot of hard work put in by yourselves and the family and I know this has left you all rather drained. I do hope you are slowly recovering and that all is well with you. I look forward to hearing some news of the arrival of your latest grandchild.

I have enjoyed working with you and hope there will be an opportunity to do so again in the near future.

Yours sincerely

J Rennie
Social Worker

Notification of a decision of a children's hearing

To _____

Mr. Colin Sanders,
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS

The Decision

On Monday 14th September, 1987 a children's hearing for Highland Region

at Children's Hearing Centre, INVERNESS decided to: Vary the supervision requirement made on 8th June, 1987 in respect of your son Colin.

a copy of any warrant or supervision requirement is enclosed.

The Reasons

The hearing stated the following reasons for reaching their decision:

Colin's placement with the Brown's has broken down. No other placements in foster care are available to meet his needs. Dalneigh Children's Centre proved unsuitable during his stay, requiring his removal to short term foster care.

Given Colin's age and the lack of alternatives it was decided that Colin should return home in the hope that he displays a more mature attitude.

Your Rights

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL AGAINST THIS DECISION

Any appeal must be made within **THREE WEEKS** of the day the decision was made. It must be lodged with the Sheriff Clerk at the Sheriff Court nearest to the place where the hearing was held. You are advised to consult a solicitor. You may be entitled to legal aid. You will be notified of when the appeal will be heard.

An appeal against a warrant will be heard within **THREE DAYS** of it being lodged.

PLEASE READ ANY LEAFLET WITH THIS LETTER CAREFULLY. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND SOMETHING PLEASE CONTACT THE REPORTER AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Children's Hearing Centre,
1 Waterloo Place,
INVERNESS

Tel:- 243377

Date 15th September, 1987

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

INVERNESS

14th September, 1987

A children's hearing for the Highland Region

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 8.6.87 to which

Colin Sanders,
3 Creag Dubh Terrace,
INVERNESS

[to be under the supervision of the Highland Region

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 8.6.87 is hereby revoked.

R. K. Gierke
Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

~~XXXXXThe child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.~~

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etc.

**Chairman of
the Children's Hearing**

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**Delete as appropriate*

Jessie

Martin Tidey
Area Team Leader
West Rural

Robert Gibson
Area Team Leader
East Central
RDG/VJM

10 September 1987

RE: COLIN SANDERS (dob 15.03.72) 3 CREAG DUEH ROAD, INVERNESS

The above named boy is subject of Section 44(1)(a) with condition of residence with Mr and Mrs Brown, [REDACTED] Inverness.

This placement is coming to an end and the likelihood is that Colin will return to his father. There is a Children's Hearing Review taking place on Monday 14 September 1987 at 3.15 pm and it would be helpful if a Social Worker from your team could attend the Review with a view to assuming responsibility for this case in your area.

R D Gibson

Mrs. Rennie

JR/LMM

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1st September, 1987

Mr. G. Sanders,
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear Gordon,

It was disappointing you were unable to attend Colin's Review meeting last week. The Review was continued to enable us to involve you in discussions for future plans for Colin.

The next meeting will take place on Friday 4th September at 3.00p.m. at No. 5 Ardross Street, Inverness.

I must stress the importance of your attendance and do hope you will be able to be there.

Yours sincerely,

J. Rennie
Social Worker

Mr. Gibson

RDG/LMM

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21st August, 1987

Mr. G. Sanders,
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
Kinmylies,
INVERNESS.

Dear Gordon,

We are required to review Colin's situation since he moved to the Brown's nearly 2 months ago.

I have, therefore, arranged an internal Review to be held at No. 5 Andross Street, Inverness on 27th August, 1987 at 4.15p.m. I would hope that you would be able to attend and look forward to meeting you again at that time.

Yours sincerely,

Robert D. Gibson
Area Team Leader

Mr. Gibson

RDG/LMM

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21st August, 1987

Mrs. Phillips,
3 Blackwell Street,
DINGWALL.

Dear Mrs. Phillips,

You will be aware that Colin has now been with Mr. & Mrs. Brown for nearly 2 months and this Department is required to review his situation.

I have called an internal Review for 27th August, 1987 at 4.15p.m. in the office at No. 5, Ardross Street, Inverness.

I would hope that you would be able to come along to this meeting and look forward to seeing you again if you can manage.

Yours sincerely,

Robert D. Gibson
Area Team Leader

Mrs. Rennie

JR/IMM

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21st July, 1987

Mr. & Mrs. Park,

ISLE OF SKYE.

Dear Christine & Roy,

I have now returned from my wanderings and am catching up with the back-log of work.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you both most sincerely for all the care and help you gave Colin during his stay with you. I realise at times things were very difficult, but your handling of these difficult situations helped Colin through a very difficult time. He is now fairly well settled with Mr. & Mrs. Brown, but of course has his off days! He told me he was to be writing to you and I trust he has managed to do this. At least if he hasn't, you know that he still thinks about you.

Trust you had a lovely holiday and that you are all enjoying good health. I look forward to working with you again sometime in the future, but meanwhile would like to once again thank you for all the hard work you put in during Colin's stay with you.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

J. Rennie
Social Worker

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date)

INVERNESS

8th June, 1987

A children's hearing for the Highland Region,

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 5.11.86 to which

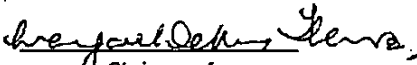
Colin Sanders, is subject, hereby require him/her* [to reside in—
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
Inverness

]†

[to be under the supervision of Highland Region,

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subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 5.11.86 is hereby revoked.

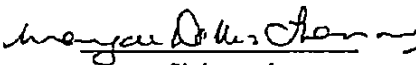

Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

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

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

3. The child shall reside c/o Brown, [REDACTED] Inverness
etc.


Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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

*Delete as appropriate

DEPARTMENT OF REPORTER TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Members of Hearing. Mrs Thomson (Chairman). Mr Crawford (Member). Mrs Osler (Member)

At INVERNESS on 8/6/87

A Children's Hearing considered the case of Colin Sanders

Purpose of Hearing Review LA

The child/~~mother~~/father Mr + Mrs Brown - foster parents) guardian(s) attended the Hearing

The child/~~mother~~/father/guardian(s) was represented by

Also present Mr Gibson SWD

☒ unds of Referral, conform to Form(s) 4A annexed hereto dated were
accepted by child/mother/father/guardian(s)
☐ not accepted by child/mother/father/guardian(s)
☐ not understood by child after explanation/through inability

REPORT OF DECISION

vary supervision
reside w Brown, [REDACTED] Inverness

REASONS FOR DECISION

The goal was to look for a long-term placement
for Colin, and Mr + Mrs Brown seem to be an ideal
couple for him to stay with.

Maureen Dales Thomson
Chairman of Children's Hearing

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R. Gibson	

Mrs. Rennie

JR/LMM

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26th May, 1987

Mr. Gordon Sanders,
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear Gordon,

I was most disappointed you were unable to keep your appointment with me to allow me the opportunity to discuss future plans for Colin with you. As you know, we have identified a long term family for Colin and introductions have been taking place. These introductions have proved successful and Colin is to be spending the next week with Mr. & Mrs. Brown, [REDACTED] Inverness. Mr. & Mrs. Brown are a couple who have a grown up family and have, therefore, had some experience in bringing up teenagers.

As I told you on the phone, I have arranged for a Children's Hearing Review to discuss the possibility of Colin moving to stay with this couple. Unfortunately, I am off on holiday for about three weeks and will be unable to attend the Panel. However, my Area Team Leader, Mr. Gibson will attend in my place.

With regards the next access meeting, this will be Saturday 13th June and Colin would like to discuss where he will meet you when you meet with him on the day of the Hearing.

I trust you are feeling better and look forward to seeing you on my return from holiday.

Yours sincerely,

J. Rennie
Social Worker

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Please ask for

Our ref PSF/MK

Extension No

Your ref

Date 20th May 1987

Robert Gibson, Esq.,
Aroa Team Leader,
Highland Regional Council,
13 Ardross Street,
INVERNESS.

Dear Mr. Gibson,

RE: COLIN SANDERS

I write to confirm my telephone conversation with Mrs. Rennie that a Hearing has been arranged for Monday 8th June, 1987 at 4.00 p.m. relating to the above named boy.

I look forward to receiving ~~her~~ report in due course

Yours sincerely,



P. S. Ferguson,
Depute Reporter.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
INVERNESS LOCAL AUTHORITY

20 MAY 1987

Mrs. J. Rennie

JR/DMcK

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27th March, 1987.

Mr. Gordon Sanders,
3 Greag Dhubb Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear Gordon,

I was very sorry indeed to hear about the sudden death of June's father and will be writing to June personally. However, perhaps you will be good enough to pass on my condolences to her at the moment.

As you know, Colin is going into hospital on Sunday, 29th March, to have his adenoids removed, etc. You will be required to sign the necessary papers for the operation and the anesthetic and will, therefore, require to be at the hospital at 2.00 p.m. on Sunday in order to meet with the doctor and deal with this matter. I am sure you will appreciate the urgency of this and will attend as requested.

I will be in touch with you in the near future to discuss Colin's next visit to Inverness.

Yours sincerely,

J. Rennie,
Social Worker.

HAND DELIVERED 27/3/87

MEMORANDUM

To Area Team Leaders - WEST

From Helen Rhind, Senior Admin Assistant
Social Work Dept HQ Finance Section

F.A.O. MRS J. REWNIE

Your Ref.

Our Ref. HR/FM

Date 13/3
17/2/87

Please Ask For Mrs Rhind, Ext 486

FINANCIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR PARENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

I should be pleased to receive a completed financial assessment form for children whose names appear on the attached list for whom your Team have responsibility.

These assessments are required for audit purposes and I am required to produce these at six monthly intervals.

Helen Rhind

Colin Sanders - admitted 9.11.86 (Mr & Mrs Park)

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Mrs. Rennie

JR/LMM

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26th February, 1987

Mr. Gordon Sanders,
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear Gordon,

You will no doubt be delighted to know that Colin's visit to the Chest Clinic has proved that he does not indeed have asthma and he has no chest complaint whatsoever. I understand he is to be admitted to Raigmore Hospital at the end of March to have his adenoids removed, his ears drained and his sinuses washed out. You will, of course, be required to sign the necessary paper work for this, but this can be arranged nearer the time. Colin is due to visit Inverness again a week on Friday, i.e. March 6th. The arrangements will be as usual. He will stay with his mother and visit Inverness on the Saturday. I will arrange with Dalneigh Children's Centre that you can meet Colin there at 12 o'clock on Saturday, 7th March.

Hope you are all well and if you wish to discuss anything further regarding Colin's health or his visit to Inverness, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

J. Rennie
Social Worker

INVERNESS

30/1/87

Dear Marion,

Colin is now due another visit to Inverness and I am surprised you have not been in touch regarding arrangements.

He will be travelling on Friday afternoon (today) and staying with his mother in Dingwall. I have arranged that he will be at Dalneigh Children's Centre on Saturday (tomorrow) at 12 noon when he can spend some time with you. He will be returning to Dingwall later that afternoon and will travel to Skye again Sunday morning.

Colin is doing well in his placement but is disappointed that you have not written to him as promised. He has recently had attacks of asthma. These have been mild but the doctor is going to have tests carried out.

Perhaps you would be good enough to call at the office next Wednesday morning 4th 8.30. at 11 a.m. to discuss a few matters.

Yours sincerely
Rennie

To Mrs. J. Rennie,
Social Worker,
13 Ardross Street, Inverness
Your Ref.

From Mrs. P. Walsh,
Area Team Leader
Portree
Our Ref. PW/MMP

Date 19th January 1987

Please Ask For Mrs. Walsh

I am just writing to acknowledge receipt of, and thank you for the information regarding Colin Saunders.

P.W.

Department of Social Work
Director
J. Dick, B.A., D.M.S.

Highland Regional Council
13 Ardross Street
Inverness IV3 5NX

Telephone (0463) 234121

Please ask for

Our ref.

Extension No.

Your ref.

Date 23/12/86

MR. G. SANDERS,
3 CREAG DHUBH TERRACE,
KIMMYLIES,
INVERNESS.

Dear Gordon.

Just a note to let you know
Colin will be coming to Inverness
on Monday, 29th December and will
be staying in Dingwall that
night. He will be in Inverness
on Tuesday 30th and I have
arranged with Daheigh for Colin
to meet you there about mid-day.
He will then be able to spend
2 hours with you before seeing
some friends. He will be returning
to Dingwall to stay overnight Tuesday
and leaves for Portree on Wednesday
just before 10 a.m.

Do hope all sit g. well and
you have a happy h. Kind regards.
J. Dick

Mrs. Rennie

JR/LMM

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27th November, 1986

Mr. Gordon Sanders,
3 Creag-Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear Gordon,

I would like to discuss plans for Colin's first visit back to Inverness since going to Skye. Can you please call at the office on Tuesday, 2nd December, at 11.30a.m. to discuss these plans with me. I am going to visit Colin this week and will have some up-to-date news for you then.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,

J. Rennie
Social Worker

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21/11/86

Dear Jemie,

Here with farms. We are

looking forward to seeing you

next week.

Colin is much more settled

He's had few days. He and Robin

are out collecting for the

Children in Need tonight.

I'm off to read the papers before

they both return demanding huge sums

See you soon,
Christina

To Jessie Rennie, Social Worker,
13 Ardross Street, Inverness

From Patrick Morgan, Social Worker (Children's
Resources)
FORT WILLIAM

Your ref.

Our ref. PM/vj

Date 20 November 1986

Please ask for

Re: Placement with Mr and Mrs Park, Dunvegan of Colin Saunders

I have been able to see the Parks three times since Colin was placed with them. So far Colin has settled in nicely and has begun making friends already. The Parks are pleased with the steady progress being made. There are one or two problems which I'm sure you will be able to sort out -

1. Send a copy of contract Form F2 to the Parks as soon as possible.
2. Try to purchase some basic clothing for Colin. The Parks will give you a list.
3. Give some information to Pat Walsh in Portree office to help her to be able to act appropriately in the event of breakdown.

There will need to be a review quite soon. You can get in touch with me to arrange a time whenever you can.

Pat Morgan

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT INVERNESS LOCAL SUPPORT UNIT	
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PLACEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK
DEPARTMENT AND Mr. & Mrs. Park RELATING TO PLACEMENT OF

Colin Saunders - 11 3.72. (D.O.S.)

1. Date of Commencement of Placement 9th November, 1986
2. Child's Social Worker -
Name: Jessie Rennie Telephone No. 0463 234121 Ext. 778
3. Social Worker (Children's Resources) -
Name: Patrick Morgan Telephone No. 0397 3397
4. Background Information on Child
Please see attached report.
5. Estimated Length of Placement 3/4 months
6. Next Review Date Mid December
7. Finance
 - (i) Boarding Out Rate £33.18
 - (ii) Regular Enhancements
 - (iii) Initial Clothing £100
 - (iv) Community Carer Fee

Should you wish to claim further sums related to special expenditure for benefit of the child, please discuss the activity and the expenditure with both the child's Social Worker and the appropriate Social Worker (Children's Resources).

8. Education

School: Portree High School

Begin Attendance on: 11th November, 1986

Special Arrangements: School bus pass

Should you wish to change these arrangements for education, you must discuss your proposed changes with J. Rennie Social Worker and obtain the agreement of the Department before making new arrangements. If the Department wishes to make changes, they will be fully discussed with you before any decision to change is made.

9. Medicals

Child's Previous Doctor: Dr. Escott, Inverness

- (a) _____ should be registered with your family medical practice and should receive at least 6 monthly development 'check ups'. Not applicable in view of short stay. Family Doctor in Skye prepared to treat Colin as visitor.
- (b) Colin should receive 6 monthly dental 'check ups' at either your family dentist or through the school dental service.
- (c) Important medical points specific to Colin
 - (a) Nothing specific apart from the fact he is currently involved in orthodontal treatment.
 - (b)
 - (c)

(Please note all visits to the Doctor accidents or illnesses suffered by Colin and inform J. Rennie Social Worker).

10. Parental/Family Contact

Details: Monthly visit to Inverness, Friday to Sunday, to enable Colin to maintain contact with both his parents. Telephone contact and correspondence to be encouraged.

11. Agreed Task of Foster Parents with Colin

- (i) Provide all physical and emotional needs
- (ii) Assist in preparing Colin for moving on once long term home is identified.
- (iii)
- (iv)

Mrs. Rennie

JR/LMM

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24th October, 1986

Mr. G. Sanders,
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear Gordon,

Could you please call at the office on Monday 27th October at 2.30p.m. as I wish to discuss Colin's situation with you.

Look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely,

J. Rennie
Social Worker

Mrs. Rennie

JR/LMM

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17th October, 1986

Mr. G. Sanders,
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear Mr. Sanders,

I am pleased to tell you that Colin has been successful in gaining a certificate for completing the Adventure Course held in Scarba in June.

It is planned to present the certificates on Tuesday, 21st October at 6.30p.m. at Dalneigh Children's Centre, Linetree Avenue.

Look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely,

J. Rennie
Social Worker

Mrs. Rennie

JR/LMM

778

22nd September, 1986

Mr. Gordon Saunders,
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear Gordon,

I am writing this to confirm that there will be a Review to discuss future plans for Colin at our office on Wednesday, 24th September at 11.30a.m. I appreciate the short notice of this Review, but as already stated it is important we clear several issues prior to the Children's Hearing Review due to be held on Monday, 29th September.

I do hope you can make the meeting on Wednesday.

Yours sincerely,

J. Rennie
Social Worker

Mrs. Rennie

JR/LMM

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19th September, 1986

Mr. G. Saunders,
3 Craigdubh Terrace,
Kirmylies,
INVERNESS.

Dear Mr. Saunders,

You may recall that I asked you to keep contact with me about the expected move of Colin. Events have now overtaken us and he is being moved today (Friday 19th September, 1986).

I would like you to call at this office to discuss this move with me on Monday, 22nd September, 1986 in the forenoon, but if this is unsuitable please ring and we can arrange a more suitable meeting.

Yours sincerely,

J. Rennie
Social Worker

I enclose the receipt for
Colin's stuff. I manage to get bag,
wellies and slippers. He has been
loaned a tie by the school. He
only has one shirt and I couldn't
get one anywhere in Portree. The
school requires pale blue and
the one he has is 34" d. 13 1/2" neck. The
seems tight to me but he says
OK. If you could get me even

Dear Jennie,

11/11/86

Dunrobin.



e more it would be a great help.

Colin seems fine in himself. He
got on very well at school to-day.

His Mum phoned tonight and his girlfriend. ~~reportedly~~ He is bounding with energy. After, he lit the fire we discovered he used to-day's paper!!

He is keen to know which weekend
he is going back to Inverness.

Well I must close now and
get sorted out for bed.

All the best,

Christine Park

Roinn na
Gaidhealtachd Highland

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Regional Reporter
Barbara Humphries, LL.B. (Hons.)

Highland Regional Council
Children's Hearing Centre
1 Waterloo Place
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Please ask for

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Extension No.

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Date 24.10.86

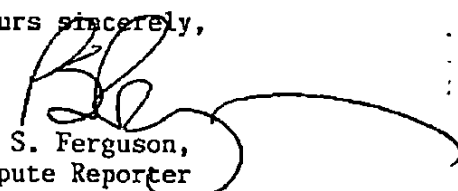
Robert Gibson, Esq.,
Area Team Leader (West Team),
Social Work Department,
13 Ardross Street,
INVERNESS

Dear Mr. Gibson,

Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72, c/o Dalneigh Children's Centre,
Inverness -Social Worker - Jessie Rennie

I write to confirm Mrs. Rennie's telephone call today requesting a review hearing relating to the above named boy. I have set this hearing for Wednesday, 5th November, 1986 commencing at 6.30 p.m. I look forward to receiving Mrs. Rennie's report in due course.

Yours sincerely,


P. S. Ferguson,
Depute Reporter

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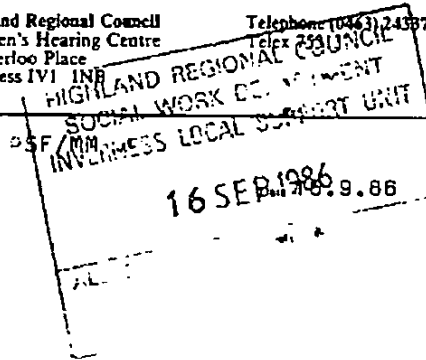
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Mr. Robert Gibson,
Area Team Leader,
Highland Regional Council,
Social Work Department,
13 Ardross Street,
INVERNESS

Dear Mr. Gibson,

Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72, 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, Inverness
Social Worker - Mrs. Rennie

I refer to my recent telephone conversation with Mrs. Rennie.
I now write to confirm that the hearing relating to the above
named boy will ~~not~~ take place on 29th September, 1986 at
3.15 p.m.

I look forward to receiving a report in due course.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. Ferguson,
Depute Reporter

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Telex 75313

Please ask for Mr. Ferguson

Our ref.

PSF/116

Extension No.

Your ref.

Mrs. Rennie

Date 9.9.86

Mr. Robert Gibson,
Area Team Leader,
Highland Regional Council,
13 Ardross Street,
INVERNESS.

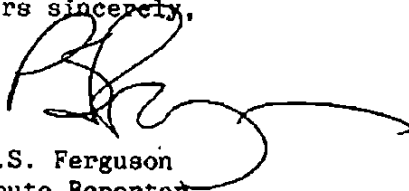
Dear Mr. Gibson,

Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72.
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, Inverness.

I write to confirm that I have arranged a Hearing to review the supervision requirement relating to the above named boy.

This Hearing will take place on Monday, ^{29th} 22nd September, 1986 at 3.15 p.m. and I would be grateful if you could notify the Social Worker concerned and let me have a report in time for this Hearing.

Yours sincerely,


P.S. Ferguson
Depute Reporter

Mrs. Rennie

JR/LMM

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4th September, 1986

Mr. Gordon Sanders,
3 Craig Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear Gordon,

I was disappointed you did not keep your appointment with me this morning. I know you are anxious to talk things over regarding Colin and I suggest you call at the office on Tuesday 9th September at 11.30a.m. to allow us to do this.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely,

J. Rennie
Social Worker

Mrs J Rennie

JR/LS

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11 June 1986

Mr G Saunders
3 Creag Dubh Terrace
INVERNESS

Dear Gordon

I am writing to let you know that Colin is taking part in an adventure course on the West Coast from the 11th - 17th June 1986. Unfortunately this means he will not be available for your usual Saturday visit on 14th June.

It is now some time since I spoke to you and I would like to discuss future plans for Colin. Could you please call at the office on Wednesday, 18th June at 2pm. If this does not suit you please telephone me to make another arrangement.

Yours sincerely

J Rennie
Social Worker

Child's name Colin Sanders
Date of birth 11/3/72
Claimant's name Mr Gordon Sanders

Child's last known priv address 3 Craig Shugh Terrace
Kenny's Tavern
Your reference

(Tick YES or NO boxes as required)

1. On what date was the child placed in the care of your Authority?
2. State the Act and Section thereof under which the child was received into the care of your Authority.

19 17/10/85 - 28/10/85
24/11/85 -
44(1)(a)

3. If the child is in residential accommodation provided under paragraph 2 of Schedule 8 to the National Health Service Act 1977/Section 27(1) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947, is she/he also in care under any other provision?

YES ☐ NO ☒

If YES -

please give details of the Act and Section thereof.

4. State any periods the child has spent with the claimant since the date at 1. above which consists of at least one complete week. (NB a "week" means 7 nights in a row).

Date child went to live with claimant SINCE 24/11/85 - Date child returned to Local Authority accommodation None
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(If the child has been discharged, please give date.)

5. If the child is still in the care of your Authority, is it expected that she/he will ordinarily live with the claimant for at least one complete day (ie 2 consecutive nights) each week?

YES ☐ NO ☒

If YES -

(a) On what date did/will this arrangement commence?

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(b) Is it intended that this arrangement will continue until the child is discharged from care?

YES ☐ NO ☒

6. Is the child boarded-out in the home of the above-named claimant in accordance with the provisions of the Boarding-Out of Children Regulation 1955 or the Boarding-Out of Children (Scotland) Regulation 1959?

YES ☒ NO ☐

If YES -

on what date was the child boarded-out?

26/11/1985

Signature [Signature] Tel No P.463-23412
Date 30/11/86 19... Ext 782
Page 3

Mrs. Rennie

JR/IMM

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27th March, 1986

Mr. Gordon Saunders,
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear Gordon,

I am writing to confirm holiday arrangements for Colin over the Easter period. It has now been agreed that Colin will go to his mother on Monday, 31st March and remain there until Sunday, 6th April. The reason for the shorter period he is to spend with his mother is because of Colin's recent misbehaviour. You will, therefore, be able to see him on Saturday, 29th of March as usual. He will obviously not be at home for the following Saturday, but I would suggest that you could perhaps see him on Monday the 7th instead and then the following Saturday which is the 12th.

I do hope these arrangements go smoothly and that you all have a happy time over the Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely,

J. Rennie
Social Worker

Mrs. Rennie

JR/LMM

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26th February, 1986

Mr. & Mrs. G. Saunders,
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear Gordon & June,

I would like to meet with you as soon as possible in order to discuss both Colin and Stephen.

Can you please call at the office with Stephen on Friday, 28th February at 4.00p.m. If this time does not suit you, perhaps you would be kind enough to telephone the office to arrange another appointment. I would point out, however, it is rather important I see you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

J. Rennie
Social Worker

Mrs. Rennie

JR/LMM

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7th January, 1986

Mr. & Mrs. G. Sanders,
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear Gordon & June,

I hope you and the family had a happy time at Christmas.

As you are aware, Jane Fraser will be taking over Colin's supervision and I would like to call with her some time soon. We plan to visit you on 15th January at 3.00p.m. If this is not convenient, please contact me to arrange an alternative time.

) Yours sincerely,

J. Rennie
Social Worker

Copy 400 J Rennie

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MEMORANDUM

To Helen Rhind

From Helen Adam

Your Ref.

Our Ref. HA/LJ

Date 19.12.85

Please Ask For Extension 798

About Colin Saunders, 13 years, c/o Mrs Geddes [REDACTED] Inverness

The above boy will be spending the Christmas holidays from Thursday 19 December to Saturday 4 January with Mrs Stewart, [REDACTED] Inverness. I should be obliged if a special cheque could be sent immediately to Mrs Stewart for this period. This should not affect the allowance paid to Mrs Geddes and it should not include the £15 Christmas allowance.



Highland

Reporter to the Children's Panel
Regional Reporter
Barbara Humphries, LL.B. (Hons.)

Highland Regional Council, Telephone — Office 0463 234121
Regional Buildings, Home 0463 231853
Glenurquhart Road, Telex No 75313
Inverness IV3 5NX

Please ask for

Our ref PSF/MM

Extension No

Your ref

Date 27.11.85

F. Richards, Esq.,
Area Team Leader,
Social Work Department,
13 Ardross Street,
INVERNESS

Dear Mr. Richards,

Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72, 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, Inverness
Social Worker - Jessie Rennie

I have arranged a Children's Hearing to consider the
case(s) of the above child(ren) to sit on 9.12.85 at 4.15pm

Kindly inform the social worker of this arrangement
I look forward to receiving a report in due course.

Yours sincerely,



Reporter

To Jessie Rennie
Social Worker

Your Ref.	Our Ref.	HR/JM	Date	31 October 1985
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I have received the Change and Circumstance Form for Colin Sanders who was admitted to care on 28 October 1985. Can I please have a financial assessment?

Hen Rhind

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S.S.
MAY

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COUNCIL
 AGENT
 OF UNIT

MEMORANDUM

To Jessie Rennie

From Ailsa Mearns

Your Ref.

Our Ref. AM/JM

Date 21 October 1985

Please Ask For Mrs Mearns, Ext 797

Re: Colin Sanders, c/o Mrs Geddes, [REDACTED] Inverness

Following discussion with Mrs Geddes and Nick Boyle, we have agreed in this case to purchase of 1 pair of trainers, 1 pair of Jeans, 1 jumper, 4 pair of socks, and 1 pair pyjamas, as initial clothing for this child who has just come into care, although Mrs Geddes does feel he needs more than this.

I have requested an urgent cheque to enable purchase of these items.

Ailsa

Mrs Rennie

JR/HGM

791

3.5.85

Colin Sanders
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace
INVERNESS

Dear Colin

It is now some time since I saw you and I would like to have a chat with you.

I am on holiday all next week but wonder if you would come to the office on Wednesday 15th of May after school. I will expect to see you about 4.30pm. If this does not suit you please telephone the office and arrange an alternative time. Looking forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

J Rennie
Social Worker



Highland

Reporter to the Children's Panel
Regional Reporter
Barbara Humphries, LL.B. (Hons.)

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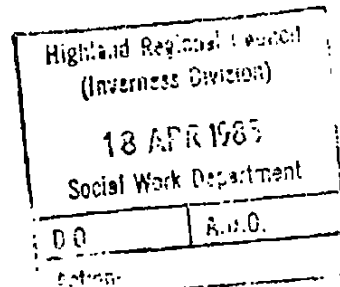
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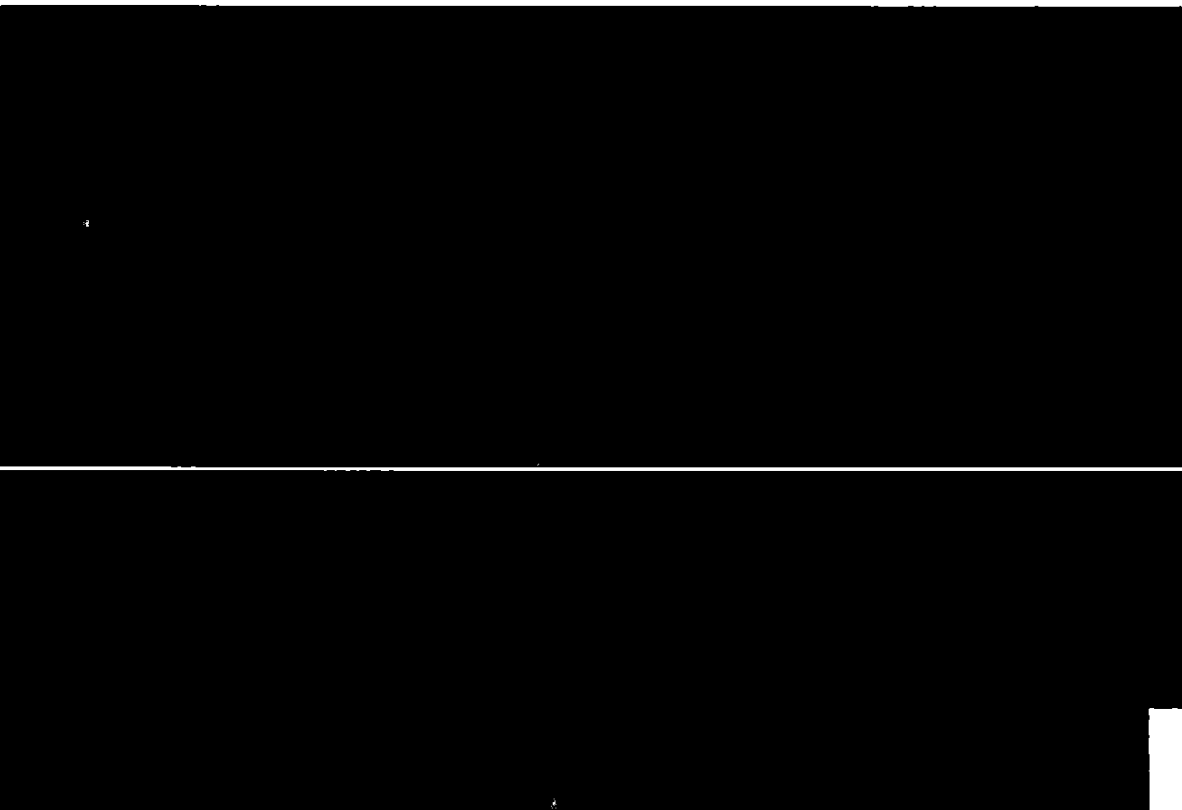
Iain MacPhee, Esq.,
Acting Divisional Officer,
Highland Regional Council,
Social Work Department,
13 Ardross Street,
INVERNESS



Dear Mr. MacPhee,

CHILDREN'S HEARINGS

I write to advise that I have arranged Children's Hearings as detailed below. I would be grateful if you could let the social workers involved know of the dates and times of the hearings. I look forward to receiving any social background reports not yet to hand.



Monday, 6th May, 1985

No Hearings - Buildings closed

Iain MacPhee, Esq.,

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18th April, 1985

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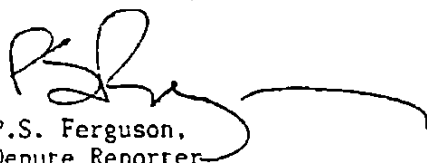
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11 6 30 p.m. Colin Saunders, b.11.3.72, 3 Creag Dubh Terrace, Inverness

- A.Rev

[REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,



P.S. Ferguson,
Depute Reporter

c.c. E. Forbes, Smithton
S. Riddell, Senior Social Worker
M. MacLeod, Craig Dunain



Highland

Department Of Social Work
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J. G. Bailey, B.Soc.Sc. (Hons.) Cert. Soc. Cas.,
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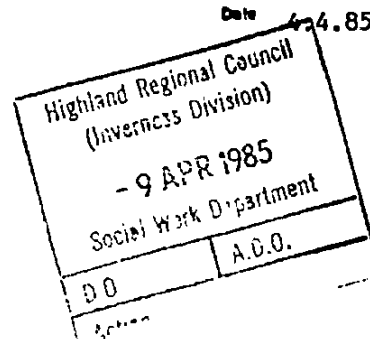
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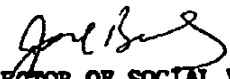
Dear Miss Humphries,

REVIEW OF SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

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

This is the child referred to in your letter of 3.4.85 to the Divisional Social Work Officer.

Yours sincerely,


DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Colin SANDERS, b. 11.3.72
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
Inverness

c.c. Acting DSWO, Inverness



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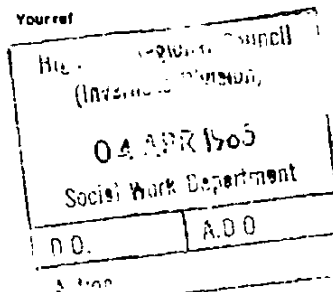
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Your ref

Date 3rd April,

Acting Divisional Officer,
INVERNESS



Dear Mr. MacPhee,

I have to advise that the child, whose particulars are appended, will have his/her supervision requirement reviewed within four weeks. In this connection please arrange for an up-to-date supplementary report to be submitted which should indicate how the child has progressed under supervision and, if conditions were imposed, whether these conditions have been complied with.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Humphries
Regional Reporter

Particulars of Child

SURNAME .. SANDERS DATE OF BIRTH .. 11.3.72

CHRISTIAN NAMES .. Colin

ADDRESS 3 Creag Dhubb Terrace,

..... Inverness

PREVIOUS SOCIAL WORKER .. Mrs. Rennie

c.c. J. Bailey, Director of Social Work



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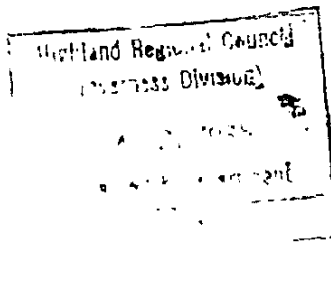
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Date 3rd April,

Acting Divisional Officer,
INVERNESS



Dear Mr. MacPhee,

I have to advise that the child, whose particulars are appended, will have his/her supervision requirement reviewed within four weeks. In this connection please arrange for an up-to-date supplementary report to be submitted which should indicate how the child has progressed under supervision and, if conditions were imposed, whether these conditions have been complied with.

Yours sincerely,

Regional Reporter

Particulars of Child

SURNAME ..SANDERS..... DATE OF BIRTH ..11.3.72.....

CHRISTIAN NAMES ..Colin.....

ADDRESS 2, Creag Dhubb Terrace.....

.....Inverness.....

PREVIOUS SOCIAL WORKER ..Mrs. Rennie.....

c.c. J. Bailey, Director of Social Work

Mrs Rennie

JR/HGM

791

6.3.85

Mr & Mrs Gordon Saunders
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace
INVERNESS

Dear Gordon & June

I must apologise for not making it on Monday evening as planned. Something unexpected cropped up. Ek will now call on Thursday 7th March about 3.30pm. If this does not suit please telephone me to arrange an alternative day. Trust all is well with you.

Yours sincerely

J Rennie
Social Worker

Mrs. Rennie

JR/LMM

791

25.2.85

Mr. & Mrs. G. Saunders,
3 Creag Dubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear Gordon & June,

It is now some time since I last visited and I trust all is going well. I would like to call on the family and wonder if Monday, 4th March would be convenient to you. I would plan to call about 4.45p.m. If this does not suit, perhaps you could contact me to arrange an alternative time.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Yours sincerely,

J. Rennie
Social Worker

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY GROUPS

Your son/daughter.....COLIN SANDERS.....has been invited to be part of
a group from 19th July to 9th August 1984 when the following activities may be
undertaken:

1. Swimming
2. Pony Trekking
3. Weekend Camp
4. Barbecue

Leaders working to an approved guide to safety standards will be conducting the
activities and care will be taken to avoid exposing those taking part to needless
risk.

If you would like some further information on the proposed programme, one of the
adults involved would be pleased to see you and talk about this, in which case you
are invited to contact Mrs. Jessie Rennie, Social Work Department, 5 Ardross Street,
Inverness. Telephone No. 234121 Ext. 788.

PARENTAL CONSENT

I consent to my son/daughter.....taking part in the
activities described above.

25/7/84.....

Signed.....Gordon Sanders.....
Parent/Guardian

Mr S Riddell

SR/LM

791

26 April 1984

Mr & Mrs Saunders
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace
INVERNESS

Dear June & Gordon

Could I call up to see you again on Wednesday, 2nd May at 4pm. I do feel that there are many things we need to chat about that are always left unsaid.

By the way, Colin is to appear at a Review Panel soon so we need to look at this as well.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Riddell
Senior Social Worker

Mr. Riddell

SR/LMM

9.4.84

Mr. & Mrs. Sanders,
3 Creag Dhubb Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear June & Gordon,

Can I change my visit to Thursday at 4.45p.m. I am afraid that something has come up for Wednesday.

Please phone me if it doesn't suit.

Thanks.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in ink, appearing to be 'Sandy Riddell', written in a cursive style.

Sandy Riddell
Senior Social Worker

Mr Riddell

SR/HGM

791

21.3.84

Mr & Mrs G Sanders
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace
INVERNESS

Dear June & Gordon

It will be several more weeks before Mrs Rennie starts her post with us so in the meantime I would like to call again just to hear how things are.

Would Wednesday 11th April at 4.00pm suit? If not, please ring me so that something else can be arranged.

Yours sincerely



Sandy Riddell
Senior Social Worker

Mr. Riddell

SR/CS

789

15th Febru

Mr. G. Sanders,
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear Gordon,

Would it be convenient if I called up to see you all on Thursday 1st March at
4.00 pm.

Please ring me if this doesn't suit.

Yours sincerely,



S. Riddell
Social Worker

Mr Riddell

SR/HGM

789

10.1.84

Mr G Sanders
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace
INVERNESS

Dear June & Gordon

Could I come up to see you both and Colin on Tuesday 17th
January at 4.30pm.

I am sorry for having to cancel our last appointment at
such short notice.

Yours sincerely



Sandy Riddell
Social Worker



Highland

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Press ask for Mr. Ferguson

Circuit PSF/MMc

Extension No 390

Journal Mr. Riddell

Date 5.12.83

T. Paterson, Esq.,
Divisional Officer,
Highland Regional Council,
13 Ardross Street,
INVERNESS.

Highland Reg. (Inverness B.)
- 6 DEC 1983
Social Work Department
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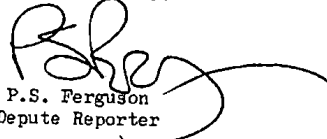
Dear Mr. Paterson,

Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72, 3 Creag Dhubb Terrace,
Inverness.

Thank you for Mr. Riddell's report dated 2nd December in respect of the above named boy.

In view of the information contained therein I have decided to take no formal action in this matter.

Yours sincerely,


P.S. Ferguson
Depute Reporter

Mr Riddell

SR/HGM

789

28.10.83

Mr G Sanders
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace
INVERNESS

Dear June and Gordon

Due to a family bereavement, I will be unable to come up to see you all on Monday.

I will call up on Friday 4th November at 3.30pm.

Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely



Sandy Riddell
Social Worker



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Message for Mr. Ferguson

Our ref PSF/MMc

Extension No 390

Your ref Mr. Riddell

Date 10.10.83

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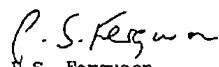
Dear Mr. Paterson,

Colin Sanders, b.11.3.72, 3 Creag Dhubh Terrace,
Inverness

Thank you for Mr. Riddell's report dated 6th October,
1983 in respect of the above named boy.

In view of the information contained therein and in
the school report I have received, I have decided to take
no formal action in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

(

P. S. Ferguson
Depute Reporter

Mr. Riddell

SR/LMM

29.9.83

Mr. Bob Miller,
Senior Day Care Officer,
Kimmies Children's Centre,
INVERNESS.

Dear Bob,

Please find referral as promised on Colin Saunders. Colin will continue to remain on supervision under Section 44 (1) (a) for some time to come. You will remember that he was recently in an I.T. programme with myself and I hope to do some more work with him in a group situation in the near future, geared to dealing with the very stressful issues that are still around for him, i.e. his parent's separation, his father's drinking epileptic attacks etc.

It should be noted that Colin has recently been getting involved in incidents of theft at the primary school and the deterioration in his behaviour appears to be related to the re-emergence of his natural mother some months ago. Something else which has arisen and given us great concern is a claim by Colin that he was sexually interfered with by his uncle from an early age up until a few years ago. When considering this, there is little wonder that he can at times be lacking in concentration, over-attention seeking or withdrawn.

Please give me a ring if you want any further details on Colin's background.

Yours sincerely,



Sandy Riddell
Social Worker

Mr S Riddell

SR/LM

789

27 September 1983

Mr G Sanders
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace
INVERNESS

Dear June and Gordon

I would like to call up to see you all on Wednesday, 5 October at 4.15pm.
Please let me know if this doesn't suit.

I have been asked to prepare a report on Colin because of the thefts at
school so it will therefore be necessary to go into this in great detail.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Riddell
Social Worker

Mr Riddell

SR/HGM

789

2.9.83

Mrs J MacNally
3 Creag Dhubh Terrace
INVERNESS

Dear June & Gordon=

Could I come to see Colin on Thursday 8th September at 3.30pm
instead of Wednesday? Please phone if it doesn't suit.

Yours sincerely



Sandy Riddell
Social Worker

Mr Riddell

SR/RGM

789

22 June 1983

Mr G Sanders
3 Breag Dhubh Terrace
INVERNESS

Dear June and Gordon

Could I come up to collect Colin on Wednesday 29th June at around 4.00pm?
I'll take him to the office for a while before returning him home.

Please ring me if this doesn't suit.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Sandy Riddell
Social Worker

Mr S Riddell

SR/LM

789

6 June 1983

Mrs June McNally
3 Creag Dhubb Terrace
INVERNESS

Dear June & Gordon

Could I come to see you both on Tuesday 14 June at 4pm? I have been asked to prepare a report on Colin for his Assessment Review which will take place in one month or so.

Please phone me if this doesn't suit.

Yours sincerely

Sandy Riddell
Social Worker

Telephone Message

Time Received 12.00 Date 8.3.83

From Mr. Sanders - re: Colin

Message His ex-wife turned up the other night - more or less
demanding to have the boy this Friday as it is his
birthday. Mr. Sanders said no she couldn't have him, & she said.
she would go to Court about it.

He wanted to let you know what had happened

Received by Helen.

H Gilkison

HG/PC

760

30 August 1982

Gordon Sanders
33A Caledonia Road
INVERNESS

Dear Mr Sanders,

I would like to call in to see you and Colin and would suggest Wednesday 1 September at 3.30. Please contact me if this does not suit you and we can make another appointment.

Yours sincerely,

H.G.
Helen Gilkison
Social Worker

Mrs. H. Gilkison

HG/DMCK

762

29th July, 1982.

Mr. Gordon Saunders,
33a Caledonian Road,
INVERNESS.

Dear Mr. Sanders,

As I explained to you at the Children's Hearing, I am going to be on holiday until 16th August. I will call in to see you on Tuesday, 17th August at 2.30 p.m.

Please get in touch with me if you change your address.

Yours sincerely,

H.G.
Helen Gilkison (Mrs.)
Social Worker.

INVERNESS.

Mr. J. Bailey
Director of Social Work
Regional Buildings

Mrs H. Gilkison
Social Worker

HG/CS

14.7.82

Re: Colin Sanders, Rosedene Children's Home

I would like to request a review of the supervision requirement on the above child who is presently in care under Section 44 1 (B) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act.

H-G .

Mrs Gilkison

HG/PW

762

12th July, 1982

Gordon Sanders,
c/o 33A Caledonian Road,
Inverness.

Dear Mr Sanders,

I arranged to see you at home on 7th July, but you were not at home. As you have not contacted me as I arranged, I am concerned about what is happening. As you will know Colin is still subject to a residential supervision requirement and before any change can be made in this, his case has to go back to a Panel. Obviously, the Panel are unlikely to be impressed at the prospect of this Department not being able to keep in touch with you because of your not keeping appointments. I have contacted the Social Work Department in Cambuslang to find out if they know whether you are on holiday there with your father.

Would you please contact me immediately to arrange an appointment either by phoning or calling in to the office.

Yours sincerely,

H. G.
H. Gilkison
Social Worker

Mrs. Gilkison

HG/AVH

762

5th July 1982

Mr. Gordon Sanders
33A Caledonia Road
Inverness

Dear Mr. Sanders,

I would like to call in to see you and Colin and would suggest Wednesday,
7th July at 2:30.

I hope things are going well and I look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

H. G.
Helen Gilkison
Social Worker

Mrs Gilkison

HG/CS

762

24th June, 1982

Mr. G. Sanders,
C/o 33A Caledonian Road,
INVERNESS.

Dear Mr. Sanders,

As you did not keep your appointment with me, I would like to arrange another time to see you. I would suggest Tuesday 29th June at 11.30 am. I look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely,

H.G.
Mrs H. Gilkison
Social Worker

Mrs. H. Gilkison

HG/JM

762

21st May, 1982

Mr. Gordon Sanders,
c/o 33a Caledonia Road,
Inverness.

Dear Mr Sanders,

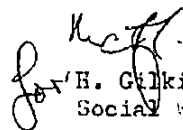
I would like to arrange to see you soon and would suggest Tuesday 25th May at 3.30p.m. at the office.

A Children's Hearing has been arranged for Colin on 2nd June at 6.30p.m. I would think that correspondence about this would have been sent to your Creag Dhubh Terrace address.

The Social Work Department in Cambuslang have visited Mr & Mrs Cosgrove about their request to foster Colin and I would like to talk to you about that.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Yours sincerely,


for H. Gilkison,
Social Worker.

Mrs. H. Gilkison

HC/CF

762

14.5.82

Social Work Department,
Main Street,
CAMBUSLANG.

Dear Sir,

Re: Colin Sanders (11.3.72) Presently in Rosedene Childrens Home,
Island Bank Road, Inverness.

The above child was received into care under section 15 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 on 28.3.82 as his father was unable to look after him. He was placed in Rosedene Childrens Home and has been there since then.

We recently received an enquiry from Colin's maternal grandmother and step grandfather, regarding the possibility of them looking after Colin. They are a Mr & Mrs Cosgrove, of [REDACTED] Cambuslang. They came to Inverness at the end of April and discussed their plans about Colin. I explained that Colin's father still hoped that he would be able to have Colin home but this depended very much on how things worked out for him. However I agreed to write to you to ask if preliminary enquiries could be made about Mr & Mrs Cosgrove.

There is a Childrens Hearing on 2.6.82 to discuss Colin's case and there is a possibility that a supervision order may be made. In the meantime I would be grateful if you could visit Mr & Mrs Cosgrove on our behalf for preliminary investigations. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any more information.

Yours sincerely,

H. G.

H. Gilkison
Social worker

Do I avoid to you
 in the films, my grandmother
 I would like to take John
 out of care & bring him up in
 a stable home & give him a
 decent home & upbringing here
 in Cambridge with us, we
 may this with the view of
 long term footing

in the first instance, we know
 that his mother & her second
 husband have split up & that
 she owned the house & John
 over to his father, so to what
 has happened afterwards we
 haven't a clue, I know it
 does get complicated.

Dear Mrs. Gylfsson
 I would like to ask
 telephone consultation this
 morning, I am writing to you
 to find out the position regarding
 my old grandson L. SUNDERS,
 who has been taken into care
 under (SECT 15) & is at present in
 Rochester Children's Home.
 Can you tell us
 why he was taken into care?

Mrs. Mrs. I. L. ROSE
 (AMBUSANT)

23 APR 1982	
Social Work Department	
D.O.	A.D.O.
29/4/82	

I understand that this may further complicate matters & that we would require the consent of his parents & what it involves, but we are only trying to think of Colin & what this is doing to him as to the present & in the future.

We hope to come up to business on Tuesday 27/4/82 for a couple of days, & would be grateful if we could have a meeting with you to discuss the above & if you could arrange for us to see ~~Colin~~ Colin while we are in business.

Sorry if this bolt out of the blue, causes you more bother with your problems, but we are both very concerned for Colin, hoping to hear from you soon.

Thanking You
P. Bosworth

P.S. If you want to phone me at work my phone No. [REDACTED] between 10PM-8AM.

Mrs Gilkison

HG/PW

762

2nd April, 1982

Mr Gordon Sanders,
c/o 33A Caledonia Road,
Inverness.

Dear Mr Sanders,

I am very sorry that you did not come in to see me on Wednesday, as we had arranged. I am going on holiday from 5th - 13th April, so I will not be able to see you until after my holiday.

As I explained to you when I saw you on Wednesday, I have made a referral to the Reporter's Department.

Would you please call into the office on Tuesday, 13th April, at 2.00 p.m. so that we can talk things over and work out what your plans are. If you cannot keep this appointment, please contact me on Tuesday morning.

Yours sincerely,

H.G.
Helen Gilkison
Social Worker

Mrs. H. Gilkison

HG/DMcK

762

1st March, 1982.

Mr. Gordon Sanders,
3 Greag Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear Mr. Sanders,

Following our discussion regarding a child minder for Colin, I enclose a list of child minders. You can contact any of these and work out whether an arrangement could be made.

However, perhaps you would like to call into the office on Wednesday, 3rd March at 10.30 a.m. and we can sort this out.

Please contact me if this does not suit you and we can make another arrangement.

Yours sincerely,

H-G.
H. Gilkison,
Social Worker.

Mrs Gilkison

MG/CS

762

29th January, 1982

Mr. G. Sanders,
3 Craig Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear Mr. Sanders,

I have been in touch with the Education Department about the possibility of some help with the cost of school clothing and they have said that you should call in to their office on Church Street to collect an application form.

I have also been in touch with the Department of Health & Social Security about floor coverings and they should be getting in touch with you about that. If you have any further problems in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me at this office.

Yours sincerely,

H. G.
Mrs H. Gilkison
Social Worker

Mrs Gilkison

HG/CS

762

22nd January, 1982

Mr. G. Sanders,
3 Craig Dhubh Terrace,
INVERNESS.

Dear Mr. Sanders,

I am very sorry that I was unable to keep my appointment with you this afternoon. I would like to arrange to visit you again and would suggest Tuesday 26th January at about 11.30 am.

Yours sincerely,

H. G.
Mrs H. Gilkison
Social Worker

Mrs Gilkison

HC/CS

760

15th December, 1981

Mr. G. Sanders,
14 Fraser Court,
Culloden,
INVERNESS.

Dear Mr. Sanders,

I understand that you are now out of hospital and I was wondering how things were going. Perhaps you could contact me so that we could arrange a suitable time to meet. I did contact Jean Such to let her know that you were in hospital. However, I would suggest that you get in touch with her to let her know what is happening.

Yours sincerely,

H.G.
Mrs H. Gilkison
Social Worker

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION

To be completed for:-

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

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

Name *C. D. L. H. S. D. L. R. S.*

Present Address *C. J. K. M. A. M. S. B. A. S. S.*

..... *[REDACTED]* *T. A. C. S.*

Date of Birth *11.3.72*

Case Reference *03/10/84.24*

Effective Date of Change *18/9/87*

Statutory Condition Imposed *4.4.(1)(c)*

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

Change of Address where applicable :-

From *ABOVE*

To *3. C. G. A. G. A. D. H. B. H. TERRACE, 1A. V. C. S. S. (EATHER)*

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner *D. R. [REDACTED]*

School last attended *M. B. R. S. D. L. R. S. S.*

School to be attended *C. H. R. L. S. T. A. D. A. C. H. S. S.*

Signed *J. R. S. S. D. G. B. S. S. A. T. L.* Date *25/9/87*

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			
Amendment to Register	<i>30/9/87</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

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CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION

To be completed for:-

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

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

Name C.R.L.L. SANDERS

Present Address C/D PARKS

[REDACTED]

☐ Date of Birth 11.3.72

Case Reference 03/00/8424

Effective Date of Change 18/5/87

Statutory Condition Imposed 14(1)(a)

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-

Fostering C cases V

Residential Care

Day Care

Supervision

Probation

Others (Please Specify)

Change of Address where applicable :-

From 11.3.72

To M.P.S. Broad [REDACTED] T. N. K. H. 1988

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner

☐ School last attended 11.3.72 11.3.72 11.3.72

School to be attended M.L.L.B. Broad 11.3.72

Signed J. P. ...

Date 22/5/87

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			
Amendment to Register	<u>22/5/87</u>	<u>J. P. ...</u>	
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File			

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CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION

To be completed for:-

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

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

Name COLIN SANDERS

Present Address c/o MRS PARKS

[REDACTED] SKYC

Date of Birth 11.3.72

Case Reference 03/00/8424

Effective Date of Change 29th / 30th DECEMBER 1984

Statutory Condition Imposed 44 (1) (a)

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-

Fostering



Residential Care

Day Care

Supervision



Probation

Others (Please Specify)

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ABOVE

To c/o MRS PHILIPS, 3 BLACKWELL ST. DINGWALL
(MOTHER)

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner DR [REDACTED]

School last attended PORTREE HIGH SCHOOL

School to be attended

Signed J. Penrie

Date 5/1/87

Administrative Action:-

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

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CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION

To be completed for:-

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

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

Name C.O.D. SANDERS

Present Address C/O PARK

..... SKYC

Date of Birth 11.3.72

Case Reference D3/00/8424

Effective Date of Change * 5/12/86 - 6/12/86

Statutory Condition Imposed 44(1)(a)

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-

Fostering	☒
Residential Care	☐
Day Care	☐
Supervision	☒
Probation	☐
Others (Please Specify)	☐

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ABOVE

To C/O STEWART, [REDACTED] ENNERESS

* OVERNIGHT STAY ONLY

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner

School last attended PORTREE HIGH SCHOOL, PORTREE

School to be attended

Signed [Signature]

Date 9/12/86

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office			
Amendment to Register	<u>15/12/86</u>		
Change in Foster Parent Allowance			
Notice of Health Authority/Education			
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment			
File	<u>17/12/86</u>		

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CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION

To be completed for:-

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

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

Name Robert Sanders
Present Address 6/A DUNDAS ST. CHILDRIS
CARE
Date of Birth 11.3.72
Case Reference 02/00/81424
Effective Date of Change 9TH NOVEMBER, 1986
Statutory Condition Imposed 44 (1)(a)

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-

Fostering	☒
Residential Care	☒
Day Care	☐
Supervision	☒
Probation	☐
Others (Please Specify)	☐

Change of Address where applicable :-

From Bristol
To 175 ALPS PARK [REDACTED] Ipswich Sky2

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner DR. [REDACTED]
School last attended HARLESSTON A.S. PRIMARY SCHOOL
School to be attended PETERLEIGH HIGH SCHOOL, PETERLEIGH

Signed J. P. [REDACTED] Date 7/11/86

Administrative Action:-

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

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CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION

To be completed for:-

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

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

Name C. P. H. I. D. A. I. D. E. R. S.

Present Address DUNDEE CILIBRIS CENTRE

..... F. A. U. R. D. E. S.

Date of Birth 11.3.72

Case Reference 03/00/8424

Effective Date of Change 26/11/85

Statutory Condition Imposed 44(1)(4)

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-

Fostering	☒
Residential Care	☐
Day Care	☐
Supervision	☐
Probation	☐
Others (Please Specify)	☐

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ABOVE

To C/O MRS GEDDES. [REDACTED] F. A. U. R. D. E. S.

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner M. [REDACTED]

School last attended CHARLES TOWN ACADEMY

School to be attended

Signed [Signature]

Date 2/12/85

Administrative Action:-

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

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION

To be completed for:-

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

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

Name COLIN SANDERS

Present Address 3 CREA DHUBH TERRACE,

..... INVERGLASS

Date of Birth 11.3.72

Case Reference 03/00/8424

Effective Date of Change 24/11/85 - 26/11/85

Statutory Condition Imposed 44 (1) (a)

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-

Fostering

Residential Care

Day Care

Supervision

Probation

Others (Please Specify)

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ASD 16

To DUBLIN CHILDREN'S CENTRE

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner DR [REDACTED]

School last attended CHAPLETON ACADEMY

School to be attended

Signed J. Pennington

Date 2/12/85

Administrative Action:-

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

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STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

SWS FORM CH2
Revised 1/4/83

ADMISSION FORM FOR CHILDREN

Please send both parts
of this form to SWSG

Please refer to notes issued for 1/4/83

Please use ink, not pencil, and write
carefully in the centre of each box.

Reference number 1-9

1 6 7 0 3 4 5 0 1

Sex (1=boy, 2=girl)

10 1

Date of birth (D.M.Y.)

11-16

1 1 0 3 7 2

Surname

17-28

S A N D E R S

Initials

29-30

C

Type of admission (1=new admission 3=transfer
2=re-admission 4=amendment) -31 1

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Col 1 3

1 Reference number 2-10

1 6 7 0 3 4 5 0 1

2 Sex (1=boy, 2=girl)

11 1

3 Date of birth (D.M.Y.)

12-17

1 1 0 3 7 2

4 Physical handicap or mental disorder

18 1

5 Social Work Department

19-20

1 6

6 Area Code

21-22

2 0

C. PRESENT PERIOD OF CARE OR SUPERVISION

1 Date of admission (D.M.Y.)

31-36

2 8 0 3 8 2

2 Reason for admission-Statute

37-38

0 1

Primary reason within statute

39-40

2 9

3 Accommodation-Type

41-42

2 1

District code

43-44

1 6

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4 Number of previous periods of care or supervision
(if none, enter 0; if 9 or over, enter 9)

55 0

SPARE BOXES

for use, see notes

56-57

58-59

60-66

B. FAMILY INFORMATION (at date of admission)

1 Household composition code

23 4

2 District code of residence

24-25

1 6

3 Employment code of father

26 7

4 Employment code of mother

27 5

5 Number of children in household (9 or over, enter 9)

28 4

6 Birth order of child (9 or over, enter 9)

29 3

7 Number of siblings in care or under supervision
(9 or over, enter 9)

30 0

D. MOST RECENT PREVIOUS PERIOD OF CARE OR SUPERVISION

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Date of admission (D.M.Y.) 11-16

Reason for admission-Statute

17-18

Primary reason within statute

19-20

Date of discharge (D.M.Y.) 21-26

Reason for discharge

27

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION

To be completed for:-

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

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

Name COLIN SANDERSPresent Address 5/2 MRS GEDDESTIMBERSDate of Birth 24/12/72Case Reference 03/00/8424Effective Date of Change 28/10/85Statutory Condition Imposed SECTION 15(1)(1)(a)PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-

Fostering

☒

Residential Care

Day Care

Supervision

Probation

Others (Please Specify)

Change of Address where applicable :-From APR 16To 3 ACREG DITCH TERRACE TAVANUETo be completed in respect of Children only:-General Practitioner DR [REDACTED]School last attended CHARLES ROAD SCHOOL

School to be attended

Signed [Signature]Date 28/10/85Administrative Action:-

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

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION

To be completed for:-

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

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

Name COLIN SNADERS
Present Address 3 CREAG DUNN TERRACE
..... INVERNESS
Date of Birth 11.3.72
Case Reference 03/00/8424
Effective Date of Change 17/10/85
Statutory Condition Imposed SECTION 15
.....

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-

Fostering	☒
Residential Care	☐
Day Care	☐
Supervision	☐
Probation	☐
Others (Please Specify)	☐

Change of Address where applicable :-

From ABOVE
To C/O MRS. GEDDES INVERNESS

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner DR. [REDACTED]
School last attended CHARLESTON ACADEMY
School to be attended

Signed [Signature] Date 18/10/85

Administrative Action:-

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

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

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

Information Compiled by J. Rennie Social Worker Designation

Date 17.10.85

Reason for Admission : Details

Statute SECTION 15

Likely Duration of Care: 7 DAYS

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

FACTS ABOUT CHILD/REN

Surname	<u>SANDERS</u>
First Names	<u>COLIN</u>
Sex	<u>MALE</u>
Date of Birth	<u>11.3.72</u>
Place of Birth	<u>GLASGOW</u>
Religious Denomination	<u>PROTESTANT</u>
Date and Place of Baptism ..	
Previous Periods in Care	
Previous Addresses	
General Practitioner	<u>DR.</u> 
Dates and Place of Admission	
Case Number	<u>03/00/8424</u>

- 3 -

Brothers or Sisters not shown
elsewhere on this form.

NAME	AGE	ADDRESS

Close relatives or persons
interested in child

NAME & RELATIONSHIP	AGE	ADDRESS

PARENTAL UNDERTAKING

I Colin Sanders

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

- (a) I understand that I am liable to contribute towards the cost and maintenance of the children.
- (b) I understand the law requires me to keep the Social Work Department informed of any changes in my
circumstances, including change of address, and undertake to co-operate with the Highland Regional
Council in formulating future plans for the care of the child/ren.
- (c) The contents of the leaflet - "A Child in Care" - have been fully explained to me by the Highland
Regional Council Work Department.

Signed Colin Sanders
Father/Mother/Legal Guardian

Address 3 CRAIG DRUMH. TERRACE

Relationship to Child/ren

Date 17.10.85

Witness L. M. Boyle

Designation R. A. I. L.

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION INVESTIGATION

To be completed for:-

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

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

Name Colin H. Miller

Present Address 571 C. Road

Date of Birth 11.5.21

Case Reference 0310-1 5424

Effective Date of Change 2/9/77

Statutory Condition Imposed 2025-1-10

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

Change of Address where applicable :-

From RECEIVED BY OFFICE OF THE

To A. J. C. C.

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner [REDACTED]

School last attended High School

School to be attended

Signed _____

Date _____

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office	20-1-17		
Amendment to Register			
Change in Foster Parent Allowance	✓		
Notice of Health Authority/Education	✓		
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment	✓		
File			

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Reference number 1-9

01008806

Sex (1=boy, 2=girl)

10

1

Date of birth (D.M.Y.)

11-16

110347

Surname

17-28

S M A C E R S

Initials

29-30

C

Type of admission (1=new admission 3=transfer
2=re-admission 4=amendment)

31

1

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Col. 1

3

1 Reference number 2-10

01008806

2 Sex (1=boy, 2=girl)

11

1

3 Date of birth (D.M.Y.)

12-17

110347

4 Physical handicap or mental disorder

18

5 Social Work Department

18-20

16

6 Area Code

21-22

20

B. FAMILY INFORMATION (at date of admission)

1 Household composition code

23

5

2 District code of residence

24-25

16

3 Employment code of father

26

6

4 Employment code of mother

27

3

5 Number of children in household (9 or over, enter 9)

28

1

6 Birth order of child (9 or over, enter 9)

29

1

7 Number of siblings in care or under supervision

30

0

(9 or over, enter 9)

C. PRESENT PERIOD OF CARE OR SUPERVISION

1 Date of admission (D.M.Y.) 31-36

218018

2 Reason for admission-Statute

37-38

01

Primary reason within statute

39-40

21

3 Accommodation-Type

41-42

21

District code

43-44

16

Date of placement (D.M.Y.) 45-50
(if applicable)

218018

4 Immediate (short term) placement (if applicable)

Type of accommodation

51-52

1

District code

53-54

1

5 Number of previous periods of care or supervision
(if none, enter 0; if 9 or over, enter 9)

55

0

SPARE BOXES

for use, see notes

56-57

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**D. PREVIOUS PERIODS OF CARE OR SUPERVISION
(most recent first)**

1 Date of admission (D.M.Y.) 11-16

Reason for admission-Statute

17-18

Primary reason within statute

19-20

Date of discharge (D.M.Y.) 21-26

Reason for discharge

27

2 Date of admission (D.M.Y.) 28-33

Reason for admission-Statute

34-35

Primary reason within statute

36-37

Date of discharge (D.M.Y.) 38-43

Reason for discharge

44

3 Date of admission (D.M.Y.) 45-50

Reason for admission-Statute

51-52

Primary reason within statute

53-54

Date of discharge (D.M.Y.) 55-60

Reason for discharge

61

4 Date of admission (D.M.Y.) 62-67

Reason for admission-Statute

68-69

Primary reason within statute

70-71

Date of discharge (D.M.Y.) 72-77

Reason for discharge

78

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

DIVISION Inverness

To be completed for:-

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

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

Name Colin James

Present Address 3 Green, Dhuibh, Inverness

12 Green, Inverness

Date of Birth 11.3.72

Case Reference 03/00/8424

Effective Date of Change 28.3.72

Statutory Condition Imposed section 15

PLEASE INDICATE SERVICE:-

Fostering

Residential Care

Day Care

Supervision

Probation

Others (Please Specify)

Change of Address where applicable :-

From 3 Green, Dhuibh, Inverness

To 12 Green, Inverness

To be completed in respect of Children only:-

General Practitioner [Redacted]

School last attended 23/4/82

School to be attended Holm Primary School

Signed Helen Gibson

Date 23/4/82

Administrative Action:-

	DATE	SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Divisional Office	26.4.82	MT	
Amendment to Register	"	"	
Change in Foster Parent Allowance	-	-	
Notice of Health Authority/Education	26.4.82	MT	
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment		AC	
File	✓	✓	

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Change in Circumstances

(To be completed on a person being admitted to, or transferred to, or discharged from care; or for a person receiving or discontinuing a service).

Name Colin Sanders Date of Birth 11.3.22

Name and Address of Parent/Guardian or Next of Kin Gordon Sanders,
3 Creag Dhebh Terrace, Inverness

General Practitioner [REDACTED]

Type of Service — please tick

Residential Care	☒	Foster Care	☐
Meals-on-Wheels	☐	Day-Care	☐
Home Help	☐	Probation	☐
Supervision Order	☐		

Effective Date of Change 28.3.82

Reason for Change

From To

Statutory Conditions Section 15

Signed Helen Gilkerson Date

	Date	Any Comments
Divisional Office		
Amendment to Register		
Register Number		
Notice to Health Authority/G.P.		
Notice to Education Department		
Completion/Change in Financial Assessment		
Principal/Senior Social Worker		
File		

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL — SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

TRANSFER OF CAREName(s) of Child(ren): *Colin Sanders* Date(s) of Birth: *11.3.72*Address: From *3 Creag Dubh Terrace* To: *Rosedene Children's Home.*Date of Transfer: *28.3.82*

G.P.

School: From *Rumyhill's*To: *Helm.*

Discretionary Payment (Amounts):

Authorised by

Helen Gibson
Social Worker

Legislation:

Section 15

Director of Education:

Date Notified:

Community Health:

Date Notified:

To Director of Education

Social Work Department,

..... Division,

.....

.....

I have to advise you that Date of Birth

was, on
transferred
received into care
discharged from care

From To

.....

Date: School: Signed

To: The Senior Nursing Officer,

Social Work Department,

Community Health

..... Division,

.....

.....

I have to advise you that Date of Birth

I have to advise you that Date of Birth

was, on
transferred
received into care
discharged from care

From To

.....

Date: G.P. Signed

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF CHILD - FREEDOM FROM INFECTION

Form No. SW2/7b
Highland Regional Council
(Inverness Division)
31 MAR 1982
Social Work Department
D.O. A.D.O.
A.C.S.

Name of Child ... COLIN SANDERS

Age or Date of Birth ... 11.3.72 Sex ... M

Address ... 40 ROSEDALE HOME

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

Yes

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

No

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

Adequate

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

No

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

None

6. I examined the above named child on 29th March 1982 Date

Signed L.T. Margaret H. High

Designation Clinical M.O.

Date 29.3.82

Address 28, Quincegate
Inverness

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

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

Information Compiled by Margaret Lachlan Social Worker Designation

Date 28 March

Reason for Admission : Details

Statute Section 15 Social Work Scotland Act 1968

Likely Duration of Care: 24 hrs. 5m.

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

FACTS ABOUT CHILD/REN

Surname	<u>Sanders</u>
First Names	<u>Colin</u>
Sex	<u>male</u>
Date of Birth	<u>11.3.72.</u>
Place of Birth	
Religious Denomination	
Date and Place of Baptism ..	
Previous Periods in Care	<u>None</u>
Previous Addresses	
General Practitioner	
Dates and Place of Admission	<u>28 March 82</u> <u>IMMUNIS</u>
Case Number	

PERSONAL INFORMATION ON CHILD/REN

What is the child usually called?

Colin

With whom has the child been living?

father

Which address does the child regard as 'Home'?

3 Craig Club.

Any special friends?

School/Nursery/Play-group attended

Kenningly Primary

Club or Youth Organisation

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

FAMILY INFORMATION

Full Name (include Maiden Name of Mother)

MOTHER

FATHER

Gordon Sanden

Address and Telephone no.

3 Craig Club Road
Inverness

Date of Birth

25.5.52

Occupation

unemployed

Employer (for emergency contact)

Religion

Date of Marriage

Date of Separation or Divorce

Brothers or Sisters not shown
elsewhere on this form.

NAME	AGE	ADDRESS
/		

Close relatives or persons
interested in child

NAME & RELATIONSHIP	AGE	ADDRESS
/		

PARENTAL UNDERTAKING

I ... Gordon Sanders

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

- (a) I understand that I am liable to contribute towards the cost and maintenance of the children.
- (b) I understand the law requires me to keep the Social Work Department informed of any changes in my circumstances, including change of address, and undertake to co-operate with the Highland Regional Council in formulating future plans for the care of the child/ren.
- (c) The contents of the leaflet - "A Child in Care" - have been fully explained to me by the Highland Regional Council Social Work Department.

Signed Gordon Sanders
Father/Mother/Legal Guardian

Address 3 Gairloch Road, Tannoch

Relationship to Child/ren Father

Date 28 March 81

Witness Margaret Tait

Designation Social Worker

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given

from
council

REFERRAL FORM

CASE NO.

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Surname SAUNDERS Forename(s) COLINAddress 3 CRAIG DR. TERR. Sex: M/F MDate of Birth 15/2/50 Marital Status

G.P.

Referred by FATHER Date of Referral 4.11.87
*(by letter/telephone/in person)Previously known to department YES/NO STANDBY.

Other agencies involved

PROBLEM/REQUEST: Mr Saunders called - Colin recently returned home after being in care. Hasn't seen S.W. since being home. Is now causing havoc, staying out, being aggressive & abusive, spitting, kicking etc. Mr Saunders not able to cope as he's an epileptic & not fit for Colin

Agreed to refer to S.W. in morning - in meantime I advised Mr S. to call police if Colin is too aggressive.

RECEIVED BY Kath Groves Date 4.11.87 Time 6.45pm

Action taken at time of Referral:

Referral passed to: West RuralSigned
Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision:

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Senior Officer

Classification of Case Register on:

Re-open existing file Open new file

For miscellaneous cases file

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

* Tick as applicable.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
Six-Monthly Review of a Child in Care

1. Name of Child COLIN SANDERS 2. Date of Birth 11.03.72
3. Home Address 3 CREAG DUBH TERRACE, INVERNESS
4. Present Address C/O MRS BROWN, [REDACTED] INVERNESS
5. In care under Section 44(1)(a) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.
6. Date of Review: 27.08.87 7. Date of Previous Review: 12.12.86
8. Number of visits since previous Review: REGULAR CONTACT.
9. Behaviour of Child since previous Review:

10 Any changes of importance since previous Review:

CHANGE OF FOSTER HOME: COLIN MOVED TO STAY WITH MR AND MRS BROWN, AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS IN MAY:

CHANGE OF SCHOOL: NOW PUPIL OF MILBURN ACADEMY.

11. Date of last School Report: 22.06.87

Recommendations/Observations from School Report:

PORTREE HIGH SCHOOL. PERSISTENT SOURCE OF TROUBLE IN CLASSROOM. PETULENT, TENDANCY TO TANTRUMS. ATTENTION SEEKING BEHAVIOUR. ALLOWANCES WERE MADE FOR HIS BEHAVIOUR BY STAFF DUE TO HIS CIRCUMSTANCES. HOWEVER, HIS BEHAVIOUR DETERIORATED TO THE POINT WHERE HE WAS EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL. LIKEABLE AND FRIENDLY ON A ONE-TO-ONE BASIS. NO REPORT FROM MILBURN ACADEMY AS YET.

12. Date of last Medical Report: 04.05.87
Recommendations/Observations from Medical Report:

GENERAL CONDITION GOOD.

HAD SINUS WASH-OUTS IN APRIL 1987 FOLLOWING TWO DAY STAY IN HOSPITAL.

13. Contact with parents/friends:

ON GOING CONTACT WITH BOTH MOTHER AND FATHER.

14. Any recommendations since previous review:

15. General Comments:

INITIALLY COLIN SEEMED HAPPY TO BE WITH MR AND MRS BROWN. THERE WERE MANY PROBLEMS WHICH THE COUPLE COPE WITH BUT OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS HIS BEHAVIOUR HAS DETERIORATED SO MUCH MRS BROWN IS NOW SAYING THE PLACEMENT IS NOT WORKING AND COLIN'S ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOUR IS CAUSING SERIOUS DISHARMONY WITHIN THE HOUSEHOLD. THROUGH HIS CONTINUAL AGGRESSIVE, DEFIANT AND DEMANDING ATTITUDE HE HAS MADE IT QUITE CLEAR HE HAS NO COMMITMENT TO THE FAMILY AND WISHES TO RETURN TO HIS FATHER.

Signed *J. Rennie* Supervising Officer Date ... *27/8/87*

16. Recommendations following the Review:

IT IS NOT IN COLIN'S INTEREST OR THE BROWN FAMILY FOR THE PLACEMENT TO CONTINUE.

SOCIAL WORKER TO REQUEST A CHILDREN'S PANEL REVIEW TO LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY OF COLIN RETURNING TO THE CARE OF HIS FATHER.

AS COLIN'S FATHER DID NOT ATTEND THIS WILL HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED WITH MR SANDERS.

PRESENT: MR R GIBSON (ATL), MRS J RENNIE (SW), MRS BROWN (FP), MRS PHILIPS (MOTHER)
COLIN (SUBJECT).

17. Date of next review:

Signed *Robert D Gibson ATL* Senior Social Worker Date ... *27 August 1987*

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1. Name of Child ...COLIN SANDERS..... 2. Date of Birth ...11.03.72...

3. Home Address ...3 Creag Dhubh Terrace, INVERNESS.....

4. Present Address ...c/o Mr & Mrs Park, [REDACTED] SKYE.....

5. In care under Section44(1)(a)..... of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.

6. Date of Review:12.12.86..... 7. Date of Previous Review: ...24.09.86.....

8. Number of visits since previous Review: ...Regular Contact.....

9. Behaviour of Child since previous Review:

Prior to moving to Skye Colin was involved in offences of breaking and entry and theft whilst in the company of [REDACTED] the son of Mr Sander's co-habitee.

In the main, however, Colin's behaviour has been good considering all the changes he has experienced.

10 Any changes of importance since previous Review:

09.11.86 - Left Dalneigh Childrens' Centre to go to stay with Mr & Mrs Park on short term basis until long term family identified.

11.11.86 - Change of school. Now attends Portree High School.

11. Date of last School Report: June 1986

Recommendations/Observations from School Report:

There has not as yet been any written report from Colin's new school. He has just this week been rather unhappy and unsettled in school and his behaviour has deteriorated. He ran off from school on Tuesday and made his way home to Dunvegan. Colin says he is being picked on and being blamed for things he has not done.

12. Date of last Medical Report: 19.09.86

Recommendations/Observations from Medical Report:

Healthy Lad. Broke his arm in September.

Healed without Complications.

Mr & Mrs Park have observed he does not seem to hear at times. Hearing test to be requested.

13. Contact with parents/friends:

Monthly visits to Inverness to enable Colin to see both parents.

Telephone and letter contact to be encouraged.

14. Any recommendations since previous review:

15. General Comments:

Naturally, Colin misses Inverness but it would seem he is happy in his placement with Mr & Mrs Park and he seems to get on well with Margaret their 3 year old daughter. Hopefully, the school situation will settle. Colin is showing signs of being more relaxed and not quite so fidgety. He would seem to be a boy who worries a great deal.

Signed ... J. Rennie Supervising Officer Date 12.12.86

16. Recommendations following the Review:

- 1 Placement with Park family to continue meantime.
- 2 Jessie to continue to seek placement (near Inverness if possible) in consultation with SW (CR) section.
- 3 Colin to have contact with mother and father over Christmas period arranged in consultation with Jessie, FPs, mum and dad. Otherwise access monthly at moment.
- 4 Mr Sanders agreed to try to write to Colin or at least telephone him occasionally.

Present: Mrs Phillips, mother; Mr Sanders, father; Mr & Mrs Park, FP;
Colin Sanders; Patrick Morgan SW (CR); Jessie Rennie SW;
R Gibson ATL.

17. Date of next review: By 12.06.87

Signed Robert D. Gibson Senior Social Worker Date 12. December 1986

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Six-Monthly Review of a Child in Care

1. Name of Child ...COLIN SANDERS..... 2. Date of Birth 11.3.72.....
3. Home Address ...3 Craig Dhubh Terrace, Inverness.....
4. Present Address ...c/o Dalneigh Children's Centre.....
5. In care under Section ..44.(1).(a)..... of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.
6. Date of Review: ..24.9.86..... 7. Date of Previous Review: ..5.2.86.....
8. Number of visits since previous Review: ..Regular contact.....

9. Behaviour of Child since previous Review:

Colin's behaviour at times can be very irritating rather than bad. He tends to talk a great deal, is not always truthful and often ignores advice. He is a boy who can quite easily 'get under your skin'.

10 Any changes of importance since previous Review:

19.9.86 - admitted to Dalneigh Children's Centre.

Foster mother moved to smaller house and is unable to accommodate Colin.

- Long term family not immediately available - placed in Dalneigh Children's Centre on temporary basis.

11. Date of last School Report: June 1986

Recommendations/Observations from School Report:

Not academically minded but is not working to full potential. Good at practical work. Disruptive and source of irritation to staff and pupils.
19.9.86 - Colin appears to be more settled this term.

12. Date of last Medical Report: 19,9,86

Recommendations/Observations from Medical Report:

Healthy boy. No medical problems.

13. Contact with parents/friends:

Weekly contact with father. Recently father has not visited Colin as a punishment for his cheeky attitude.

14. Any recommendations since previous review:

- 1) Long term family to be identified.
- 2) Consider reducing access visits or at least try to convey to father the purpose of the visits. (I have failed in this area).

15. General Comments:

Colin is a talkative, lively boy who is hurt and confused over the situation he has been in since last year. He is, I think, coming to terms with being in care, but has difficulty in coping with the frustration of having his father go on about his behaviour and punishing him for something his foster mum has already dealt with.

Signed J. Remin..... Supervising Officer Date 23/9/86

16. Recommendations following the Review:

See attached.

17. Date of next review:

Signed Robert D. Gibson..... Senior Social Worker Date 25/9/86

MINUTES OF REVIEW MEETING ON COLIN SANDERS HELD ON 24th SEPTEMBER, 1986

PRESENT: Jessie Rennie, Social Worker
Colin Sanders, Subject
Gordon Sanders, Father
Ann Phillips, Mother
Helen Adam, Senior Social Worker, Children's Resources
Lawrence Bronny, Senior Care Officer, Dalneigh Children's
Centre
Jenny Gwilt, Social Worker, Children's Resources

The meeting addressed itself to the circumstances of Colin's move from the home of Mrs. Geddes, foster parent, to Dalneigh Children's Centre on 19.9.86, principally because the foster parent had moved to a smaller house and could no longer accommodate the boy. It was suggested that there had also been some difficulties for Colin in the placement.

Colin has now been at Dalneigh for five days and apparently had no difficulty settling as he'd had a previous admission and knew many of the staff and some of the other children. Lawrence reported that his behaviour is within acceptable limits and he presents no management problem to staff, enjoying good relationships in the Centre with adults and children.

It was agreed that the plan is to look for an alternative family placement for Colin and although a possible family has been identified, this is not secured yet and Jessie is to keep Colin and others informed.

Lengthy repetitious and convoluted discussion took place re. the quality of the contact between Mr. Sanders and Colin. Mr. Sanders has, by his account and Colin's, been going on at length to the boy about misdemeanours that had been dealt with by Mrs. Geddes and this imposed considerable strain on the meetings between father and son whereby they have been problematic. Colin lost his temper over these issues and as a "punishment" father withdrew from the access visits and the boy had not seen him on official access contact for over three weeks. The contacts between Colin and his father had been on Saturday mornings each week and between him and his mother weekly on a Sunday. There have been no problems of note in the maternal access.

The meeting was at pains to point out to Mr. Sanders that access was for Colin and to help maintain a good relationship with his parents and not to reinforce over much or repeat the discipline for past misdemeanours.

Decisions of the Review were as follows:

1. Colin to remain at Dalneigh pending family placement.
2. Family placement to be sought by Social Worker with help of Social Worker (Children's Resources).
3. Access by Colin to his father to be reduced, because of the problems and the need to allow the boy to settle, to once a month on Saturdays between 10.00a.m. - 12 noon either in Dalneigh Centre or leaving from there,

They should be activity based if possible. These visits will commence on Saturday, 4th October, 1986.

4. Access by Colin to his mother will be increased to fortnightly on Saturdays at her home in Dingwall, but not on the Saturdays that he sees his father, commencing 27.9.86.

5. Determined by success or otherwise of access contacts and movement in Colin's position, early Review to be called by Jessie Rennie.

Robert D Gibson

Robert Gibson
Area Team Leader

25th September, 1986

c.c. Dalneigh Children's Centre

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3. Home Address ...3 CRAIGDHUBH TERRACE INVERNESS.....

4. Present Address ...c/o MRS GEDDES, [REDACTED] INVERNESS.....

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

6. Date of Review:5/2/86.....7. Date of Previous Review:7.....

8. Number of visits since previous Review:7.....

9. Behaviour of Child since previous Review:

Colin normally displays his insecurity by constantly seeking attention - usually from adults.

10 Any changes of importance since previous Review:

Colin was admitted to Dalneigh Children's Centre on 24/11/85 on a voluntary basis. He was moved to his present foster home two days later and his supervision order was varied for him to reside with Mrs Geddes on 10/12/85.

11. Date of last School Report:

11/12/85

Recommendations/Observations from School Report:

Has difficulties in all academic subjects. Enjoys, Art, Maths, Technical Drawing and Science. Participates in various sports. A bit of a loner.

12. Date of last Medical Report: 18.10.85

Recommendations/Observations from Medical Report:

Nothing significant.

13. Contact with parents/friends:

Regular contact with Father.

14. Any recommendations since previous review:

15. General Comments:

Colin is still very confused about his family situation which is not surprising as his Father and June constantly change their minds regarding their relationship.

Access visits must be firmed up.

Signed J. Rennie Supervising Officer Date 5/2/86

16. Recommendations following the Review:

Colin to remain with Mrs Geddes for the foreseeable future as no change or likely change in home circumstances. Access. Father every Saturday to take Colin out and at other time by arrangement with S.W or foster parent. Mother Holidays periods to be unfirmed with S.W.

17. Date of next review: + father parent nearer the time

6 months

Signed L. Morris Senior Social Worker Date 6/2/86

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Case Review Form - General

Name of Client Colin Sandnes

Case Number 03/00/8624

Social Worker Helen Gilkison

Date of Review Date of last Review

Number of visits since last

(please indicate and comment
as appropriate)

Social work contact maintained under the following

Remarks

☒ Exploratory/Re-Assessment

Information / Advice

Mobilizing Resources

Advocacy

Education in Social and Physical Skills

Check-up / Review visiting

Facilitating Problem Solving and Decision Making

Sustaining / Nurturing

Group Activities

Prognosis How long is case likely to remain open

Ready for closure now

Within 6 weeks

Probably 3 to 6 months

Long term ☒

Frequency of visiting required

Frequency of visiting planned

weekly -

weekly

2 weekly

2 weekly

3 monthly

3 monthly

monthly

monthly

Effect of work done since last review

Current Problem

child on supervision order

Plans for future

Important that aim should be as specific as possible and realistic and preferably agreed between client and worker.

Summary and recommendation

This section is intended to assist any Social Worker who may have to pick up your case in your absence.

see transfer summary. Transfer has not yet been explained to family as I wanted to be clear what was happening before suggesting to the family that there might be a change.

Signed Helen Gilkison Supervising Officer Date 24/8/82

Signed Meg Liden Senior Social Worker Date 24-8-82

See reports previously passed on.

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Six-Monthly Review of a Child in Care

1. Name of Child Colin Sanders 2. Date of Birth 11.3.723. Home Address 3 Crag Dhugh Terrace, Inverness4. Present Address Rosedale Children's Home5. In care under Section 15 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.6. Date of Review: 26/4/82 7. Date of Previous Review:

8. Number of visits since previous Review:

9. Behaviour of Child since previous Review: This is the first review since Colin was received into care on 28th March 1982. He has been very congested and unsettled since being received into care because of the uncertainty

10 Any changes of importance since previous Review: of his situation.

11. Date of last School Report: 22/4/82

Recommendations/Observations from School Report: School report suggests that Colin has been very unsettled recently, that his behaviour tends to alter according to home circumstances. The report also indicates that both parents have given the appearance of being anxious about Colin's progress

12. Date of last Medical Report: at school.

Recommendations/Observations from Medical Report:

13. Contact with parents/friends: Colin has only seen his dad on a few occasions since coming to Rosedale. Mother is in Wales and has written to Colin and phoned.

14. Any recommendations since previous review:

15. General Comments:

Colin has been very unhappy in Rosedene - He would like either to be with his parents or to be fostered. He is very aware of other children talking about being fostered. Father's situation does not seem to be improving much.

Signed Helen Gilkison..... Supervising Officer Date 26/4/82.

16. Recommendations following the Review:

Father attended review and was fairly honest about himself. It was made clear to him that his good intentions need to manifest themselves in responsible behaviour. Father may be able to have Colin home but this is going to take some organising. Otherwise fostering will need to be pursued.

17. Date of next review:

February 84.

S.W. to see father & girlfriend to work out a realistic plan.

Signed M. J. C. Anderson..... Senior Social Worker Date 27.4.82.