

Memorandum

From Senior Depute Director of Social Work



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To Divisional Director of Social Work
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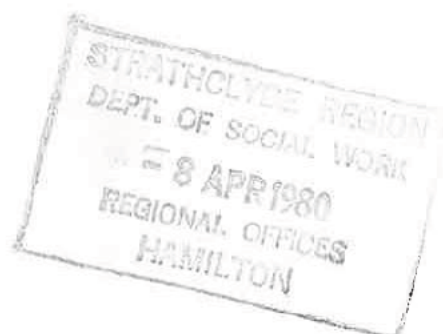
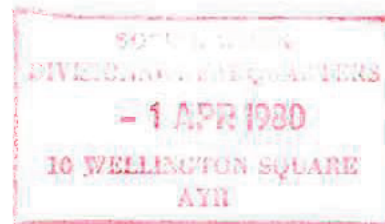
Subject [redacted], John [redacted]

I apologise for the delay in replying to your memo of 7th March, 1980.

I agree with you most profoundly in the matter of lawyers making recommendations about children in the care of the Council without consulting the Department and accordingly I have written to the Head of the Legal Section setting out the circumstances of the case as it concerns the Mooney children and asking for his observations. As soon as these come to hand I will advise you.

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Senior Depute Director of Social Work



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John Mooney (DOB: 15.4.71)

That report was prepared in terms of the [REDACTED] children being in care at that time under Section 15 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, two of the children being in a Children's Home [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

The recommendation of the Social Work Department at that time was that custody of the first two children should be granted to their mother, Mrs. Moira Mooney, although not immediately. [REDACTED] Section 10 Orders under the Matrimonial Proceedings (Children) Act 1958 were accordingly sought from the Court.

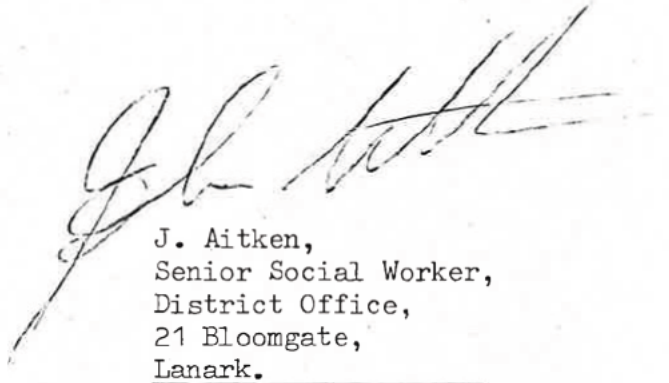
Changes have now taken place in that [redacted] and John were discharged from the care of the Social Work Department into the care of their mother, Mrs. Moira Mooney, in January, 1980. The two children have resided with their mother, c/o Tait, 14 Glebe Crescent, Douglas, since that time under the close, but informal supervision of Miss Mallon of the Social Work Department. The arrangements being made for the children are satisfactory and it would now be our recommendation that Mrs. Moira Mooney be granted custody of these two children. Apart from informally supervising the children since their discharge from care, the Social Work Department [redacted]

Nothing similar in respect of [redacted] and John is seen as required if custody is granted to their mother, and it is therefore recommended that no Order in respect of these two children be made in the Regional Council's favour.

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In the circumstances, it is recommended that the Court makes no Order in respect of any of these children, and allows the status quo to prevail.

4th March, 1980

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. Aitken', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the typed name and address.

J. Aitken,
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