

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Notification of a Decision of a Children's Hearing

Amanda Golabek
Ferintosh House
Regional Specialist Children's Centre
Sellar Place
CONON BRIDGE IV7 8BU

The Decision

On Monday 10 May 1993 a Children's Hearing for Highland Region at Dingwall decided to vary the supervision requirement naming Ferintosh House.

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

The Reasons

Mandy has been given a last chance to show that she can stop absconding and settle down in Ferintosh House. She has many personal problems and she needs help in coming to terms with her feelings about these. To this end, it is recommended that she has the opportunity to see Dr Brightley at the Child and Family Psychiatry Unit.

It is also recommended that, if Mandy continues to abscond, the Social Work Department asks for another Hearing to be called and that the possibility of a place in Rossie should be investigated before that date.

Pauline Jordan

Your Rights

You have the right to appeal against this decision.

Any appeal must be made within **TWENTY-ONE DAYS** of the day the decision was made. 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 **CALEDONIAN HOUSE, HIGH STREET, DINGWALL** (Phone 0349 65128)

Reporter.....

John Napier

11 May 1993

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

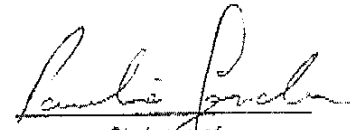
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at Dingwall on 10.5.93

A children's hearing for Highland Region
 by way of variation of (and in substitution for) the supervision requirement dated 24.3.93 to which
 Amanda Golabek is subject, hereby requires her* [to reside in Ferintosh Children's
 h/a 66 Firhill, Alness Centre, Conon Bridge]*†

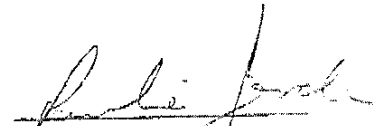
[to be under the supervision of Highland Regional Council]*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 24.3.93 is hereby revoked.


 Chairman of
 the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

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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

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**HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname: GOLABEK

Forenames: Amanda

Address: c/o Ferintosh Children's Centre, Conon Bridge

Date of Birth: 12.11.79

Occupation:

Marital Status:

Religion:

Report requested by: Reporter to the Children's Panel

Purpose: Hearing continued from 21.4.93

Date and Place of Hearing: 10.5.93 - Caledonian House, High Street, Dingwall

Prepared by: Martin E. Hill

Designation: Social Worker

Decision:

The Hearing on Wednesday 21st April, 1993, was continued until Monday, 10th May, to give the Department time to investigate a possible placement for Mandy at Rossie and other residential placements outside the Highland Region. A Warrant for Mandy's detention was made under Section 40 (7). She was returned to Ferintosh Children's Centre in Conon Bridge where she has remained until this Hearing.

During this period I have contacted Rossie School both by telephone and letter, sending them papers to study in order that they might come to a decision. Rossie decided that Mandy would be suitable for their Home, consequently they are willing to offer a place and at the time of writing have a vacancy for her. However, they will not hold this vacancy without an order from the Panel placing Mandy in their home. I will be able to give the Panel a verbal update on the exact position at the Hearing.

The staff at Ferintosh have kept a very close watch on Mandy during the period the Warrant has been in force. Initially Mandy was felt to be fairly co-operative but during her stay there has been a deterioration in her attitudes. Mandy has not been allowed out unaccompanied nor has she been allowed to visit Alness. Despite the controls exercised, Mandy has absconded on one occasion (I understand this was on 3rd May) when she climbed through a window at twenty past ten in the evening. As she was on a Warrant, the Police responded rapidly returning her to Ferintosh after only 20 minutes. The staff tell me that Mandy did not see that there was any problem in her actions. She has reiterated this to another staff member on 4th May, when she told him that she is going to do as she liked.

Mandy's general attitudes remain unchanged in that she projects all blame for any problems in her life on to others and will not take any responsibility for her own actions. Mandy is not communicating with the staff at Ferintosh in any positive way, consequently they are unable to see any positive signs for her future. Whilst the role of Ferintosh has changed distinctively since the last Children's Hearing in that they are now offering longer term care for children, there is no bed at Ferintosh even if this was under consideration by the Panel and felt to be appropriate.

CONCLUSIONS

Whilst during the past 2½ weeks Mandy has only absconded on one occasion, I have seen no positive signs that any real progress has been made. Mandy's attitudes indicate that she is unwilling to work with us and given this I can see no progress being made. As requested by the last Hearing, Rossie school has been investigated and they feel they are an appropriate placement for Mandy.

Martin E. Hill

Martin E. Hill
Social Worker

"Slioch",
Castle Street,
Dingwall.

5.5.93

Reporter to the Children's Panel
Divisional Reporter

Ross and Cromarty Division

Highland Regional Council
Caledonian House
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Please ask for

Our ref: /SJ(sw)

26 March 1993

Principal Officer
Department of Social Work
Highland Regional Council
"Slioch"
Castle Street
DINGWALL IV15 9HU

Dear Sir

Children's Hearing

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

<u>PLACE</u>	Dingwall
<u>DATE</u>	Wednesday 24 March 1993
<u>CASE</u>	Amanda Golabek : dob 12.11.79 66 Firhill, alness
<u>RESULT</u>	The supervision requirement was varied to reside at Coulpark Children's Centre and attend Ferintosh Education Unit for her education.

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

Yours faithfully


Hilary Macpherson
Assistant Reporter

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Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date)

DINGWALL

24th March, 1993

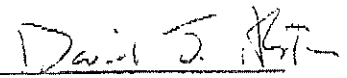
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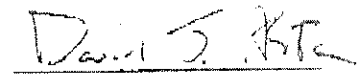
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Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

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Amanda Golabek,
c/o Coulpark Children's Centre,
ALNESS

The Decision

On 24th March, 1993 a Children's Hearing for Highland Region at DINGWALL decided to vary your supervision requirement with condition that you shall reside at Coulpark Children's Centre, and to attend Ferintosh Education Unit for your education.

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

The Reasons

Mandy requires a more structured day to meet her educational needs and to reduce peer pressure on her within Alness.

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 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 702950).

Reporter.....*Heta Napier*.....

24 March 1993

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David J. K...
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Ross and Cromarty Division

Please ask for Mrs Macpherson

Our ref: HM/SJ (school)

22 April 1993

Discard

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr J Erskine
Manager
Coulpark Children's Centre
Highland Regional Council
Social Work Department
ALNESS

Dear Mr Erskine

Amanda Jane Golabek : dob 12.11.79
c/o Ferintosh Children's Centre, Conon Bridge

Thank you for Marjory Slavin's report in respect of the above named child and for your and Ms Slaven's attendance at the Hearing held on Wednesday 21 April 1993.

I now write to advise that the Hearing was continued until Monday 10 May 1993 at 7.00 pm for investigation of possible placement in Rossie and other residential placements outside Highland Region. A Warrant for Detention under Section 40(7) was issued.

Yours sincerely

Hilary Macpherson

Hilary Macpherson
Divisional Reporter

Since the Childrens Hearing of 24th March, 1993, Mandy has failed to meet any of the conditions attached to her care order. A contract with Coulpark which Mandy signed on 25th March has also proved unsuccessful, in that she has failed to comply with any condition of this.

There has been a dramatic increase in her absences from our care since 30th March, and her attitude and presentation clearly displaya refusal to adhere to even the most basic guidance and structure. She has absconded some four times refused school, and has generally presentedas if she can do as she wishes, regardless of any help offered, or sanction imposed.

We have tried everyoption available to us in order to try to engage Mandy in a more positive behaviour pattern, which included counselling, direct contact with her boyfriend's parents, and various strategies to attempt to alter this pattern. Nothing we have done has had any effect on her behaviour.

The staff group at Coulpark feel that we cannot provide the secure base that Mandy so obviously needs. Our concerns re her high risk category have been repeatedly expressed, but no action was deemed appropriate by fieldwork management, despite the fact that;

- 1) Mandy is 13 years old.
- 2)She has an ongoing relationship with a 16 year old boy.
- 3) There are stong indications that Mandy is sexually active.
- 4) She has been known to abuse alcohol.
- 5) She has been absent from care overnight on several occasions.
- 6) She is not getting the health care she requires.

It is our contention that Mandy requires to stop this pattern of absconding, in order to address any issues which are troubling her. Clearly, Coulpark has singularly failed to assist in this process, though we have tried every available avenue. The close proximity of an apparently delinquent peer group allied to unresolved family problems have clouded this issue. We would strongly suggest that it is unfair to allow Mandy to continue to behave in a manner which is detrimental to any positive development.

John M M MacDonald

John M. M. MacDonald
Residential Social Worker
Coulpark Childrens Centre
5th April 1993

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

ALNESS NEIGHBOURHOOD CHILDREN'S CENTRE

REPORT FOR PANEL/CASE CONFERENCE/REVIEW

TO BE HELD ON 21 April 1993

at VENUE: Caledonian House
High Street
DINGWALL

TIME: 12.00

NAME: Amanda Jane Golabek

DATE OF BIRTH: 12.11.79

ADDRESS: 66 Firhill, Alness

DATE OF ADMISSION: 09.02.93

STATUTE: Section 44(1)(b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

DATE OF LAST REVIEW: 24.03.93

PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: 24.03.93 - 21.04.93

KEYWORKER: Marjory Slavin

FIELD SOCIAL WORKER: Martin Hill

Decision of Children's Hearing on 24.03.93:

1. Mandy to remain in Coulpark Children's Centre.
2. The child is required to observe the rules and conduct of the residential establishment.
3. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the Manager of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.
4. To attend Ferintosh Education Unit for her education.

Since the Hearing on the above date Mandy's behaviour has continued to give cause for concern. A review of her situation was held on 6 April due to several more instances where Mandy absconded.

After much discussion it was decided to offer Mandy a Youth Activity week in an attempt to alter her cycle of absconding behaviour. Mandy agreed to this, and left to go to Raasay on 10 April, accompanied by another 14 year old female from Coulpark.

The Activity week did not appear to meet any of Mandy's needs in that both girls refused to co-operate with the programme offered and asked to return to Coulpark. We agreed to terminate the week after discussion with staff at Raasay Outdoor Centre. However, before the girls left it was discovered that a considerable sum of money was missing. Mandy admitted taking this money, and as the money was returned no further action was taken by the Outdoor Centre.

Her return from Raasay marked a further step in her non co-operative stance. She continued to abscond and has largely refused to comply with any of the rules of the establishment. Staff have done everything in their power to try and engage Mandy in a more positive behaviour pattern. This has included counselling, inviting her friends into the centre, contact with her boyfriend's parents and other strategies in an attempt to alter her pattern of behaviour. Mandy has failed to respond positively to any of these attempts.

Staff at Coulpark feel they cannot provide Mandy with the security she needs while she continues to behave in this manner.

Our main areas of concern are:

- (a) Mandy is 13 years old.
- (b) She has an ongoing relationship with a 16 year old boy.
- (c) There are strong indications that she is sexually active.
- (d) She has been known to abuse alcohol.
- (e) She has been absent from care on 25 occasions, many of these for one night or more.
- (f) She is not getting the health care she requires.

Mandy has many unresolved issues which need to be addressed particularly with regard to her family. Coulpark have been unable to make any progress in this direction. We feel Mandy cannot examine her feelings in respect of her family's rejection of her while living in such close proximity to them.

The influence of a seemingly delinquent peer group is another factor in Mandy's inappropriate behaviour.

The staff group feel that Mandy's needs cannot be met in a positive residential programme based at Coulpark. Whilst out of care she is undoubtedly at risk and to date has been unable to withstand negative peer pressure or to stop this detrimental pattern of absconding.

Until she chooses to address this then her future prognosis appears poor.

Marjory Slavin
Keyworker
Coulpark Children's Centre
20.04.93



Reporter to the Children's Panel
For Highland Region
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Please ask for **Mrs. Macpherson** Our ref:HM/MK(fresults.sch)

24 March 1993

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. James Erskine,
Officer in Charge,
Coulpark Children's Centre,
ALNESS
IV17 ORD

Dear Mr. Erskine,

Amanda Golabek, b.12.11.79,
h/a 66 Firhill, Alness
c/o Coulpark Children's Centre, Alness.

Thank you for your report dated 17th March, 1993 in respect of
the above named child. *(Thank you for attending
& also Hilary)*

I now write to advise that, when Amanda appeared before a
Children's Hearing held at Dingwall today the panel decided to
vary her supervision requirement with condition that she reside
at Coulpark Children's Centre and attend Ferintosh Education unit
for her education.

I enclose all relevant papers for your confidential information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hilary Macpherson".

Hilary Macpherson,
Assistant Reporter

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Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date)

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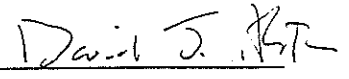
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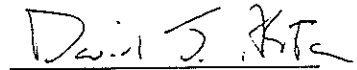
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REPORT FOR PANEL/CASE CONFERENCE/REVIEW

TO BE HELD ON 24 March 1993

at VENUE: Caledonian House
High Street
DINGWALL

TIME: 10.30 am

NAME: Amanda Jane Golabek

DATE OF BIRTH: 12.11.79

ADDRESS: 66 Firhill, Alness

DATE OF ADMISSION: 09.02.93

STATUTE: Section 44(1)(b) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

DATE OF LAST REVIEW: 26.02.93

PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT: 26.02.93 - 24.03.93

KEYWORKER: Marjory Slavin

FIELD SOCIAL WORKER: Martin Hill

CONFIDENTIAL

PANEL REPORT

Name: Amanda Jane Golabek
Date of Birth: 12.11.79
Date of Admission: 09.02.93
Social Worker: Martin Hill
Legislation: Section 44(1)(b) condition of residence at
Coulpark Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

BACKGROUND

Mandy was admitted to Coulpark on 9 February under Section 44(1)(b) Social Work (Scotland) Act from Ferintosh Children's Centre where she had been placed under Section 44(6) Social Work (Scotland) Act following the breakdown of her foster placement of approximately 3 years standing.

Mandy's behaviour clearly placed her at risk prior to her admittance to Ferintosh and regretfully the pattern has continued at Coulpark.

HEALTH

Mandy appears to be in good health, however, she suffers from Eczema on both feet and a flaky scalp. She was examined by the local doctor on admission and medication was prescribed. Her habitual absence has denied her full application of her medication and her condition remains untreated as prescribed. Mandy was asked to provide a blood sample but refused to do so.

Staff spent considerable time advising her, however she maintained her stance of refusal.

Mandy is not enuretic and sleeps well. From what we see of her in Coulpark she appears to have adequate social skills however her personal hygiene requires attention. This however may be a consequence of her lifestyle when absent from the Centre.

Mandy's physical development seems appropriate to her age.

BEHAVIOUR

Mandy has maintained her opposition to support and guidance since the onset of her placement at Coulpark.

Within the centre she poses no management problems other than her non-communicative stance and her unsettling influence on the other residents.

Every attempt to involve her in discussion has generally met with no eye contact and minimal verbal response. She has displayed neither anger nor abuse in any form and gives little indication as to whether she understands or accepts what has been said to her other than to abscond.

Several approaches have been tried to engage her in accepting support however apart from a determined effort from her over a few days which was highly praised she soon reverted to the well established pattern.

On 27/28 February Mandy expressed some concern about her sister, Tina and step sister, Siobhan, saying they were not happy at home. We had previously advised Social Work Department of our belief that this was the case. On the following Monday Mandy, her step sister and two of the residents at Coulpark went absent from school. They were missing till the evening of 3 March.

Mr Erskine collected all four from the police station and brought them to Coulpark.

Mr Erskine felt that Mandy and her step sister needed to be together at this time until work could be done with the family. A section 15 was signed by Siobhan's mother (Mandy's stepmother) on the understanding that Siobhan could stay for a few days until problems could be addressed by Social Work.

Mr Erskine took both girls back to school on the Monday. During this week both girls behaved in a responsible manner unfortunately on 7 March a sum of money £20.00 (twenty pounds) was stolen from the cook's purse.

Both girls, after police investigation, admitted the theft and were duly charged. Siobhan returned home next day.

CONCLUSION

Mandy's self-determination apart from close proximity to friends and family has we believe played its part in her presenting behaviour.

Her friends, boyfriend in particular, were encouraged into the centre in an attempt to settle her down but to no avail.

The relationship with her 16 year old boyfriend has caused particular problems for the boy and his parents in that the police have detained him on several occasions enquiring as to his part in colluding with her, supplying a tent and sleeping bags and in sleeping rough on occasion in local park land.

The problems experienced by her step sister, Siobhan, have played its part in Mandy's distress and in both their exclusion from school.

There seems to be unresolved issues around Mandy's needs in terms of her relationship with her father, and the close

proximity of Mandy to the family and her feelings of rejection would seem to evidence this.

Her exclusion from school, appears to be a further increase in a downward spiral.

In the short time that Mandy has been at Coulpark she has been reported missing on 15 occasions. On two of those occasions she has been away over two nights.

We have concern that Mandy's difficulties are compounded by unresolved difficulties within her family and that her continued absence from care does not allow us to meet her needs.

Coulpark Children's Centre
Alness
17.03.93

INFORMATION SHEET - MANDY GOLABEK

Last Review

Summary of decisions made at review on 26 February 1993:

1. Mandy to remain at Coulpark on the condition that she continues to behave in a responsible manner, complies with rules and regulations and attends school regularly.
2. Martin Hill to negotiate with Ferintosh for a planned admission should Mandy behave in a manner likely to put her at risk.
3. Contact with the Frasers to be on an informal basis.
4. Next review in two months (26 April).

General Information

09.02.93	Admitted to Coulpark.
11.02.93	Went missing from school. Returned 12.02.93.
14.02.93	Did not return on time. Eventually in 10.55 pm.
15.02.93	Left building reported missing. Returned 16.02.93.
16.02.93	Left from school. Returned 10.20 pm.
17.02.93	Left building 1.45 pm returned 11.30 pm.
18.02.93	Left building 11.00 am returned 11.00 pm.
19.02.93	Left building - staff took her back.
25.02.93	Left school without permission.
01.03.93	Did not return from school.
03.03.93	Return from Police Station.
08.03.93	Left building 1.15 pm returned 8.00 pm.
10.03.93	Left 12.45 pm returned 12.30 am.
11.03.93	Left 9.40 am returned 8.58 pm on 13.03.93.
14.03.93	Left 2.30 pm returned 12 midnight.
15.03.93	Left 2.00 pm returned 11.00 pm.

MINUTES OF REVIEW MEETING

19. Date of Review 26.02.93

Location Coulpark Childrens Centre, Alness

Chairperson Leslie Martin, Reviewing Officer (Childrens Services - North)

Names and Designation of those attending

John MacDonald, Coulpark Childrens Centre, Alness
Marge Slavin, Student Social Worker (Key Worker For Mandy)
Martin Hill, Social Worker For Mandy
Val Dunford, Social Worker (Childrens Resources), Dingwall
Mandy Golabek

Invited but unable to attend

20. Summary of Discussion

Written reports were provided by Martin Hill and Marge Slavin (see attached). The previous review on 14.01.93 had highlighted the many problems Mandy was experiencing. These were showing up in her school behaviour, in the friends she was going around with, and the fact that she was not accepting reasonable limits set down by her foster parents, the Frasers. Following that review a discussion had taken place between Mandy, her foster parents and the workers involved. Mandy and the Frasers had worked out some kind of compromise and had agreed to try and work together. There had then taken place a meeting at the school when it was agreed that Mandy would be accepted back into the school so long as she co-operated with their expectations. For the next three days everything seemed to go alright with Mandy at school. On the Friday Mandy had been worried about a friend and had gone out of school without permission. This seems to have led to a downward spiral in Mandy responding to requirements at school. Mr and Mrs Fraser began to despair that Mandy was simply not responding to anything they asked. Mandy's admission to Ferintosh was the response to an emergency situation as Mandy was seen to be putting herself at risk by being out at night, her carers not knowing where she was. An informal arrangement had been made for Mandy to spend 21 days at Coulpark for assessment purposes. The Childrens Hearing however made a Supervision Order with a Condition of Residence at Coulpark.

The/

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

1. Mandy's placement at Coulpark will continue.
2. In the event of a crisis in Mandy's behaviour Martin will negotiate a place if at all possible at Ferintosh.
3. In the event of a major crisis with Mandy's behaviour putting her at risk, a further referral to the Childrens Panel will be necessary.
4. Contact:- Former Foster Family (Frasers) - Mandy can contact and visit them if she wishes.
Father & Sister - Informal contact will continue as before.
Mother - Mandy to discuss her wishes in this respect with staff.
5. Martin to present report to Permanency Advisory Group at end of March.
6. Change of Social Worker ruled out for time being as not in Mandy's interests.
7. Martin to write to Mrs Connell advising her no further information will be sent unless she requests it.
8. Review in April following school holidays.

Access Form 'O' completed? | | Yes | | No

Chairperson of Review Meeting *L. O. P.*

Designation *R. O. P.*

Date *4.3.93*

Principal Officer *[Signature]*

Date *9/3/93*

20. Summary Of Discussion (Continued)

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Names and Designation of those attending

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Chairperson of Review Meeting *Leticia R. O'H*

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7. Review in six months.

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

There has been no contact with either of Mandy's parents or siblings since the last Review. I have traced Mandy's mother's address in Edinburgh via the Social Work Department there, as have others.

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)

There has been no contact from Mandy with either of her parents.

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

Since the last Review the problems with Mandy within the foster home and school have continued. During this period I have been away from the office for three weeks and whilst I was away the situation with the foster parents was felt to be untenable as Mandy was putting herself constantly at risk by staying away from the foster home. It was felt that given the circumstances Mandy would need to be placed in Residential Care. Mandy was consequently moved to Ferintosh under Section 44 (6) where she slept on the floor for a few nights. Arrangements were made prior to my returning to work that she should be transferred to Coulpark. At an emergency Children's Hearing held on 9th February, 1993, a three week assessment at Coulpark was asked for but the Panel made a Condition of Residence at Coulpark. After the last Review I negotiated with the school for Mandy's return, but this did not work and Mandy was again excluded.

Further attempts by Coulpark to reintegrate her to Alness Academy is being made to-day. Initially things went very badly for Mandy at Coulpark as Mandy was constantly absconding. However, since Friday 19th February, 1993 until the time of writing (24.2.93), Mandy has shown capable of more responsibility and has not put herself at risk but has conformed to what should be expected of her. Given Mandy's behaviour at Coulpark up until last Friday we would have had to look at an alternative more structured placement for Mandy, and this again may become necessary if Mandy puts herself at so much risk again.

Healthwise Mandy is in good health. Following the last Review I contacted the Reporter to the Children's Panel who agreed that we need not at that stage refer to the Children's Panel.

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

No change.

15. Areas of Concern (if any)

(a) Family

(b) Child Mandy's behaviour up until Friday 19th February, 1993, was unacceptable and she has put herself at serious risk. Mandy needs to understand that if this were to resume again then a more structured placement would need to be found for her.

(c) Substitute Family

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

This Review needs to make some decisions about Mandy's future.

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

18. Invited to attend Review

Mandy Golabek (Subject)
George Livingstone, Area Team Leader
Martin Hill, Social Worker
Social Worker (Children's Resources)
Staff from Coulpark

Signed

M. B. Hill

Designation

Social Worker

Date

25.2.93

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname: GOLABECK

Forenames: Amanda

Address: c/o Ferintosh House,
Conon Bridge.

Date of Birth: 12.11.79

Occupation: Schoolgirl

Marital Status: Single

Religion:

Report requested by: Reporter to the Children's Hearing

Purpose: To consider an emergency move under Section 44 (6) of the 1968
Social Work (Scotland) Act.

Date and Place of Hearing: 8.02.93 - Caledonian House, High Street, Dingwall

Prepared by: Martin E. Hill

Designation: Social Worker

Decision:

BACKGROUND

Mandy has lived with foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, at Alness, since 8th November, 1991. During the past few months there have been increasing difficulties in the foster home with Mandy refusing to come in at a reasonable time expected of her, and on occasions staying out all night. On one occasion she stayed out for three nights. Mandy has been stealing quite considerable amounts of money from the home, none of which has been recovered. Mandy has declined to communicate the reasons for her behaviour or where she has been to when she has been missing from home.

As the foster home was seen as a permanent placement for Mandy, in an effort to alleviate the situation a very temporary move away over Christmas was arranged to give the family time to recuperate. This unfortunately did not help the situation but rather aggravated it.

At school Mandy has been suspended for 10 days this year for refusing to comply with instructions, truanting, and writing graffiti around the school. A return to school was negotiated but Mandy was only able to complete three days before again truanting. Her future at Alness Academy is now uncertain.

The situation within the foster home became untenable last week when Mandy did not return home from school and was found by the Police around midnight of 3rd/4th February. Permission was given by the Director of Social Work under Section 44 (6) of the 1968 Social Work (Scotland) Act, to move Mandy to Ferintosh House on an emergency basis.

CONCLUSION

Mandy cannot remain at Ferintosh House where she has been sleeping on the floor. A bed is available at Coulpark in Alness which is not ideal given that Mandy's problems emanate from her association with friends in that neighbourhood. The placement at Coulpark would allow us a few weeks to fully assess the situation, attempt to rehabilitate Mandy to Alness Academy, and look at the possibility of a return to Mr. and Mrs. Fraser or an alternative placement.

A recommendation is that the Supervision Requirement be varied to allow Mandy to stay at Coulpark.

Martin E Hill

Martin E. Hill
Social Worker

"Slioch",
Castle Street,
Dingwall.

10.2.93

MANDY GOLABEK

MINUTES OF REVIEW MEETING

19. Date of Review 14.01.93

Location Dingwall Social Work Office, Dingwall

Chairperson Mrs Leslie Martin, Reviewing Officer (Childrens Services)

Names and Designation of those attending

Mandy Golabek

Mary Fraser, Mandy's Foster Mother

Martin Hill, Social Worker For Mandy

Val Dunford, Social Worker (Childrens Resources), Dingwall

Invited but unable to attend

Catriona Lowe, Guidance Teacher, Alness Academy

20. Summary of Discussion

A written report was provided by Martin Hill (see attached). The decisions from the previous Review were noted. Martin's report stated the present position. Val Dunford pointed out that a break over the Christmas holiday had been pre-arranged and was regarded as aiming at supporting Mandy's placement with the Fraser family. It may be however that using hindsight, Mandy had viewed this planned placement, which was to be in Thurso, as rather a threat. It may be that Mandy panicked somewhat and her behaviour went from bad to worse. It is acknowledged that once Mandy has misbehaved in a small way, because she fears the consequences of a small misdemeanour she acts in a way to make things much worse, namely staying out for hours at a time.

Mandy clearly did not like her placement with the Solway family and ran away twice and found her way back to the Frasers. Mandy had no such objections to the three nights she spent at Coulpark but was able to tell the meeting that where she wants to be is with the Fraser family. On 7th January a discussion had taken place between Val, Mrs Fraser, Martin and Mandy and a new agreement made to enable Mandy to remain with the Frasers. Mrs Fraser said that since then everything at home has been fine although school did not go so well. Part of the deal reached on 7th January included Mandy's behaviour at school and she had not been able to keep her side of the bargain. She is currently suspended for ten school days from Alness Academy and the concern is that the goodwill at the school is running out. A discussion was held about the alternatives should Alness at/

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

1. Mandy's placement with the Fraser family is seen as permanent.
2. Mandy's stealing and other behaviours are giving cause for grave concern. Discussion and follow up with Mandy will take place regarding the consequences of her behaviour and her need to take responsibility. Val, Martin and Mary Fraser to deal with this. Refer to girls group if one becomes available.
3. Martin is obliged to refer recent events to the Reporter but the recommendation will be that no Panel be requested at present. The Social Work plan is to support Mandy's placement with the Fraser family.
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6. Access: This is left up to Mandy's discretion and she visits her sister at her father's house quite regularly. Val Dunford is to try and find out the contact address for Mandy's mum.
7. Review in six months.

Access Form 'O' completed? | | Yes | | No

Chairperson of Review Meeting *Kathie [Signature]*

Designation *R.O.*

Date *21.1.93*

Principal Officer *[Signature]*

Date *25/1/93*

20. Summary Of Discussion (Continued)

at some point decide they cannot continue to offer Mandy a place. It was noted that the Bridgend unit is thought to be not operating at present and when it does it is part-time and temporary. It was explained to Mandy that in the event of extreme difficulties at school this can provide for grounds for a referral to the Childrens Hearing and if the problems were severe enough the Panel may consider recommending placement at Residential School. The Review meeting did not feel this was an option that they would be recommending at present. The meeting believed that Mandy needed to consider carefully the consequences of her behaviour and for her to make a determined effort to do what was required at school as this did not seem unreasonable.

The meeting noted that a Police Report on Mandy's activities over the Christmas holidays may be passed to the Reporter of the Childrens Panel. The Reporter would then seek comments from Martin Hill as to whether he felt a Hearing was needed or not.

One positive in the whole situation is that Mandy is able to communicate well with Mary Fraser and it is hoped that she has been able to share all her worries and concerns with Mary. The Review felt it would be very useful for Mandy if she could attend a social skills group with girls her own age. None was available at present so far as anyone was aware. Mandy does not have good skills in relating to her peers, and tends to buy their friendship. When Mandy steals money she shares it with her friends and possibly when Mandy stays out very late this also is to impress her friends who are somewhat older.

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 MANDY GOLABECK 2. Date of Birth 12.11.79

3. Address of Parents

Father: 66 Firhill, Alness, IV17 ORT.
Mother: Edinburgh

4. Present Address of Child

c/o Foster Parents Mr. Mrs. Billy and Mary Fraser,
Alness.

5. Legal Position/Section under which Child is in Care

Section 44 (1)(a) Social Work (Scotland) Act, with a Condition of
Residence with Mr. & Mrs. Fraser.

6. Date of Admission into Care 28.7.89

7. Date of Review 14.1.93 8. Date of Previous Review 25.11.92

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

1. Mandy's placement with the Fraser family to continue.
2. By the end of January, 1993, Martin should be in a position for the Council Sub Committee to hear the Application for the Assumption of Parental Rights.
3. Mandy will attempt to resolve her school problems by (1) complying with the requirements as regards her attendance slip, and (2) very speedily completing an outstanding history assignment.
4. The Fraser family will remain firm in handling Mandy and this will be given support from Val Dunford, Social Worker (Children's Resources).
5. Contact with family:

Tina - Mandy sees Tina daily at school.

Mother - Whereabouts at present unknown. Mandy to approach
who may know a 'phone number where her mother could be
contacted. If Mandy doesn't achieve this then Martin Hill will
assist.

Brothers - Mandy would like contact but has not heard from them
since the Summer.

As for her mother, Mandy will try to get the 'phone number from
. If Mandy encounters difficulty contacting her
relatives, Martin Hill will assist.

6. Review in six months time.

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

I have continued visiting Mandy at her foster home to continue to assist her as required.

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

There has been no contact with either of Mandy's parents or siblings since the last Review.

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)

Mr. Golabeck continues not to have any contact whilst Mrs. Connell lives in Edinburgh.

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

This Review has been called early because of the ongoing problems with Mandy's situation.

The medical has now been completed and Mandy is in good health.

Within the foster home Mandy has become more difficult to handle. She is staying out late, when kept in climbing out through the window, has stayed out all night on at least three occasions now, has stolen money regularly from the home, to the extent that the placement was becoming a risk. In an effort to support the placement, a short break to allow Mr. and Mrs. Fraser respite was arranged for early January, but events overtook this and Mandy was moved to foster parents for the Christmas period. The Christmas period ended up being a complete disaster for Mandy. She was placed with Mr. and Mrs. Solway where she absconded from after stealing many presents, some have not yet been recovered. After a very brief period in Coulpark Mandy was returned to Mr. & Mrs. Fraser but again absconded on New Year's Eve and was missing for three days. I am very concerned indeed that we do not know where Mandy goes during these periods. After being missing for a few days Mandy was placed in Coulpark by the Emergency Social Worker where she remained until Thursday, 7th January, when she once again returned to live with Mr. & Mrs. Fraser. The return home was on condition that Mandy complied with the general rules of the household. It was agreed that Mandy would have more freedom to spend time away from the home by going out for five nights a week (staying in on Sunday and Monday - these days were Mandy's own choosing) and that Mandy could stay out later with the absolute time being 10.00 p.m.

A further condition was that Mandy would make a fresh start at school on its resumption after the holidays on 11th January. I agreed that for my part I would contact the school on the morning of the 11th to