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19th May 2026

MMA Legal Ltd,
FAO - Jamie

**Making Connections
Records, Counselling & Support Service**
140 Balaam Street
London E13 8RD

Dear Jamie,

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Re: Agnes Watson (aka Agnes Murdoch) DOB: 30/03/1965

Further to our recent communications, I am pleased to enclose the Barnardo's childcare records for Agnes Watson, which were written prior to and whilst she was at Thorntoun.

In accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018, we are required to remove any personal information relating to third parties. Personal information regarding Agnes's siblings, mother, stepfather, as well as other family members and the names of other children, have been redacted. Where redactions have been required, I have blanked out the text and inserted the words '3rd party information' in blue text, so you and Agnes will know where information has been redacted and who it is in relation to.

The original documents were scanned onto microfilm, so the quality can vary. Some pages are a bit less clear and as a result may be harder to read, but we always work to provide the best possible copies.

When working directly with our service users, I always explain that the records were not written with the expectation that they would ever read them, they were written for the organisation and other professionals. Words were not always chosen carefully, or with sensitivity and language used at the time the records were written is not what we would use now. Reading records may bring back memories and emotions from childhood, and as such, can be upsetting to read. If Agnes has selected to read her records, please do make her aware of this. As discussed, I have added a letter directly to her in the folder.

Please inform her also that she is welcome to contact me at any time in the future if she would find it helpful to talk with me about the information she has received. Some of our service users have also found it helpful to contact the **Care Leavers Association** for support and advice.

Agnes's records include:

- Index Card
- A combined file with 77 pages of file material
- An abbreviation guide, in case any abbreviations are not clear.

The link to the folder is included in the email.

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You have until 19th June to access these records, after this date, the link expires. Please get in touch if you experience any issues with the link.

If we at Barnardo's can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Warm regards,

Karla O'Neill (she/her)

Access to Records Project Worker

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