

'STEPS TO INDEPENDENCE' PROJECT

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

EASTWOOD/RENFREW DISTRICT 'SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION' PROJECT

APPLICATION FORM - YOUNG PERSON

A Name: CRAIG PALMER Age: 16 Date of Birth: 27-7-68
Present Address: RAISDALE
605 PARKHOUSE RD
BARRHEAD
G78 1TE
Social Worker's Name: CHRISTINE SMITH
Social Worker's Office Address: 63 DARNLEY RD
BARRHEAD

Name of your Residential Worker(if any): CHRISTINE JOHNSTON

B THE ACCOMMODATION:

1 WHY DO YOU WANT TO MOVE INTO SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION?

LEAVING CARE

2 WHEN DO YOU THINK YOU SHOULD MOVE? (Tick the Box)

Immediately ☐

Six Months ☐

1 Year ☒

When I Leave School ☐

Other ☐

3 WHAT KIND OF ACCOMMODATION WOULD SUIT YOU BEST?

Hostel ☐

Shared Flat ☒

Landlady ☐

Flat of your own ☐

Bed and Breakfast ☐

Children's Home ☐

Living with a family ☐

4 WOULD YOU PREFER?:

Your own room ☒

Sharing with a friend ☐

Sharing with a stranger ☐

5 IN WHAT AREA WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE? RENFREW OR PAISLEY

C THE PEOPLE:

1 IF YOU WANT TO SHARE HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD YOU PREFER TO SHARE WITH:

One ☐

Two ☒

Three ☐

Four or more ☐

2 WHO DO YOU GET ON WITH BEST?

Males ☐ People older than you ☐ People younger than you ☐

Females ☐ People who have been in care ☒ Brothers or Sisters ☐

People of the same age ☒

3 WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE DO YOU NOT GET ON WITH?

4 WHAT KIND OF PERSON ARE YOU?

5 WHO DO YOU WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH WHEN YOU MOVE? *Social Worker*

D INTERESTS

1 ARE THERE ANY CLUBS OR ORGANISATIONS THAT YOU WILL WANT TO ATTEND?

2 WHAT INTERESTS DO YOU HAVE AT THE MOMENT? *Connecting Records*

3 ARE THERE ANY INTERESTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE UP IN THE FUTURE?

E SCHOOL/WORK

1 AT THE MOMENT ARE YOU?

Still at school ☐ At college ☐ Doing voluntary work ☐ In a permanent job ☐

Unemployed ☐ On a Youth Training Scheme ☒

2 WHEN YOU MOVE DO YOU WANT TO BE?

Still at school ☐ At college ☐ Doing voluntary work ☐ In a permanent job ☒
Unemployed ☐ On a Youth Training Scheme ☒

3 WHAT TYPE OF JOB WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE? *H.G.V. DRIVER*

F WHEN YOU MOVE WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU MIGHT NEED HELP WITH?

Cooking ☐ Making friends ☐ Shopping ☐ Spare time activities ☐
Getting on with people ☐ Budgeting ☒ Finding work ☒ Paying Bills ☒
Knowing about Social Security Benefits ☒ General Housework ☐
Finding out about your past ☒ Having more confidence in yourself ☐
Other

G WHAT ARE YOU ALREADY ABLE TO DO QUITE WELL?

COOKING, CLEANING, WASHING & IRONING

ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY ABOUT YOURSELF?

SIGNATURE

George Palmer

DATE *15/10/84*

RETURN FORM TO: LIZ WISNIEWSKI, PROJECT LEADER, 'STEPS TO INDEPENDENCE' PROJECT,
RENFREW DISTRICT SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT, 7 LOVE STREET, PAISLEY PA3 2DT

REVIEW PROCEDURE

Minutes of Review Meeting

TRAFFORD REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
BOTHWOOD-MENFREW DISTRICT

FORM

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13 AUG 1984

Date of Review: 2.8.84

Name of Home: Raisdale.

Name of Child: Craig Palmer

Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 24.6.83

Date of Birth: 27.7.68

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

Areas of concern as indicated in Social Worker's review form:

Summary of Discussion: WORK: Waiting for vacancy on YTS Scheme. Missed the CITB test and is waiting new date to sit this. Raisdale: Mr McNeilly and Miss McAuley spoke positively about Craig and feel his time at Raisdale has been helpful to Craig.

Bedsit: Craig says he doesn't want to think about moving into the bedsit at present. He did not give any specific reason just said he would prefer not to.

Lodgings: Mr Steele explained the various options that would be open to Craig when he left Raisdale. Craig did not seem to feel he would like lodgings. ✕

Flat: Craig is interested in moving eventually to sharing a flat but is very definite about remaining at Raisdale for the present.

* Neite did not express much interest in G.T.



Mrs C Smith
Area Officer
Social work Department
Darnley Road
BARRHEAD

DK/MM

Doris Kelly -
Ext 51/3

3 December 1985

Dear Christine

Re Craig Palmer

Just to inform you that I have met with Craig on three occasions and covered areas such as budgeting monies, DHSS grant etc, and advised him re building a stock of food and clothing prior to 'leaving care'.

I have rounded off my contact with him by arranging a visit to one of our group tenancies and prepared him for the latter. This was carried out on 27.11.85, which Craig, I felt, got quite a lot from the visit.

This concludes my agreed involvement, however, should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely

Doris Kelly
Homemaker

Meeting held at Raisdale on 9th October 1985.

Present:

Marie Miller, Social Worker, Easterhouse.

Gilbert Esson, Raisdale.

✓ Liz Wisniewski, Senior Social Worker - Steps to Independence.

Mrs C Smith, Area Officer, Barrhead.

Brian Feehan.

Craig Palmer.

The meeting was held to discuss the proposal that Brian and Craig should apply for a joint tenancy.

Both Craig and Brian have separately put in housing application to Renfrew District Council but have recently decided that they would like to share.

Nobody present raised any objections to this proposal and in fact it was felt that the boys had complimentary skills which would be an advantage if they were sharing.

As Christine and Craig had a meeting arranged at the Housing Department on 16th October it was felt that if Brian and Marie could also attend that meeting it could be established whether or not the Housing Department would agree to a joint tenancy.

There was discussion about Steps to Independence involvement and Liz felt that there was no need for her to meet with Housing at this stage.

It was agreed:-

1. That a joint application should go forward.
2. That Christine would contact Housing and arrange for Marie and Brian to attend the meeting there on 16th October.
3. That a Barrhead Area Team Homemaker would become involved with the boys prior to them being housed and would give them ongoing support after they had moved in.

22nd October 1985.

CMS/AR.

22 FEB 1985

Ref'd to
Ack'd
Officer
Answer
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Your ref

on the 14/3/85
Signature [Signature] Date 25/8/85

SALVATION ARMY SOCIAL SERVICES

Case Review held at Raisdale Adolescent Unit on 2nd August, 1984

CRAIG PALMER

Report by: M. Menagh
Miss M McAulay
Mrs R Silverwood

Contact with parents or interested adults:

Craig's day leave on a Saturday is spent in Paisley, then onto Houston where he spends the day with the Hayes family and his school friends. Has had contact with Jeff Bamber from Quarriers although not recently.

M.M.

Craig visits Houston to keep in touch with his school friends. Social Worker Christine Smith is the only adult outside Raisdale in Craig's life.

M.McA

Craig still visits Houston regularly but sees his friends rather than the Hays.. Last time he stayed overnight at Houston it was with a school friend, when he missed the last bus.

R.S.

Interests and hobbies:

A very sport minded boy. Participates in the P/E and Indoor Games within Raisdale. He is presently the champion at space invaders. Craig has a good knowledge of football! (although he is not that good at playing.)

M.M.

Enjoys the activities organised by the Unit. Plays pool and space invaders. At the moment is interested in building small cabinets and putting locks on them. Also fixing old record players.

M.McA

Craig is an integrated member of the group and joins in all our activities. He also enjoys watching T.V., playing pool and has the highest score in the space invaders.

R.S.

Aptitude/Attitude to work:

Craig gives a good example as far as work and volunteering to do extra is concerned. Very reliable in doing work tasks and does not require much supervision.

M.M.

Does what is required of him and sometimes sees the need to volunteer his services.

M.McA

Craig is a willing volunteer and his tasks are always done quickly and efficiently. He requires very little supervision.

R.S.

Relationship with staff:

Relates well to all staff and is a very likeable boy. Will use staff's time in talking over problems/situations, although finds it a bit difficult to explain his emotional feelings.

M.M.

Craig is a likeable and friendly boy. Will approach staff for advice or just to be friendly.

M.McA

He talks openly to staff and is well liked. He finds it difficult to discuss his emotional feelings.

R.S.

Relationship with other boys:

Gets/....

CRAIG PALMER

Relationship with other boys:

Gets on well with his peers - has a very good sense of humour within the group. Is a typical boy and takes part in boyish pranks. M.M.

Craig is a popular boy with the group. Is often caught up in silly behaviour with others. Unfortunately goes too far at times. M.McA

Craig commands a certain respect in the group, having been here the longest. He is always involved in carry-ons but knows when to stop. R.S.

Cleanliness, hygiene and health:

No complaints in any of these areas. Has a very good appetite. Craig is not enuretic. M.M.

Keeps himself clean and tidy. Showers regular. Has sweaty feet. Health is good and has a good appetite. M.McA

Craig keeps himself and his room very clean and tidy. His health has been good and he eats well. R.S.

General observations:

Craig is without a doubt using Raisdale to its full extent and it is proving to be a positive placement for him. My only concern now is employment for Craig. In a brief conversation with Craig, he stated that he would like to stay at Raisdale until he was 17 and then go into the bedsit/flat - I would recommend this as a good plan, assuming that Craig continues to show positive marks. M.M.

Craig left school on the 31st May. There had been few problems during his last year, but these had been resolved. I have spoken briefly to Craig of his future and of the bedsit in Raisdale. He feels he is not ready for this yet. I agreed with him but asked him to start working towards this. It may also benefit Craig to be involved in a steps to independence group sometime within the next 6 months to a year. Craig is using his placement in Raisdale well. M.McA

Craig has now left school and some of his initial enthusiasm to find work has waned. He missed a test for C.I.T.B. and hopes to resit this. He seems keen to stay at Raisdale for some time yet and may benefit from the bedsit facility. R.S.

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THE SALVATION ARMY SOCIAL SERVICES

Case Review held at Raisdale Adolescent Unit on March 14th, 1985

CRAIG PALMER

Report by: Miss Shona Robertson
Gilbert Esson

Contact with parents or interested adults:

Visits Houston on Saturdays. Has stayed overnight occasionally with friends of his girl friend, for whom they babysit.

S.R.

Craig visits his cousins in Houston fairly regularly.

G.E.

Interests and hobbies:

Enjoys listening to music (loud!), playing pool and space invaders.

S.R.

Enjoys football pool and most games.

G.E.

Aptitude/attitude to work:

Has had a few hiccups concerning work, but generally seems to be happy in it, and goes out in the mornings no problem.

S.R.

Craig's attitude to work within Raisdale has changed, very rarely will he volunteer to do anything, and has to be chased to do what is asked of him. He attends work regularly and is also now managing to cope with college.

G.E.

Relationship with staff:

Can be a bit huffy sometimes, but gets on well with staff.

S.R.

His relationship with staff has deteriorated. Craig was once very open and friendly towards staff, he now keeps everything to himself, will not confide in staff and does not want staff's help in what I feel is a very difficult time in his life.

G.E.

Relationship with other boys:

Gets on well with the other boys, who have a certain respect for him.

S.R.

Craig also can have confrontations with boys, when at one time Craig was well liked by all the boys in Raisdale, he is now at times causing problems for himself.

G.E.

Cleanliness, hygiene and health:

Craig keeps himself and his room very clean and tidy. He keeps good health, but occasionally skips meals.

S.R.

He is clean and tidy and is not enuretic. He tends to sleep a great deal at present, and sometimes has to be reminded to tidy his room.

G.R.

General observations:

Craig has periods of 'doing his own thing', and opting out of organised nights at Raisdale. This began when he started seeing his present girlfriend.

I feel that Craig would benefit from being in a bedsit in the Unit. This would also mean he would be free to be responsible for organising his time at nights.

S.R.

General observations:

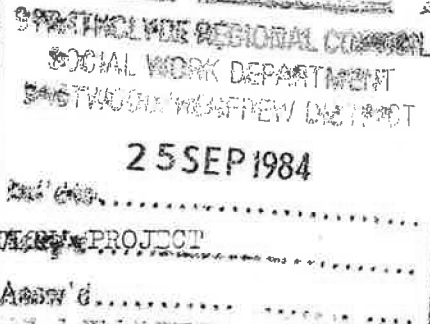
There has been a marked change in Craig over the last 3/4 months. He is not the happy cheerful boy he once was. Craig obviously has a lot on his mind, but is not willing to share or accept help from staff for any problems or decisions he may have to make in his life. Because of this he is tending to go his own way and do exactly what he likes and is not making full use of Raisdale. Staff are only too willing to help, but cannot interfere unless Craig decides he wants their assistance, but at the same time although at present not causing any great problem, Craig cannot do just what he feels like, and we must be careful that we don't reach this situation. G.E.

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REFERRAL FORM



SECTION 1

Name: Craig Palmer

Age: 16

Date of Birth: 27.7.68

Last home address:

Current whereabouts/point of contact:

RAISDALE ADOLESCENT UNIT

Social Worker: C.M. SMITH

Office Address and telephone:

63 DARNLEY ROAD
BARRHEAD

881 9267

SECTION 2

STATUTORY ORDERS: Section 15.

REASONS FOR SOCIAL WORK INVOLVEMENT:

CRAIG has been in care since birth

SECTION 3

PERSONAL HISTORY: (Including Relevant Dates) Craig was born in GREENOCK

Dates

Craig's early years were spent in Children's Homes in Dumbarton and Quarriers

22.7.74

CRAIG was placed by the Social Work Dept in Greenock in a foster home in Bishopston. The foster parents were childless when Craig was placed but had a baby son of their own with a year of placement. The foster parents moved to Renfrew and the situation for Craig deteriorated, & the foster parents asked for him to be moved.

16.8.78

Craig admitted to Uquhart House. His best friend at school lived across the road & the family included Craig in outings. He asked if he could be fostered with them. After the assessment process was completed & the family accepted

11.12.81

Craig placed with family. Sorted reasonably well for a time. Mrs Hey eventually became ill & family asked that Craig be moved.

24.6.83

Craig moved to Rainsdale

continue overleaf if necessary

FAMILY (members, current situation and nature of contact). Crais's mother's whereabouts are unknown.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT: ATTENDED GRYFFE HIGH, HOUSTON until Summer '84. — is hoping to be involved in a Training Scheme in the near future.

HEALTH:

A - GENERAL HEALTH

EXCELLENT

B - MEDICAL HISTORY AND ANY MEDICATION

Has always been a very healthy boy. Is interested in keeping fit. Is not on any medication.

SECTION 4 SHORT TERM/LONG TERM PLAN/SUPPORT REQUIRED: (Has Supported Accommodation been discussed with Applicant?) YES.

CRAIG has expressed a wish to remain at Rainsdale until he is 17, but is interested in being involved in a Group over the winter to prepare for independent living.

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

DATE:

21.9.84

SIGNATURE:

Christine M. Smith

DESIGNATION:

AREA OFFICER

RETURN FORM TO: LIZ WISNIEWSKI, PROJECT LEADER, 'STEPS TO INDEPENDENCE' PROJECT
RENFREW DISTRICT SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT, 7 LOVE STREET, PAISLEY. PA3 2DP

Minutes of Review Meeting

Date of Review: 20th August 1985

Name of Home: Raisdale

Name of Child: Craig Palmer

Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission: 24.6.83

Date of Birth: 27.6.68

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

Areas of concern as indicated in Social Worker's review form:

Craig's housing needs.

Summary of Discussion: Craig did not arrive in time for his Review which was held in his absence.

The two main areas of discussion were Craig's present progress at Raisdale and his future long-term needs.

1. Craig is in the bed-sit at Raisdale. Does his own cooking - but not yet buying own food. He has difficulty in budgeting and staff have been trying to progress to the next stage gradually.
2. There is a feeling that Craig is at a standstill at Raisdale if not progressing backwards. He has been involved in a number of incidents - starting as fun but with more serious repercussions. He is tending to wind up the other boys and is not taking advantage of what Raisdale has to offer.
3. It was agreed that Craig appears to have outgrown Raisdale and now needs to move on.

Minutes of Review Meeting continued

Decisions taken (specifying action to be taken and by whom):

1. Craig to move from Raisdale by end of November.
2. Craig's housing application to be checked - C. Smith.
3. Further review to be held in October.

Date of next review:

8th October 1985 at 2 p.m.

Names and Designations of review panel:

George McNeilly, Officer-in-Charge, Raisdale.
Shona Robertson, Key Worker, Raisdale.
Liz Wisniewski, Steps to Independence Project.
Gilbert Esson, Raisdale.

Chairman of
Review Meeting:

Christie M. Smith

Designation:

Area Officer.

Date:

28.8.85.

Minutes of Review Meeting

Date of Review: 14th March 1985

Name of Home: Raisdale Adolescent Unit

Name of Child: Craig Palmer

Field Case Paper No:

Date of Admission:

Date of Birth: 27.6.68

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

Areas of concern as indicated in Social Worker's review form:

Summary of Discussion: See attached.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION: - Craig Palmer.

1. Liz Wisniewski said that although Craig had not completed the Steps to Independence Programme he could join the next group if he changed his mind.
2. It was agreed that Craig has had difficulty recently in conforming at Rainsdale - a particular problem is that he is not keeping to the agreed time for getting in at night.

This was causing concern because Craig had previously seemed very settled and happy at Rainsdale and had good relations with the staff who appreciated his loyalty and co-operation.
3. Craig has lost his YTS job at Netherkirkton but there is some possibility that another job will be available.
4. There was discussion about whether or not Craig should be moving into the bed-sit but agreement that this was not always successful and Craig seems to be resisting the idea.
5. Craig was asked to do 2 things:-
 - (a) to let staff know if he was going to be late.
 - (b) not to involve other boys.

Minutes of Review Meeting continued

Decisions taken (specifying action to be taken and by whom):

1. It was agreed that Social Worker and staff would try to help Craig to discuss the problems he was having in an attempt to resolve them.
2. No decision about Steps to Independence or moving to bed-sit would be made in the meantime.

Date of next review:

6 months.

Names and Designations of review panel:

George McNeilly, Officer-in-Charge, Raisdale.
Christine Johnstone, Depute Officer-in-Charge, Raisdale.
Shona Robertson, Key Worker.
Gilbert Esson
Mitch Menagh
✓ Liz Wisniewski, Steps to Independence.
Craig.

Chairman of
Review Meeting:

Christine M. Smith

Designation:..... Area Officer.

Date:..... 26.3.85.

Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

Name of Child: Craig Palmer

Date of Birth: 27.6.68

Name of Home: Raisdale

Date of admission: 24.6.83

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

1. Social Worker and Staff to work with Craig to try to help resolve the problems that had recently appeared.
2. No.

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Any action indicated: No.

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Not known.

(b) Siblings not in care:

(c) Siblings in care:

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

No change.

Form D continued (2 of 3)

4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

11.4.85, 7.6.85 - Craig seen at Raisdale.

Craig seen at Area Office most weeks.

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review.)

Future housing needs.

7. Other agencies involved:

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact etc.):

Craig seems to have rejected the formal preparation for Independent Living through the Steps to Independence Group - again failing to attend. He seems to have a quite definite view of what he wants - a house of his own - and after many conversations on the subject still rejects the other alternatives.

He has gained confidence from being in Raisdale but realises he has to move on.

Form D continued (3 of 3)

9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

Craig has made an application to Housing Department.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

When I spoke with Craig and staff at Ralsdale on 7th June everyone seemed to feel that Craig had settled again - was no longer giving trouble coming in late at night and everyone was satisfied that he had made a real effort.

However, Craig was in some trouble on 20th June and was very upset as a result.

I find Craig recently to be thinking really seriously about his future and I think he has benefitted from not being pushed into making decisions.

Craig is still not working.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

Mrs C Smith, Area Officer.

Signed: *Christie M. Smith*
 Designation: *Area Officer*
 Date: *20.8.85*

Name of Child: CRAIG PALMER
 Date of Birth: 27.7.68
 Name of Home: RAISDALE
 Date of admission: 24.6.83

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

Mrs. Smith to discuss with Mrs. Hay possibility of Craig's return.

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Section 15

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: Not known.

(b) Siblings not in care: Not known.

(c) Siblings in care: Not known.

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Unchanged.

Form D continued (2 of 3)**D****4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:**

Seen regularly at Raisdale and at office.

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

Mother's address not known.

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family It has not been possible for Craig to return to the Hays'.

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review.)

Craig has now left school.

7. Other agencies involved:**8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact etc.):**

Craig enjoys being at Raisdale. He feels he gets on well with both the boys and the staff. He says that he likes being kept occupied and is seldom bored. He likes sport of any kind - football in particular, also likes swimming. Very interested in keeping fit. Prefers being outside. Interested in jobs like gardening and bricklaying.

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Form D continued (3 of 3)**9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):**

1. Waiting for word from Careers Officer.
2. Hope that Craig can be part of the S.T.I.P. programme.
3. Craig to remain at Raisdale.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No**10. Any further comments:**

Craig has asked to be allowed to remain at Raisdale until he is seventeen, but is interested in being part of a S.T.I.P. group over the winter. He would like to share a flat when he is seventeen.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

Mrs. C.M. Smith, Area Officer.

Signed: Christine M. Smith

Designation: Area Officer

Date: 2.8.84

Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

FORM D

Name of Child: CRAIG PALMER.

Date of Birth: 27.7.68

Name of Home: RAISDALE

Date of admission: 24.6.83

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

That CRAIG would take part in the Steps to
Independence Programme over the winter

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

Sec. 15.

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents:

(b) Siblings not in care:

(c) Siblings in care:

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

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Form D continued (2 of 3)

4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review.)

7. Other agencies involved:

Steps to Independance

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact etc.):

CRAIG has not managed to complete the Steps to Independance programme. and is reluctant at present to discuss moving on from Ransdale. He likes being at Ransdale and feels he gets on well with all the staff and the other boys.

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Form D continued (3 of 3)

9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

1. The question of whether Craig can be involved in a future Steps to Independance Programme.
2. What work has to be done with Craig towards helping him look at options.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

Craig has gone through a rather depressed phase, where he had difficulty coping with some personal problems - this spilled over into his life at Raisdale and has to some extent prevented him looking forward and sharing plans for the future.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

C. SMITH.

Signed: Christie M. SmithDesignation: Area OfficerDate: 14.3.85

2.8.84 Review at Rasedale Adolescent Unit on Craig Palmer (16) involving Craig C. Smith (A.O. Barrhead), G McNeilly and (Rasedale) and Eric Steel. See Social Worker's Review Form and Rasedale report. Minutes pending. ✓

C. Smith apologised for not returning Referral Form on Craig and explained this would not be returned until her return from holiday around the end of August.

Prior to the review a Rasedale staff member indicated that Craig had no options re accommodation and that C Smith was the only adult in his life outwith Rasedale itself.

This was a fairly short review, the main points being as follows:-

1. Craig to remain in Rasedale meantime and be referred to S.T.I.P. It appears that it is only recently that Craig has been counselled re his future accommodation and the inevitability of his move from Rasedale. Craig appeared a bit anxious at the mention of his move and Social Worker and Staff pointed out that the move would be over a period of 1-1½ years. G McNeilly said he could remain at Rasedale until 18th Birthday if his cooperation and behaviour remained constant.
2. Contact to be made with S.T.I.P. after the receipt of Social Worker's Referral form and Y.P.A.F.. I decided not to leave Y.P.A.F. at this stage until we had more information on Craig and his background. The long-term plan is that Craig joins the next assessment/preparation group in late 1984.
3. C. Smith asked Craig to consider a future move to a bedsit within Rasedale as an interim step towards independent living. Craig point blank refused and could not offer specific reasons for this. I had the impression that Craig will require a lot of help with practical areas such as Cooking and budgetting. This seemed to be confirmed by C Smith who indicated that Craig was not at the same stage as R Bradley was when first referred. Perhaps the prospect of "fending for himself" within a bedsit is the major factor in his refusal. George commented on the fact that a number of boys in recent times had had a similar attitude to Craig's e.g. D Morran.
4. Re employment: Craig was late for a test at Reid Kerr College and missed his chance there. He has also been unlucky re Y.T.S. placements - Barrhead Careers Office report that number of school-leavers seeking Y.T.S. placements

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outweighs the number of places available (NB also reported in "Barrhead News").

Reading between the lines my impression was that Craig will require a lot of practical help - Supported Lodgings as a first step?

Decision

Project to initiate contact with Craig once relevant information received.

26.9.84 S.W. referaal form received. Myself to meet with C Smith(S.W.) and key residential worker at Ralsdale on 11.10.84.....ES

1.10.84 MEETING: at Raisedale between C Johnstone - Raisedale, C Smith - Social Worker, Eric Steel - 'S.T.I.P.' and Craig Palmer.

I outlined S.T.I.P. procedure explaining that we hoped to run an assessment/preparation group either November/December 1984 or January/February 1985. Criag to be invited to this with myself seeing him on 2 or 3 occasions before this group.

Craig now willing to consider a move to bedsit within Raisedale. The timing of this depends upon a place becoming available. C Johnston hopeful of a place arising over the next 3 months. I feel this represents a significant progress on Craig's part.

Craig is happily settled into his employment at Netherkirkton Children's home as a gardener (is this Y.T.S.?).

Christine Smith - Social Worker, raised issue of Craig sharing with a boy in Raisedale whose Social Worker was based in Glasgow. I said this was possible but would depend upon a number of factors, e.g. the keeness of the boys to share together, options which exist for other boy, Social Worker's views and the extent to which the other boy has established roots in Renfrewshire.

Both C Smith and C Johnstone commented on the degree to which Craig has survived the care system. Apparently has never been delinquent and sets his own 'limits' for behaviour. Raisedale full of praise for Criag. I left a 'Young Persons' Application Form' and will contact Craig on receipt of this. ES

23.11.84 Meeting at Raisedale between Craig and Eric Steel.

Purpose of this meeting was to discuss with Craig the assessment/preparation group. Craig to join this group commencing 29.11.84.....ES

8.1.85 Telephone discussion with C.Smith (S.W.), concerning Craig's attendance at S.T.I.P. group. Social Worker explained that Craig has had some difficulties of late largely in relation to a new girlfriend. S.W. has advised against individual contact but asks that we continue to encourage his involvement - perhaps offering to pick him up.

A child care review due in February 1985.....ES

4.3.85 REVIEW: See minutes✓

APRIL Telephone discussion with Christine Smith re Craig's involvement in S.T.I.P. group. S.W. in favour. Following Social Worker's discussion with Craig project given go-ahead to contact Craig re the group.....ES

25.4.85 Meeting at Ralsdale between Craig, Scott Murray and E Steel.

Purpose to confirm group arrangements..... ES

MAY 1985 Craig opted out of group. This may be partly to S Murray's withdrawal. Telephone call to C Smith (20.5.85) to inform her of same.....ES

20.8.85 REVIEW AT RAISEDAL: PRESENT CATHY SMITH - AREA OFFICER AND CHAIR PERSON, GEORGE MCNEELY - OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, SHONA ROBERTSON - KEYWORKER, CULBERT SMITH - CARE STAFF, CRAIG DID NOT APPEAR FOR HIS REVIEW. He has spoken increasingly to Cathy Smith re leaving care (See Social Work Review form) but Raisedale see no change in his motivation to go. No major problems at Raisedale although Craig is known/suspected of being instrumental in incidents of somewhat malicious mischief - partly as means of acquiring peer status?

Craig is resident in bedsit and his keyworker is monitoring programme of encreasing independence in cooking, budgetting etc. Appears not to be interested in employment - perhaps because of on/off but very intense involvement with his girl friend.

It was agreed that Craig's expressed desire for his own tenancy should be acted upon - with a view to a move by the end of 1985. Cathy Smith will contact Christine McCaig (Housing Liaison) re procedure for making Special Cases Application. Craig would want to live in the Barrhead area.

Project Homemaker will link with Craig prior to move - although probably not until after the next Review on 9 October 1985 at 2.00 pm at Raisedale. EW

9.10.85

MEETING AT RAISEDAL. CATH SMITH HAD INVITED BRIAN TREEHAM AND HIS SOCIAL WORKER, MARIE MILLER FROM EASTERHOUSE AREA OFFICE TO THE MEETING WITH OURSELVES AND CRAIG BECAUSE BOTH YOUNG PEOPLE WISHED TO SHARE. The 'teamed up' at Raisedale - sometimes to the detriment, according to staff, of the unit as a whole since they tended to get involved in minor incidents of damage disappearance of others' property.

It was agreed that Craig and his Social Worker would attend Cath Smith's appointment with the Housing Department on 16 October 1985 to discuss the possibility of the boys being allocated a joint/shared tenancy. Cath Smith proposed that they should be supported by an Area Office Homemaker, since they were seeking a house in the Barrhead area. She asked, however, if a Project worker or Homemaker could informally give the boys some information and tips before the move about what they should anticipate/expect - perhaps arranging for a young person in a group tenancy to meet with them and pass on their experiences. I agreed to this and Cath Smith to recontact me after 16 October 1985. EW

30.10.85 Meeting at Raisedale - C Smith (SW, AO). D Kelly (STIP), C Palmer and B Feehan.

Purpose: offer short term assistance in practical terms in preparation for moving to council tenancy.

It was pointed out to both boys that I could advise them on the practical issues i.e. problems that can arise when two people share a flat, purchasing food, budgeting etc. Both boys accepted my offer. C Smith clarified that I would be involved up to the point where a house is allocated after which a homemaker from Barrhead office would take over. Next meeting on 5.11.85. Doris to find out about DHSS grant.

27.11.85 Over the last three weeks I have met with Craig on three occasions. I have covered budgeting monies, DHSS grants, and advised Craig to build a stock of food and clothes prior to leaving care. I arranged a visit to a group tenancy for Craig and prepared him for that i.e. a list of questions etc. This visit was carried out today and went very well - this rounded off my contact with him and I passed this information on to his social worker.....DK

12.8.87 PHONE CALL TO SOCIAL WORKER, DOROTHY A SMITH , BARRHEAD.

Craig moved from Ralsdale to flat with friend, situation broken down. Friend sold off furniture and Craig was moved to own tenancy, Barrhead. Doesn't qualify for DHSS grant. camping in 'house' - doesn't like where his is, knows noone. Would like to live around Houston, B.O.W. in Supported Lodgings. Friendly with Michael Rush.

20.8.87 Telephone call to Social Worker re above - message left to return call.....MMCP
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