

FRONT SHEET

Date filled in. 26.6.69.

NAME Shirley Turner
D.O.B. 22.3.61
I.Q. 79 (Stanford Binet)
8:5:68

DATE of ADMISSION

17.6.68

PRESENT ADDRESS
128, Girdleness Road, April 1967.
Kirkhill,
Torry,
Aberdeen AB14ED.
PREVIOUS ADDRESSES

DATE AND REASON FOR ORIGINAL APPLICATION

4.4.1968.
Strained relationship with [redacted] with aggression on both sides.

[redacted]

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN () MARITAL STATUS

[redacted]

DATE OF LEAVING

FATHER OCCUPATION

[redacted]

SCHOOL

MOTHER OCCUPATION

[redacted]

FOLLOW UP AND COMMENTS

RELIGION

SIBLINGS NAME AGE

[redacted]

EDUCATION AUTHORITY

Aberdeen.

PSYCHIATRIST

PREVIOUS SCHOOLS

SOCIAL WORKER

[redacted]
Child Psychiatry Unit,
Royal Aberdeen Hospital for Sick Children

PREVIOUS PSYCHIATRIC IN-PATIENT

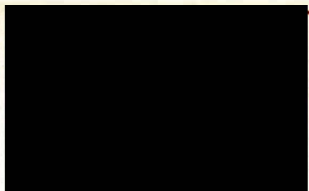
Royal Aberdeen Hospital for Sick Children
(26.2.68 - 14.6.68)

OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

NAME

Shirley Lane

Reports to:



AGE

ENGLISH SUBJECTS

Generally Shirley works well in class, but she works very slowly. She is quite good at writing stories and when she has time works well at English exercises. She also likes to be read to.

MATHEMATICS

Shirley is quite capable of doing basic mathematics but needs to be helped and encouraged.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Ken Jones, and generally very active physically.

ARTS AND CRAFTS.

MUSIC

Shows little interest in this field.

GENERAL REPORT

All in all I am pleased that Shirley does as much as she is capable. She is often easily distracted but is able to continue her work when she is removed from those who would annoy her. I hope this means that she will be able to cut herself apart and work quietly by herself.

REPORT TO

Shirley requires a great deal of support at present. She has found the prospect of leaving home after five years and going to a day school a daunting prospect. She wants to succeed but will require a great deal of encouragement of her abilities, praise and sympathy.

Shirley does have learning difficulties and find the present address. She is often frustrated by her own inability, but can with encouragement achieve a great deal.

We wish both Shirley and  every ^{success} ~~best~~ wish and hope to hear from them in the future.

[REDACTED]

This is a crucial time for Shirley. Hopefully she has found relief for her feelings at long last. The fact few know is that the transition to home and day school might be less traumatic. Unsettled [REDACTED] and Shirley will need a tremendous amount of outside support for [REDACTED]

Shirley Turner

Shirley could have progressed favourably, but she is clever enough to get round students and volunteers.

She has been at Harmony too long to be treated like a baby.

She knows she can have things just as she wants them, without reason, if she puts on her babyish, weeding way of talking.

No wonder, when she goes home, she becomes the tough guy, and treats

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] round about abominably.

HARMONY SCHOOL

NAME Shirley Turner
AGE 10
Summer Term 1967

ENGLISH SUBJECTS

Shirley's reading is quite competent. She is enjoying writing more now but finds it difficult still to control size, so that she usually ends up big and straggly. She is trying hard with her spelling.

MATHEMATICS

Shirley still finds this difficult, but she tries well and is improving.

- Arts
- Crafts
- Music
- Physical Education

too easily discouraged with her own efforts & then gives up. Shirley can make things well when she keeps at it.
- not very interested in music or dancing.

Physical Education
General Report

Football, netball, swimming, skipping, rowing. - Shirley is good at them all.

Shirley behaves very well in class. She gets on well with her work quietly and does not demand a lot of attention. She is keen, and quick, and quite often first with the right answer.

REPORT

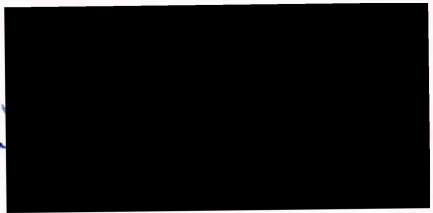
Quite a good term. Shirley's behavior is excellent, & she never gets into any trouble. She is kind & boisterous, & likes to play & active games & pastimes, but is generally friendly & considerate. Her school work is progressing quite satisfactorily, & provides her with no real problems.

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[redacted] to [redacted]

Generally we are happy with Shirley's progress.
The main problem continues to be the nagging & criticisms
of [redacted], which aggravate Shirley. I have much
doubt whether Shirley will be able to tolerate life
at home, & Shirley may need continued residential
schooling - She may, by the time she is twelve, require
a normal boarding school situation.
Meanwhile [redacted] needs help to give all the
support she can to Shirley & to keep helping Shirley.

Shirley Turner.

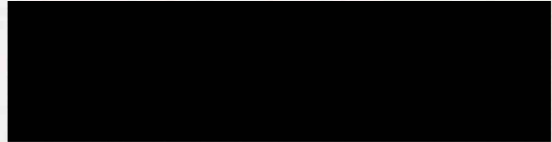
Shirley is very much of a "Tom Boy". She plays a lot of football and always likes to wear trousers or shorts. I find her very demanding. She likes me to dress her and do lots of little things which most of the other children like to do themselves. Shirley mixes well with the other children and enjoys most activities.



SHERLEY TURNER.

JULY 1968

A girl who is very superficial
~~with~~ ⁱⁿ her relationships with adults
and flits from one person to
another. Settling in fairly
well.



● to  etc.
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HARMONY HOUSE SCHOOL

Report on Shirley Turner Date of Birth 22.3.61 Admitted 17.6.68
Term Summer 1968

ENGLISH : Reading
Spelling
Grammar
Composition

WRITING

HISTORY

GEOGRAPHY

NATURE STUDY

ARITHMETIC : Mental
Mechanical
Problem

PAINTING

cannot settle to making anything

CRAFTS

MUSIC

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

enjoys active games

GAMES

*Too soon to judge how she will settle.
(A very disturbed child - who is missing her
home very much.) She cannot at the moment
settle to anything - "work" or toys for more
than five minutes. Her reading appears to be
quite adequate for her age though her number
work is far behind.*



HEADMASTER'S REPORT / over the page.

Next term begins 26th August 1968 ends

[REDACTED]

Shiley has settled in extremely well. She indicates she likes school & is happy here. It is too soon to judge what progress she will make.

[REDACTED]

I hope that we can give [REDACTED] the help she undoubtedly needs to change her attitude towards Shiley. An [REDACTED] will be coming into the picture soon & I hope he can help. At present [REDACTED] is cold & demanding towards [REDACTED]. Shiley herself is a tomboy (to her [REDACTED] disgust) and apart from being wild and noisy, is at present no problem.

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To
To
To

[REDACTED]

HARMONY SCHOOL

NAME .Shirley.Turner.....

Autumn.....Term 1968

AGE ...7.....

ENGLISH SUBJECTS

Reading quite good.
Neat writer - takes care with work.
Loves stories - and having a cuddle while listening!

MATHEMATICS

Not quite so good as English. Shirley tends to convince herself she can't do a sum and stops trying.

Arts

Crafts

Music

Physical Education

} Does not usually show much interest, but is neat in what she does do.
Quite keen on singing.

Shirley is strong though small. Good at climbing and balancing.

General Report

Very much at home in the water at swimming.
Shirley is beginning to concentrate better, though she still spends a lot of time wandering from one thing to another.
Very fond of the teacher and kind to her.
An observant little girl and becoming much happier and more relaxed. Needs lots of loving.
Puts little value on her own achievements.

REPORT

A good term. I think she has now settled at Harmony, & next term should show greater progress in the class work.

Dec 1968

Shirley Turner

Shirley has fairly blossomed out this term, she can be very aggressive if she does not have her own way and can stir up trouble among the others.

She is still very wet at night and occasionally during the day.

HARMENY SCHOOL

NAME Shirley Turner Summer 9
.....Term 196

AGE 8 years and 4 months.

ENGLISH SUBJECTS Shirley's reading has steadily improved. She enjoys stories so much and has a great desire to read them for herself. Shirley is just beginning to tackle a little free writing as against copying. She is more lacking in confidence than in ability here.

MATHEMATICS Improving slowly. Lots of practice needed but Shirley is really wanting to do this and willing to spend time at it. Still definitely needs counters.

Arts Tends to "doodle" on books rather than paint or draw on paper! Likes cooking.
Crafts
Music Interested
Physical Education Very good little swimmer and diver. Skipping, climbing, trampoline etc - strong and agile

General Report

Shirley can sit and work for longer periods now, especially if she can have the attention of one adult. She forms strong attachments and gets very upset when someone she is fond of leaves Harmeny. Generous and warm-hearted. Still needs lots of re-assurance about her own capabilities and likeableness. Well liked by class-mates.

REPORT

A good term for Shirley. She is progressing well at school and making better relationships. I would like to see all anxiety about her bed wetting removed from her. She is most likely to grow out of it, and will do so quicker if she is not worried. She is still very demanding of adult attention, but this again is no great cause for concern at present.

[REDACTED] Report

Worries a great deal about being wet during the night. Is easily bored and quite often homesick.

[REDACTED] Report to [REDACTED]

Shirley continues to exhibit difficulties at home. But the nature of her [REDACTED] demands on her make this fairly inevitable at the present. At [REDACTED] Harmony she presents as a fairly normal little girl who likes a lot of adult attention.

HARMONY SCHOOL

Autumn 9
.....Term 196

NAME Shirley Turner

AGE 8

ENGLISH SUBJECTS

Shirley's reading is much improved. Comprehension and expression are lagging behind a little but she is working consistently through her English workbooks and certainly improving. Shirley is just beginning to write her own stories instead of copying them. Keen to learn "joining" writing.

MATHEMATICS

Not very confident. Shirley much prefers reading.

Arts

Likes drawing, especially patterns. Usually prefers the non-seezy pencils and crayons to paints. Likes to pick out tunes on the piano. Likes acting and cooking.

Crafts

Music

Physical Education

Swimming very good. Does country dancing but does not seriously try to do it right. Plays a good game of football and other ball games.

General Report

Shirley has quietened down. She gets on quite well on her own with work and does not demand as much help with it as many others. On the other hand she is quite clinging to adults, always looking for a knee to get on and needs a good cuddle. Gives the impression that she thinks you may not like her and so is always testing you out.

REPORT

Some improvement this term. Shirley has made progress in class, and her behaviour in general has been a little more mature.

██████████ Report to ██████████

Shirley is maturing well in the Hameny setting, but there seems to be little carry over to her behaviour at home. I feel it is simply a case of long term care in a residential setting.

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██████████ Report

More settled and less homesick now. She clings a lot and likes to be petted. Her conversation is always very limited and her behaviour resembles that of a much younger child.

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NAME Shirley Turner

AGE 9

ENGLISH SUBJECTS

Shirley's reading is progressing well. Comprehension does not quite keep pace with reading performance. She is beginning to write on her own, but rarely finishes anything, constantly makes fresh starts. Does not reverse letters so often.

MATHEMATICS

— beginning to have a better understanding of numbers. Still needs lots of experience with concrete materials.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Shirley is a good & keen swimmer, and is accurate and neat at games. Not keen on dancing — too tense, cannot relax to a rhythm.

ART

CRAFTS

MUSIC

} not very interested in making things. Likes to draw small things. Likes to cook, but fairly often goes away without finishing.

GENERAL REPORT

Shirley has seemed rather depressed and unhappy this term. She is unsettled, doesn't stay at anything for long, and moves from one activity to another seeking comfort, yet is often tense and withdrawn. Certainly she is unhappy that her house mother is leaving, but I don't think it is only that. She wants to progress to the next class and I think this would probably be a good idea.

REPORT

Shirley has had rapid mood swings this term. She appears to have been largely depressed in class. Also very demanding with her house mother, who is about to leave.

Apart from that she has played a great deal with other girls, with students & visitors, & has ripened at least one visitor with her good manners & sweet relationships.

I think we are at a period of change.

[REDACTED]

Always clinging but not much conversation except to tell me that I'm daft, or that she wants to go home. Has very little interest but enjoys being read to. Very sulky, frequently wet.

[REDACTED]

Something is changing in this situation.

[REDACTED] attitude has modified, & she seems both more tolerant in her attitude towards Shirley & more willing to take a stand & be firm. Now the change of home & district may help.

However, I doubt if we should contemplate any more in the near future.

HARMONY SCHOOL

NAME

Shirley Turner

Christmas Term 1967

AGE

10

ENGLISH SUBJECTS

Shirley has maintained a steady rate of progress during the term. Her reading is still a little hesitant but she has the patience to break up words until she can manage them. Shirley now produces interesting stories but she certainly needs pressure to develop them. I am pleased with Shirley's progress this term.

MATHEMATICS

Shirley has worked well during the term and now has a good understanding of the decimal currency. She finds subtraction difficult.

Cooking

Shirley enjoys cooking and is becoming proficient.

Arts

She enjoys pencil and crayon drawings and is producing some good work.

Crafts

As yet she shows little interest in craft work.

Music

Shirley seems to enjoy singing and also playing with the

Physical Education

now musical instruments.

She is good at all outdoor sports especially ball games but does not enjoy country dancing.

General Report

It is delightful having Shirley in our class. She fits in extremely well with the other children and is popular. She still makes impulsive responses to people and situations but these are becoming less frequent. Shirley is a conscientious worker and receives satisfaction from her work.

It seems such a pity that Shirley is such a foul-mouthed little girl.

Omit she can be such a nice person when she likes.

A good term in school. Shirley continues to make progress.

Out of school she still seems to respond to some people in a violent & vulgar manner, bitter & swearing. When she wishes she can behave beautifully & make a very good impression.



On relations with [REDACTED] are still
very unpredictable & ~~fluctuate from very warm to~~
~~abusive~~ She fluctuates in her manner from
being very warm to being abusive & the reasons
of the change appear to be trivial.

Generally Shirley's responses seem to be
more with the normal range - but she can still
become very aggressive & abusive.

Winter Term 1974

NAME

Shirley Turner.

AGE

10.



Shirley has been trying this term. Her reading is becoming more fluent and her writing is clearer. She can concentrate well on her work.

MATHEMATICS

Although Shirley finds much of the work difficult, she has made a real effort to improve and she has made definite progress.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Very good. Shirley enjoys swimming and outdoor games.

ART

Shirley has done some interesting drawing & painting.

CRAFTS

Shirley has had good results in modelling & handwork, and she enjoys cooking.

MUSIC

Shirley has a good feeling for rhythm.

GENERAL REPORT

Shirley has settled well in class this term and is usually hard working and co-operative. She has little belief in her own capacities, however, & needs a lot of support to overcome feelings of discouragement when difficulties arise.

REPORT

A good term. Shirley has worked as well as she is able. She does have difficulties, & any lack of progress is due to these, & not because of lack of effort. She is still homesick & misses visits to & from [redacted]. It is a great pity that she is so far from home.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In a recent Test on WISC

Verbal	19	80
Performance		78
Full score		76

This also confirms the test done 8-5-68 on Stanford Binet, & indicates that Shirley is of low average intelligence. Her reading age is now measured at 7 yrs 9 mos on Holman Reading Scale is within the range of what one would expect. Her Arithmetic is weak.

[REDACTED] makes for too great demands of Shirley. It might help if she could accept that Shirley is in fact doing quite well, & will not really experience excessive pressure or [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] Is it now generally accepted that further residential schooling will be appropriate for Shirley? .?

Shirley

Shirley still enjoys being a tom-boy and plays a lot of football. She also needs some mothering and enjoys this at night when she is having her bottle. Finds it quite difficult to play a game for any length of time and is constantly requiring reassurance.

SHIRLEY TURNER

FEBRUARY, 1973.

Shirley continues to be a dogged worker, although of limited ability. She is not as earnest as she was last half term. On the other hand she is showing much more responsibility. She no longer sits by herself but with the girls, and works along with them, but tends to be distracted when the general concentration of the class stops, as though she is out of the sphere that she should be working in. She is more polite and more co-operative and apologetic when she has been a nuisance. After an apology she settles again.

Shirley needs praise. She will paint happily and then get frustrated and tear up what she has done and then start again, even if what she is doing is quite good. The same goes for her maths if she does not know or cannot do a simple problem, or does not think that she can do it, or just will not make the effort, she balks and threatens, even makes gestures to tear the book, until calmed and told warmly to start again. Then she will have another go.

Shirley is never any bother to take out. She enjoys going to the baths and swims quite well, and asks to be taught to dive. In the minibus her behaviour is quite good. She does not disrupt, although she tends to be swept along copying others in the rowdiness of [redacted] or [redacted] singing. It is essentially copying though. She will even copy [redacted] in the classroom, particularly the things that appear to her to be urban, like gang symbols.

[redacted]

Shirley is much the same as usual. She was pleased when she was dry in the morning for over a week. She can become disagreeable when things go wrong e.g. if she has not had a reply to a letter or if what she is doing turns out wrong. She is an affectionate child, and enjoys being carried about on my shoulders. She is thinking about the future and sometimes asks what she will be doing when she leaves.

SHIRLEY TURNER (22.3.61)

HOME CONTACT

October 1972. Drove home for the weekend, a nicely dressed Shirley, who seemed proud to show me her house and hoped [redacted] would be there. She talked of the fun she had at the summer play group [redacted] arranged she join last long holiday and of going to the pictures. On arrival, Shirley transformed into a 'too-good child', meekly collecting clothes placed by the fire, going upstairs to bath and change as instructed, with 'Yes [redacted] I'll help you [redacted] echoing. [redacted] gave her no real greeting, but talked socially at me across [redacted] of how [redacted] kept Shirley's good things at home since Harneny was too filthy, and does not look after clothes, bikes etc.

[redacted]

Shirley stood by during [redacted] obviously familiar patter concerning her past behaviour at Harneny, taking this defensive aggression with 'listen to [redacted] going on'looks in my direction. Only when [redacted] said 'you should set the other children an example', did she retally with 'you said that when I was 8'. When presented with the dolphin sculpture Shirley had made at school, [redacted] cast her eyes upwards and to me with 'what will she do next' in-comprehension of the prize (which was the most tasteful object in a room of tidy nicknacks). For 'just a weekend', [redacted] had not made up Shirley's bed in her own room, but indicated sharing [redacted] Shirley's disappointment about the dolphin gift and her bedroom was sharp, but she started to go through the motions of playing with the toys left for her homecoming by [redacted]. One senses that sensitive Shirley understands her [redacted] more readily than her [redacted] does her own, and makes allowances to a degree few children would reach. She has considerable adjustment pressures upon her in view of the 'gap' [redacted] insists exists between Harneny and home. [redacted] talks of 'when you are home for good in the summer', if you 'pass your test at Easter', however carefully one explains the possibilities involved. All the same Shirley was glad to be home, and there is a 'bond of wit' between her and [redacted]

1.3.73. HOME VISIT.

[redacted]

at nearby [redacted]

[redacted]

days or so). [redacted] return, they rented a colour T.V. which [redacted] knows Shirley and herself will enjoy, and feels [redacted] evenings more [redacted]. [redacted] and [redacted] were [redacted], but has [redacted] 'for [redacted] with Shirley. At half-term [redacted] discovered the loss of £140 savings from wardrobe, which [redacted] had last seen there before Christmas. [redacted] would not involve the police as did not know when taken, and [redacted] did not know [redacted] had the money. When [redacted], there was quite a scene, as [redacted] allows [redacted], and [redacted] re expenses.

Shirley's Christmas holiday went rather badly, she being bored with few playmates, missing [redacted] and [redacted]. The [redacted] take a kindly interest in Shirley. Half-term holiday went better, except for [redacted] clamping down on Shirley when [redacted] caught her smoking. [redacted] [redacted] smoke, but [redacted] warns and worries re ill health, dangers in view of [redacted]. Shirley is allowed out to the pictures (will only go to the one picture house that she knows), when [redacted] [redacted] finds Shirley growing up in some respects, and relatives comment similarly. She is developing physically and 'likes cooking now'. There has been far less bed wetting in recent holidays, but [redacted] lifts her 3 hourly and allows her to sleep on in the mornings if she wishes. Shirley talks of [redacted] group, skating, swimming, and of bringing her pets home in the summer.

[redacted] is said to be doing well in [redacted] where [redacted] has [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] due in Aberdeen at Easter and hope to see Shirley then. They would have her for a holiday if transport can be

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arranged, in future years. [REDACTED]

Again on this occasion, [REDACTED] assumed 'when Shirley comes home for good', throughout. [REDACTED] expressed the feelings, that with [REDACTED] and with Shirley earlier, and feels [REDACTED] should be able to manage evening supervision if Shirley attends a day school. [REDACTED] would not welcome Shirley going to [REDACTED], although near, but would accept [REDACTED] (E.S.N.) as smaller classes and 'away whole day'. If [REDACTED] would again manage the [REDACTED] for the summer holiday, she would welcome this. ([REDACTED] still maintains Shirley responds best to being shouted at however, and would certainly manipulate her home companion). It is not an easy decision, and [REDACTED] understands that we are to discuss Shirley's future with [REDACTED] and others concerned before Easter. [REDACTED] will not take children from Aberdeen, because of the distance, apparently. [REDACTED]

14.3.73.

Full discussion at Harmony with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] feels there is no alternative in the short run to a trial at home for Shirley this summer. As there has been so little indication of change in [REDACTED] over the years, hopes of this lasting beyond 6 months are not high. Shirley's wish to return home is strong however and she should be given opportunity at this stage. Individual support will be made available to [REDACTED] and to Shirley (different [REDACTED]) and play centres taken advantage of to lessen holiday stress. [REDACTED] was interested to learn that [REDACTED] was in favour of approach being made to [REDACTED] and agrees this is preferable to [REDACTED]. She will arrange a reassessment for Shirley at Easter, towards this end. Should home fail, she has in mind a [REDACTED] where the children attend a small village school. Shirley was simply delighted to see [REDACTED] visit Harmony after all these years and see her in her school surroundings.

16.5.73. Drove Shirley home for night's stay prior to visiting [REDACTED] next morning. She had been very anxious about the school, but showed anticipation since her [REDACTED] had told her on the phone there was a swimming pool. [REDACTED] explained on arrival that [REDACTED] had got up yesterday from [REDACTED] but [REDACTED] ago, you know'.) and said [REDACTED] might. While Shirley opened parcel of 3 new jumpers with delight, [REDACTED] talked about the replastering/decorating to be started inside the house in 2 weeks - walls stripped already in preparation, so Shirley to again sleep with [REDACTED]. When told to keep her sticky fingers off the chair arm, Shirley offered, 'All right, yes, I like your new furniture [REDACTED], judging exactly what was expected. She showed me the colour T.V. Proudly. [REDACTED] commented 'She's a crook' and Shirley replied 'Like [REDACTED] then', implying she's far from like this most of the time, and adding 'she's in for a shock once home with me, and I'm glad that school's strict'. I reminded both of their need to get on together and of the big adjustment demanded of Shirley in settling to home and Day School after so many years away. [REDACTED] wondered whether a house transfer to an area with more children would help, but I assured her she is better off in a quiet area. She knows Shirley can travel to school friends homes now she is older. [REDACTED] realises Shirley will need to learn to run messages etc since not accustomed to this. [REDACTED] phoned during visit about coming round that evening. Straight after I departed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went down town to buy favourite treats for tea.

[REDACTED] had thought Shirley home in June for good, but now realises July. Has applied for [REDACTED] playgroup in early August.

17.5.73. [REDACTED] introduced us to [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], who asked Shirley (dressed in blouse, tie and tunic by [REDACTED], and quite taken with herself) about her interests and guided us round both backward and P.H. side of school. Shirley will go into top class of Junior section since move up at 13 and liked mature teacher of this group - unfortunately to be single sexed from next term. Shirley appeared impressed by gymnasium, art and cookery rooms, housewifery flat, and car in boy's woodwork room. Pool is small for non-swimmers, but she will swim in town pool at least every two weeks. No girls football team, but I stressed her interest. Shirley seemed satisfied that the children seen were as normal as those at Harmony in appearance and although overawed by length of corridors, liked the school. Her [REDACTED] approved as clean and organised. The [REDACTED] said she would offer Shirley a place, seeming rather baffled by the quiet politeness of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and would, I feel, welcome a more balanced report on Shirley on discharge from Harmony.

Since Guides is encouraged, it might be helpful for Shirley to join again at Harmony since she may well chose it as a change from [REDACTED] restarts mid-August. [REDACTED]

██████████ is talking of taking Shirley to ██████████ for part of one holiday this year, which is encouraging. On return Shirley seemed composed and better prepared to return to Aberdeen this summer. She was particularly glad to learn that she had succeeded up to her ability in her Easter test.

3.7.73. HOME VISIT. ██████████ appearing fairly fit amid ██████████ newly decorated (hectic wallpaper) living room and pleasant kitchen - awaiting ██████████ doing hall and bath with handles for bathroom refit.

Seems rather excited about Shirley's return home in a way and has found quickest bus-route to school etc. Last holiday Shirley did not wet the bed once (sleeping with ██████████ again as her own room cluttered due to redecoration). ██████████ notices that Shirley feels out of it when playing with her ██████████ who used to live near, and appreciates shyness to a degree. ██████████ told ██████████ that Shirley bought fags outside or picked them up. In return Shirley later told her ██████████ that ██████████ was '██████████'. Discovering stained pants under mattress again, ██████████ challenged Shirley who said 'I'm having my period aren't I, but I didn't tell you in case you gave me a row'. ██████████ actually explained this was natural and they talked of protection and significance. Shirley being shy, ██████████ said she would tell ██████████ when she phoned. However ██████████ feels it is just starting as discharge not great. Agreed to have a word with ██████████ myself in case Shirley hiding the event, since ██████████ was not available when ██████████ phoned.

██████████ is home weekend of 14th July and they both intend to come to Harney, returning same day. ██████████ asked ██████████ if sub available for this visit, but nothing since ██████████ is working. ██████████ hopes to escort Shirley finally end of July herself. Shirley starts the playgroup the Monday after she returns home in July and school 2 weeks later - which gives the ██████████ companionship a fair chance of survival in the short run.

6.7.73. Phoned ██████████ for visit. ██████████ confirmed no provision for assisting Shirley's ██████████ for visit.

12.7.73. ██████████ phoned to say that ██████████ catching 6.15 train on Saturday. Could Shirley meet them and go shopping with them in Edinburgh in the morning, returning with them to Harney gathering in afternoon. Agreed to take Shirley to meet train. ██████████

27.7.73. Took Shirley to Waverley Street Station for the last time. ██████████ had come down especially to return Shirley and ██████████ on this occasion. It was a pleasant good-bye, ██████████ having come with me to the station for a fond farewell of Shirley. She understands that I may call to see her when in Aberdeen in October or November to see how she is doing both at school and at home.

End of October 73. ██████████ had apparently arranged with Shirley and ██████████ that Shirley come for a few days holiday during mid-term break. As it turned out ██████████ cancelled this arrangement since Shirley that week had stolen six pounds and she felt the holiday inappropriate. Joyce has apparently written a letter of advice to Shirley and to ██████████. It is in some ways unfortunate that ██████████ does contact ██████████ direct and must be confusing to the local professionals trying to help this ██████████ and ██████████ relationship.

14.II.73. Called at ██████████ office while in Aberdeen since I understood she wished to put me in the picture before I visited Shirley as arranged by letter. I spook with ██████████ on the phone since she had already left the office. It appears that the difficulties at home with ██████████ have continued or increased and that Shirley has been stealing on several occasions. At a joint interview with ██████████, Shirley, ██████████ and the ██████████ recently, it was decided that residential care be sought for Shirley in the Aberdeen area while continue at day school. The report from school is more encouraging. ██████████ is anxious to handle the future arrangements herself since they are only being negotiated at this stage and the situation has to be discussed further when ██████████ returns next. It is understandable that Shirley is feeling insecure right now but ██████████ does not feel an imminent holiday at Harney would benefit Shirley. I made it clear that we would like her to come and stay at the school a short while when she is more settled. I explained that Shirley has been in touch with ██████████ by telephone recently, asking if she might come up during the Christmas holiday but infact her school dates do not readily allow this. When speaking to myself and ██████████ on the telephone two nights ago, Shirley had not voiced such a request.

SHIRLEY TURNER CTD.

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14.II.73. HOME VISIT. Shirley was waiting outside in the dark, wearing a new sweater and trows and ran up to me readily, saying that my supper was waiting. While I consumed the plateful laid before me, [REDACTED] announced that Shirley was expecting to return with me to stay with [REDACTED] until Sunday as she has had no holiday. I expressed gentle surprise, explaining that I did not know about this arrangement although I had talked with [REDACTED] yesterday. Shirley obviously upset went to wash the dishes in the kitchen where I could hear sniffs and for a while she was not able to think or talk beyond this disappointment.

[REDACTED] indicated things had not been going well, that Shirley was treating [REDACTED] worse than ever, stealing and that she regrets saying that she would have her home. I pointed out that she must feel pleased to have let Shirley have a try at home after so many years away and cut short further complaints from Shirley's ears asking about school. [REDACTED] showed me some of Shirley's carefully executed drawings, told me that she has joined the swimming club, plays in the football team. Shirley returned, sniffing, to show me the swimming medal which was selotaped above the fireplace in honour and also the certificate for coming first in the special school's intersports in the one length free style. [REDACTED] expressed that she feels one good day in six is not adequate for her or Shirley and that Shirley is being punished too much by herself and missing the company of other children. Shirley has made friends with a [REDACTED] but [REDACTED] has recently objected to this friendship since the [REDACTED] in question tells lies. Shirley and [REDACTED] are aware that [REDACTED] is arranging alternative care soon, awaiting discussion with [REDACTED] on return from [REDACTED] in the North in about three weeks. I indicated that I did not feel a holiday at Hammeny involving missing school in Aberdeen was ideal and that my reason for calling in was to do as I had promised when Shirley left. [REDACTED] would not commit herself as to whether she wished Shirley to have just a holiday or not but agreed when I suggested it was best to wait until she was more settled going further to say that she felt it would be best for Shirley to forget Hammeny altogether now. Shirley went off to her bedroom where I found her against a cupboard crying in the dark, I sat with her on the bed and talk for some length while [REDACTED] remained in the sitting room. We talked of the others who left in the summer that I had seen and who are also meeting some difficulties, also of little changes at Hammeny and of some old time reminiscences from last year. I told her [REDACTED], who knew her when she first came to Hammeny had been inquiring after her and mentioned news of several of the staff. She brightened up after a while and eventually asked for further details of children, animals, etc. I indicated that she must often feel lonely without the Hammeny crew and that I appreciated she often felt her [REDACTED] did not really understand how she felt. She did express a wish for one of [REDACTED] puppies in the new year but ceased to push further links. This is a very difficult time for her, since she must feel a sense of failure again, although [REDACTED] feels the new alternative may prove desirable.

Shirley insisted that [REDACTED] had asked her this week, but my impression was that [REDACTED] had fanned the hope in Shirley and I felt unable to comply.

It was nice to see Shirley's bedroom so well arranged and her pin ups on the wall and her hair, now almost shoulder length, is really attractive. She herself says she is enjoying school, hence she regrets leaving her bike for [REDACTED] and misses her rabbit. Sees her [REDACTED] regularly and [REDACTED] is at present going after a new job. I did not oversay my welcome in the circumstances of the misunderstanding about the weekend.

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Harmeny School
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MIDLOTHIAN

26th July 1984

Dear Sir

RE: MISS SHIRLEY TURNER

I am now returning Shirley's file to you which has been most useful in helping Shirley's understanding of her family's relationship with her.

She continues to live in her own flat and works at the hospital but is now a discharged patient, hopefully to find full-time employment soon.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

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14th November 1983

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Miss Shirley Turner (22.3.61) 17 Ash-Hill Place Aberdeen

Thank you very much for the file and the photo-copy photos for Shirley to keep. I will return the file as soon as I have finished with it.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

11th November 1983.

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Miss Shirley Turner (22.3.61.) [REDACTED]

I have now recovered all the information we hold about Shirley's time at Harmeny School.

I regret the delay in replying to your request.

I am not sure how much of the file will be of use. Please return it when you have extracted any useful information.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

not on SW file.

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ROYAL CORNHILL HOSPITAL,
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3rd October, 1983

[REDACTED]
Harmony House School,
Balerno,
Edinburgh.

Dear Sir,

Miss Shirley Turner - d.o.b. 22. 3.61
17 Ash-hill Place, Aberdeen

I am writing on behalf of Miss Turner who I understand was a resident in your home from 1968 until 1974. In 1968 Miss Turner was transferred to you from Aberdeen Sick Children's Hospital, Cornhill Road, Aberdeen - her family's address would have been 128 Girdleness Road, Torry, Aberdeen.

Miss Turner and I are in the process of trying to piece together her past particularly the time she spent away from her family. We wondered if you still have documentation about Shirley, i.e. her difficulties and how she may have overcome these, any friends she may have had and any photographs recording friendships et cetera, would be helpful.

We would be obliged for any help you can give us in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

12th November 1975

Dear [REDACTED]

I shall be through to Aberdeen this Wednesday, 14th November, and hope to call and see you about 5 o'clock.

I trust this is convenient.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

P.S. Congratulations on the swimming, Shirley.

*Shirley Turner
at paper*

28th June, 1973.

Dear [REDACTED]

I shall be through to Aberdeen next Tuesday (3rd July), and should like to call about 10.30 that morning.

If this time is not convenient please let me know, but in the meantime I look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Shirley Turner
in pencil.

27th June, 1973.

Dear [REDACTED]

I am trying to arrange for all the [REDACTED] of the children leaving
Harmeny this summer to visit the school on Saturday 14th July, between
2p.m. and 2.30p.m.

I do hope you will be able to come and meet the other [REDACTED]. We
could perhaps accommodate you overnight if you wish.
Perhaps you would let us know if there are any difficulties.

Yours sincerely,

21st February, 1973.

[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

As Shirley may have told you, I have been appointed School
[REDACTED] in place of [REDACTED] who left in December.
I am coming to Aberdeen next week and should like to call
and see you at 10.30 on Thursday, 1st March, if this is convenient.
If I do not hear from you to the contrary, I shall look
forward to discussing Shirley's future with you then.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

15th November, 1972.

[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED],

Further to my telephone conversation with you last night, I am making arrangements for Shirley to come home the weekend after next, arriving in the afternoon, on Friday 24th November.

I have also telephoned [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] who has agreed to escort Shirley back to Waverley station on Monday 27th November.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

12th July, 1972.

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the letter you sent back to school with Shirley. I am sorry that I have not replied before. Thank you so much for the ask tray. It was very nice of you.

What a pity that your visit on Sunday had to be so short. I don't feel I really saw you properly. As you will see from her report, Shirley is doing well. She is upset at the present staff changes. But I am sure she will again settle down.

With every best wish,

Yours sincerely,

25th April, 1972.

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter which arrived today, and also for the enclosed £1.00 for Shirley's pocket money.

We agree that it will be good if [REDACTED] manages to get Shirley in to a Playgroup for the summer holiday as this will give her something to do.

Best wishes,

for: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

17th March, 1972.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your letter enclosing the £1 for Shirley's birthday.

Shirley was only in bed for the one day with a slight cold. I think this very often starts when she doesn't wrap up after swimming. I think you are right, she sometimes doesn't bring her wellingtons or boots to be dried out after they get wet. We do our best to keep her dry and warm, but it is not always possible. I am sorry that her boots were wet when she brought them home last. I don't know why she wasn't wearing a coat on her last visit home, she was wearing one when she left here.

I am sorry that you have had trouble getting through on the telephone recently. We really have too many calls now for one phone to cope with. If you have no luck on our usual phone, you could try [REDACTED], which is the coin box in the kiosk.

Thank you for your good wishes for my departure. It would be good if we could have a talk about Shirley's future before I leave on July 21st. Do please try and make arrangements to come and see me. Shirley will be due to leave at the end of summer 1973.

Best wishes to you,

[REDACTED]

18th. April. 1972

Dear [REDACTED]

This is Shirley's £1
for her Pocket Money. [REDACTED]
is trying to get Shirley into
a play group for the Summer Holidays
as she has no one to play with
here. She has not [REDACTED] too bad
this time, but misses [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED] as they are
away down to Casdiff where he
is stationed. Hoping you all had
nice Easter

Yours faithfully
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

This is \$1 for Shirley's Pocket Money. I must write and ask if you can see that Shirley does not wear her good clothes or shoes as her boots were a disgrace for only 1 month I have put them in the fire as one of the soles was right off. This is a small present from Shirley a sort of going away one.


Once again we wish you and your family all the Best in your new situation
Yours faithfully
[REDACTED]

Tuesday 14th March 1972
DEAR [REDACTED]

This is for to get
either a cake or something for
Shirley's Birthday. We were sorry
to hear when we phoned tonight
that Shirley is in bed ill so I
hope she is not too bad. I think
myself she is getting these colds
too often this while back is
she keeping her feet dry. When
she came home that last time
it took me 3 days to get the
inside of her dress Boots dry

They were simply soaking. I he
also came home with no coat
on, and this is not the weather
for no coats.

I see that you will be
leaving the school at the end of
July, well the children will all
miss you also Shirley, but of course
I don't think she has long to go
as she thinks she leaves herself
next year. I will close now wishing
you and your family all the best
at the University.

Yours faithfully


5th October 1971

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your nice long letter. With regard to the visit to Harmany, we could put you up overnight if it would help, and [REDACTED] might be able to offer a lift in his car in one direction or other. I do think that this sort of contact between you and the people who have the day to day care of Shirley in term time is important.

We will now go through all her clothes she has here at Harmany and give away those that no longer fit her.

I am sorry that you find the laundry inadequate. We do the best we can with automatic washing machines. If you have any suggestions as to how we might manage better we would be glad to hear them.

Yours sincerely,

29th Sept. 1941.

Dear 

I received your letter this morning and I am glad to see that you got the money alright. It is not that I grudged the payments of the Wellingtons I know they were cheap but we have never seen them as the Wellington Shirley has come home with are the ones I buy he myself as for coming back with the same clothes I have

given away quite a few of
Shirley's clothes this time and
the time before and she had
other ones with her. I wrote and
told you after enough to give
away or through but the clothes
that are no use for her as
there are no children here that
I can give them too. I have
to wait till people come over
for them and as this house is
damp there is no where I can
keep clothes that are of no use
to Shirley. I gave Shirley a new
white blouse with her last term
and you should have seen the
colour of it. It just wont clean
properly and the pyjamas and

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vest and pants are the same
As you know I am not always
in good health and I wash
these clothes 3 or 4 times when
Shirley takes them home to try
and get them clean but once they
have been miswashed you just
can't get them clean again and
I do my best to keep her well
clothes. As you say she has too
much clothes, in future Shirley
will only get 3 of everything with
her. I don't know what you mean
by keeping in contact with
the school as we see Shirley
every 5 or six weeks at home
and when she is away I phone
her twice a week and write 2

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litters weekly, but if you mean
to come down to Hamney well
we just can't afford it.

I am glad to see Shirley is
getting a better report from school
but while at home she is still
much about the same.

Yours Sincerely

