

REPORT to Reporter to Children's Panel,
Tayside, Dundee Division.

Fathers: David Tarbett (31) Labourer.

Mothers: Helen Lundle or (30)

Children: David Tarbett [redacted] Pupil Gillburn Primary
 Graham " d.o.b. 27. 1.69 " West March "
 Derek " [redacted] " Duncarse
 Thomas " [redacted] " Gillburn Primary
 Lisa " [redacted] At home.

Home Address: 41 Dunmore Street, Dundee.

20th May, 1976 Both parents appeared at Dundee Sheriff Court charged under a contravention of Childrens and Young Person's (Scotland) Act, 1937. Mother pled Guilty and was fined £15, father's plea of "Not Guilty" was accepted, no action was taken.

16th Aug., 76 Father had called at S. W. Dept., Area 2 [redacted] Mother in desertion.

17th Aug, 76 When mother called at the Society office she stated that she had left the home on 14th August, 1976

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18th Aug, 76 Father took custody of all children except Thomas who remained with the mother.

() October, 76 Mother and Thomas returned to the family home.

15th Nov, 76 Information received that Graham was placed on "At Risk" Register at Ninewells Hospital. This was the result of his attendance at school with scratches on his face.

25th Jan, 77 On a visit to the home mother, children Thomas and Lisa were seen. The latter were in need of a wash. The home was in very poor order, clothing, paper, shoes and rubbish scattered over the floor. Hydro supply disconnected, mother receiving assistance from neighbours for cooking facilities. [redacted]

24th Nov., 78 Mother complained of [redacted] the father, [redacted] having thrown Graham against a settee, [redacted] Mother and children placed in "Woman's Aid Refuge" by Mo.

.h Jan, 1979

Father called at Society office with children David, Graham and Derek, other children Thomas and Lisa stated to be with P.G. Mother at 72 Drumlanrig Drive, Dundee. Father claimed that mother was in desertion and as he had to enter Ninewells Hospital for treatment he requested that the three children with him be admitted to care. Father later attended at Area 2 Social Work Department offices, signed Section 15 Forms and the children were admitted to the Children's Shelter, Laurelbanks, Dundee.

On learning later that father had not been admitted to hospital he was contacted and instructed to collect the children from the Children's Shelter. This he failed to do.

12th Jan 79

On instructions from Mr Whyte Social Worker, Area 2 mother called at the Children's Shelter and removed David and Graham. Mother and children then went to stay with a Mr McKinnis, 3 Craigmount Avenue, Charleston, Dundee.

16th Jan, 79

Visit to 3 Craigmount Avenue where householder, parents and children were seen with the exception of Lisa who was still resident with the P.G. Mother.

During discussion it was learned that Graham had run away from his mother, contacted father informing him of family's whereabouts resulting in father's visit. Agreement had also been reached between the householder and parents that mother and four children should remain at this address while Lisa remains with P.G. Mother.

17th Jan, 79

Information received from father that all the family were reunited in their own home.

29th Jan, 79

Message from Police Control at 3.55a.m. that Graham, Thomas and Lisa were being cared for by a Mrs Robertson, 37 Dunmore Street, but that she could not cope any longer. On visiting the address given, father was present, having just returned prior to my arrival. His explanation for his absence was that he had been searching unsuccessfully for the mother who had deserted the home on the 27th January, 1979.

Family History

This family became known to the Society in February, 1968 and there have been numerous complaints of the children being left unattended, violence by the father towards the mother, repeated financial difficulties resulting in Hydro supply being disconnected creating hardship in the home.

The children's behaviour at times has caused concern owing to their undisciplined behaviour which can be attributed to the lack of parental care especially with Graham and Derek who have both attended Duncarse Special School.

On numerous occasions mother has deserted the home creating situations from which the children suffered the traumatic experience of receiving alternative care.

Conclusion

continued,

In an environment of violence in an uncaring situation detrimental to their future well being.

The father's history is one of refusing to accept the responsibilities of a wife and family, while the mother's attitude towards her own responsibilities within the home leaves much to be desired.

W. Foy,
Inspector,
R.S.S.P.C.C.

OTHER AGENTS INVOLVED

Miss Butters, Social Worker Area 2.
Mrs Evans,
Mr High Educational Social Worker, Duncarse Annex, Perth Rd.
Mr Marra, Headmaster, Gilburn Primary School.
Mr Cuthbert, Social Worker, Area 2.
Mr Whyte,

Dundee Branch,
17 William Street,
DUNDEE.

2nd March, 1979.

1. General domestic circumstances.

Home not seen.

2. EVIDENCE RELATING TO COMPLAINT AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION (5) OVER

Accompanied by Mrs Bubb (Student) visited the home of Flynn 40 Dunmore Street, where the five Tarbett children were seen, they were clean, and appeared in good health. Information given was that both parents were in the street arguing and mother called at Flynn's house requesting that they telephone for Taxi. On arrival Mother asked child to accompany her which they refused. Mother left in the Taxi at approx 8.10a.m. Father was reported to have asked the Flynn's to look after the children for 10 minutes, after an hour they telephoned the Police.

The children did not know where the parents were. A telephone call was made to Society Office requesting Inspector Tarbet to contact mother who was reported to have given the Taxi driver the address 4 Armour Place, (Robertson), Dundee.

It was learned from the children that [redacted] Graham was on Supervision Section 44 (10 (b) Monkton Haddleigh [redacted]

The two younger children being in the care of the Parents. David stated that the father had refused to allow the three children to return to their respective Residential Homes after the holiday, also that Mr B. Hinnie was the Social Worker involved. A Children's Hearing was due at the beginning of September. Mr Hinnie was contacted and he arrived at 40 Dunmore Street at approx 10.45a.m. when it was agreed that the children be taken to S.W.Dept., Haldane Terrace.
~~XXXX Evidence relating to Complaint and reasons for Recommendation (5) over XXXX~~

The situation was discussed and Mr Hinnie spoke to his senior Mr James Birrell and it was agreed that David, Graham and Derek be returned to their respective Residential Homes and that places be found for Thomas and Lisa.

At approx 10.40a.m. Inspector Tarbet arrived at S.W.Dept., Haldane Terrace with the mother having conveyed her from 4 Armour Place, Dundee. She said that an argument arose with father [redacted]

[redacted] Mother stated she was not going back to the father and requested Mr Hinnie to take the two younger children into care. This was agreed to with Inspector Shield as "fitness to her request. [redacted]



Tayside Regional Council
72/74 Haldane Terrace,
Dundee.

Social Work Department
Dundee Division Area 2

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SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:—

Surname..... **TARBETT**

Date of Birth..... [redacted]

Christian Names
or forenames..... [redacted]

Religion **Protestant**

Address **c/o 25, Drumlanrig Drive,**
..... **Dundee.**

Occupation..... [redacted]

Marital State..... **N/A**

is to appear on..... **8 February, 1980** at..... **Dundee Children's Hearing** ~~Court~~ in connection
with the crime ~~offence~~ of..... **3.35p.m. 48(2) Review at request of Social Worker.**

Previous Appearances as known to the Officer making the Report:

FAMILY:

Father: David Tarbett (31) 41 Dunmore Street. Unemployed.
Mother: Helen Tarbett (30) Present whereabouts unknown. Unemployed.
Others: David Tarbett (12) [redacted]
Graham Tarbett(11) Monken Hadley List G School Dumfries -
at present in Dundee.
Derek Tarbett (9) [redacted]
Thomas Tarbett(6) [redacted]
Lisa Tarbett (5) [redacted]

HOME CONDITIONS:

At present the entire Tarbett family, except Mrs. Tarbett whose whereabouts are unknown, are residing with Mr. Tarbett's parents at 72 Drumlanrig Drive, Mid Craigie, Dundee.

It is not reasonable to expect Mr. Tarbett to reside at 41, Dunmore Street with the children at present as the electricity supply has been disconnected fully because of outstanding bills, in excess of £350. Mr. Tarbett has hopes of a new house in the Watson Street area but I do not feel that this is a possibility in the near future because there are outstanding rent arrears of approximately £50 as well as the outstanding fuel bills.

Conditions in Drumlanrig Drive are overcrowded and Mrs. Tarbett, (grandmother) is elderly and not in a fit state physically to cope with the present situation.

SOCIAL BACKGROUND:

On Friday 11 October 1979 at a Children's Hearing it was decided to place [redacted]
[redacted] a 44(1)(b) order on Graham specifying Monken Hadley school in Newton Stewart as his place of residence. These decisions were made following the establishment of grounds on charges of neglect in the Sheriff Court.

[redacted]

SOCIAL BACKGROUND:

I was not very happy when this case was handed over to me that Monken Hadley was recommended for Graham despite the fact that he had been ^{allegedly} assaulted during his first placement there by a member of staff at the school. However, I shall deal with Graham later in this report.

Since I accepted transfer of this case following the last panel I have found Mr. Tarbett to be most co-operative in my dealings with his domestic problems. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I had almost daily contact with the family from 16 10 '79 until 5 11 79 when Mr. Tarbett visited me at my office, he informed me that Mrs. Tarbett had deserted the home on Friday 2 11 79.

[REDACTED]

Mr. Tarbett was very upset at his wife's departure but agreed with me that it was better for the children if he, being the father, could look after them.

[REDACTED]

On 8 11 79 I helped Mr. Tarbett make arrangements with a neighbour to look after the children until the following Sunday as Mr. Tarbett had arranged with the Education Department to visit Graham at Monken Hadley that weekend.

On Monday 12 11 79 I was told when I went to work that Strathclyde Social Work Department had contacted the duty social worker over the weekend because Mrs. Tarbett had contacted them - with her children !

Mr. Tarbett duly arrived at my office and explained that he had gone to Glasgow on Friday as his wife had run away to there before, he established her whereabouts, returned to Dundee, picked up the kids and went back to Glasgow, leaving them with their mother in a pub in Charing Cross. As a result he had not visited Graham in Newton Stewart.

After many telephoned calls to Strathclyde's various Social Service departments and housing facilities, I established that Mrs. Tarbett and her children had been advised to return to Dundee.

The following day at 9.00. Mrs. Tarbett called at my office with all the children except Derek who was left with an aunt in Glasgow. She told me that she would try to get a house of her own although I informed her that as far as Mr. Tarbett had told me the house at 41 Dunmore Street was open to her. Mrs. Tarbett and the kids had in fact spent the previous night in Dunmore Street, Mr. Tarbett being in Drumlanrig Drive on that occasion, at his mother's house.

SOCIAL BACKGROUND:

Eventually I established that Mrs. Tarbett was in the Women's Aid Refuge. The following day she was placed in a homeless unit in Mid-Craigie after much back passing and denial of responsibility in the housing department.

There was a reconciliation between the Tarbetts about three days later and they all returned to live at 41 Dunmore Street.

I then had approximately fortnightly contact, due to the festive break and so on and things seemed settled apart from the outstanding bills. The house was being heated by coal and food was being provided, hot, by a neighbour, Mr. Tarbett was saving towards the bills and Mrs. Tarbett seemed relieved to be back, she told me that she had run away because of the unpaid bills.

However, three weeks ago, Mr. Tarbett came in to my office to inform me that Helen Tarbett had run off again, this time for no apparent reason, she had left on a Monday night saying that she would be back about 11.0 pm. but failed to return.

I requested this review as both myself and Mr. Tarbett feel that having worked hard at keeping the family together and having attempted to get through this particularly difficult financial period, Mrs. Tarbett has placed too great a burden of responsibility upon her husband.

Mr. Tarbett has been incapacitated with gout and is suffering from an industrial accident to his right hand which means he is unable to work and must rely on state benefits. Throughout this crisis, Mr. Tarbett has ensured that all the children have attended their various schools in spite of the extra travelling from Mid-Craigie. All that is except Graham but he did not return to Monken Hadley after the Christmas break with my knowledge. I have informed the Education Department that I wish his case to be reconsidered and I have called for a Children's Hearing in respect of Graham, Tommy and Lisa.

RECOMMENDATION:

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Mr. B. Hinnie,
Social Worker.

I apologise for the delay in submission of this report but I felt that in view of the tendency of this case history to turn round completely in a short space of time, it would be wiser to submit my report as close as possible to the day of the hearing.

I will attend the hearing

The following information was extracted from the files of the R.S.S.P.C.C.
The Panel may find it useful as a reference guide to the relevant family history with regard to the children.

Generally the case first became known to the society in February 1968 when the mother complained that the father was squandering the income. The father was seen and warned.

16 April, 1969.

At the home in 11 Craigie Street the parents admitted leaving a child alone in the home, they were given a warning.

5 July, 1969.

Father put mother and child out of the home. Mrs. Tarbett returned on 7 July 1969, [redacted]

29 March, 1971.

Father complained that mother left the children alone in the home at 33 Inveresk Crescent. Mother was seen and warned - returned home 2 April, 1971.

1 May 1971.

Mother again deserted the home.

10 May 1971.

Father deserted leaving Graham and Derek in a friend's home.

6 December, 1971.

Mother left children alone in the home she was again seen and warned.

8 February, 1976.

Complaint received that children were alone in home lighting paper. When police and R.S.S.P.C.C. Inspector called parents had just arrived home - the parents were warned.

23 February 1976.

Children again left alone in home at night. Father was contacted and returned home. He stated that he had left mother caring for the children. Father was warned. Mother was seen and warned - she stated that she had only gone out for cigarettes.

20 May, 1976.

Both parents appeared at Dundee Sheriff Court charged under a contravention of Children and Young Person's (Scotland) Act, 1937. Mother pled Guilty and was fined £15, father's plea of 'Not Guilty' was accepted, no action was taken.

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Father had called at Social Work Department [redacted]
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[redacted]

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[redacted]

24 November, 1978.

Mother complained of [redacted] the father [redacted] having thrown Graham against a settee [redacted] Mother and children placed in 'Woman's Aid Refuge', by Mr. Cuthbert, Duty Social Worker. Mother and children returned to the home on the 28 November, 1978.

11 January, 1979.

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29 January, 1979.

Message from police control at 3.55a.m. that Graham Thomas and Lisa were being cared for by a Mrs. Robertson, 37 Dunmore Street, but that she could not cope any longer. Father's explanation for his absence was that he had been searching unsuccessfully for the mother who had deserted the home on the 27 January, 1979.

16 October, 1979.

I accepted transfer of this case from the Medical Social Work Department at Ninewells following a Children's Hearing on 12 October, 1979. My subsequent involvement with the family and their recent history is documented in my reports to the Panel.



Mr. B. Hinnie,
Social Worker.

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Social Work Department

~~Dundee Division~~ AREA 2.

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SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:—

Surname.....	TARBETT	Date of Birth.....	27 1 69
Christian Names or forenames.....	Graham	Religion	Protestant
Address	Monken Hadley School, Newton Stewart.	Occupation.....	Schoolboy
		Marital State.....	N/A

is to appear on 14 March, 1980..... at Dundee Children's Hearing Court in connection
with ~~no criminal offence~~..... 48(2) Review at request of Social Worker.....

Previous Appearances as known to the Officer making the Report:

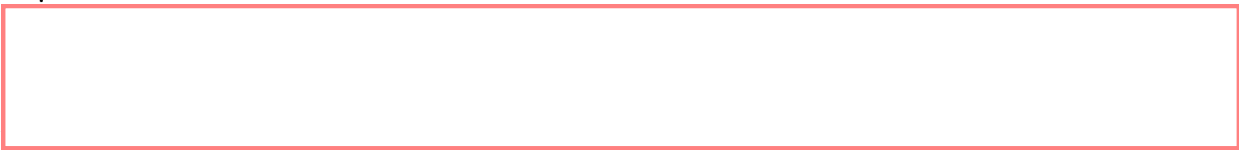
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Since my last report on the Tarbett family (8 February 1980) - see attached there have been some major developments. Approximately two weeks after David and Derek were taken into care, Mrs. Helen Tarbett returned home. I have seen both Mr. and Mrs. Tarbett twice since her return and as far as I am aware they are residing at 72 Drumlanrig Drive.

Graham Tarbett requested that he be returned to Monken Hadley after his mother's return to Dundee. He had asked to be returned shortly before her return but his request was more definite the second time and he seemed to be happier and more settled.

I escorted Graham to the school on Friday 29 February 1980. Graham enjoyed the trip and appeared to be relieved when we arrived, he related very well to his school mates despite his long absence and took a pride in showing me around his living/teaching unit.

Graham's headmaster, Mr. Sendall was pleased to have him back and provided me with a school report (attached). I feel that Graham has settled in Monken Hadley and should present no problems during his stay there.



Mr. B. Hinnie,
Social Worker.

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I will attend the hearing.

Report on Graham Tarbett. D.O.B. 27.1.69.

Upon admission Graham settled in very rapidly, playing amicably with the other boys in his unit and apparently accepting the idea that he was here for some considerable time. He became a very willing and able helper around his unit, kept himself very clean and tidy and enjoyed friendly relationships with both staff and boys. This pattern continued until the beginning of December, when he received a 'phone call from his father, during which he was told that his mother left home for Glasgow leaving father to look after the rest of the family. This upset Graham to a degree that he refused to accept a 'phone call from his mother. Father promised to visit him the following week-end. The promise failed to materialise, as did an identical promise for the next week-end. Graham's behaviour rapidly deteriorated, becoming both abusive and aggressive towards others, sulking, or argumentative when corrected, causing such disturbances at meal times that he had to be removed to eat on his own elsewhere, and totally rejective of any attempt to mollify or console.

In the classroom Graham did very well, he is an intelligent boy who enjoys his work, and given some domestic stability could do well. There is no doubt, that whilst matters at home were reasonably balanced, Graham enjoyed his time here and derived considerable benefit from it, but being a very sensitive child, familial disturbances of the type he is experiencing will do nothing but exacerbate this sensitivity.


H. G. Sendall.
Principal.

29th February, 1980.

P.S. Graham returned to the school this afternoon. That he was overjoyed might be something of an exaggeration, but he gave every appearance of being very pleased



Tayside Regional Council

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DUNDEE Division
72-74, Haldane Terrace,
DUNDEE.

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:—

Surname..... **TARBETT**

Christian Names
or forenames..... **David, Derek and Graham**

Address

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2.
3. **27-1-69**

Date of Birth.....

Religion

Occupation.....

Marital State.....

is to appear on..... **3rd September, 1980,** at..... **DUNDEE CHILDREN'S HEARING**
With the crime or offence of..... **Court in connection**

~~Previous Appearances as known to the Officer making the Report~~

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Since the last Children's Hearing involving this family, the domestic situation is
as confused and disorganised as ever.

During the school holidays, Graham Tarbett was allowed home from Monkton Hadley School.
David and Derek were allowed home from Florence Booth House and Roineach Mhor
respectively for the period 5th June, 1980, until 19th June, 1980.

However, they were not returned to these establishments after the permitted period.

I called at the house on two occasions, but got no reply at the door. I went off on
holiday in August but advised my Senior, Mr J.R. Anderson, of the situation before I
left.

During my absence Mr Anderson established, during an office interview, with Mr Tarbett,
that he was refusing to send any of the children home and that he intended to request
a Children's Hearing Review of this case.

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On the 21st August I was called to 40 Dunmore Street by officers of the R.S.S.P.C.C. and the police. All five of the Tarbett children had been dumped at that address following a violent argument between Mr and Mrs Tarbett. [redacted]

At approximately 8.00 a.m. the children, with Mrs Tarbett, arrived at 40 Dunmore Street requesting to use the telephone to call a taxi to take them to Mrs Tarbett's mother's house in Mid Craigie, 4 Armour Place, Dundee.

The children refused to go with Mrs Tarbett when she left at 8.10 a.m. approximately. Mr Tarbett requested that the residents of No. 40 Dunmore Street looked after the children for 10 minutes.

The R.S.S.P.C.C. were called at 10.00 a.m. by the residents at No. 40 Dunmore Street. We escorted the children to my office at Haldane Terrace and subsequently Mrs Tarbett arrived in the company of an R.S.S.P.C.C. inspector.

[redacted] I escorted Graham back to Monkten Hadley School in Newton Stewart. [redacted]

The following day, Mr Tarbett telephoned me and asked why I had not contacted him. I told him that I had escorted Graham to Monkten Hadley and had not arrived home until 11.00 p.m. and so had no opportunity to contact him even if I had known where he was. I then arranged to meet Mr Tarbett at Paradise Road that afternoon.

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ASSESSMENT & RECOMMENDATION:

During the past year there has been no real progress with the Tarbett family. Mr and Mrs Tarbett have failed to work out their relationship problems and periodic marital break ups are part of their normal routine.

Mr Tarbett fails to understand that we are trying to help his children's development and his behaviour more often aggravates than eases the situation.

His open defiance of the existing residential orders on Graham, Derek and David, is typical of his scant regard for the agencies involved in this case. He also fails to see his family situation in total as being problematical. Rather he interprets each child's problems as being brought on by the authorities constantly interfering in his family.

The hero worship of Mr Tarbett by his children is the main stumbling block to any effective work with them at present.

Graham's placement at Monkton Hadley, while not pleasing to his parents, is helping him. However, it may be that the Panel might consider that I should approach the Education Department again to establish if they would consider returning him to an ordinary school in Dundee.

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MR B. HINNIE,
Social Worker.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT -- Dundee Division

From Mr. J.R. Anderson, Senior Social Worker, Kirkton Sub Office.	To Mr. B. Hinnie, Social Worker, Kirkton Sub Office.
your ref. JRA/JW our ref.	Date 18 8 80

Subject Re Derek, David and Graham Tarbett, 41 Dunmore Street, Dundee.

In the week beginning Monday 11 August I have had various communications by telephone with Roineach Mhor, Florence Booth House, School Attendance Section, Mr. J. Fallon, Reporter's Office and Mr. Tarbett. It was brought to my attention that firstly Graham Tarbett had not been returned to Monken Hadley School Dumfriesshire, and the attendance officer who had called at the house to escort the boy was refused access by Mr. Tarbett, consequently two separate visits were paid to the family home first by Mr. E. Titterington, and secondly by Mr. K. Somerville in an attempt to point out to the family that they were contravening the law as all three boys are subject of a 44(1)(b) Supervision Order.

It transpires that Mr. Tarbett is refusing to send any of the children to their respective nominated establishments, and to the end he has contacted Mr. Fallon, Reporter's Office and requested a review as soon as possible. Mr. Fallon confirmed that this interview took place and he will be attempting to secure a quick hearing during the course of the next 14 days.

When Mr. Tarbett was interviewed by myself in this office on Thursday 14 he re-affirmed his intention not to return the children and would not listen to reason why they should be readmitted. He did not appear concerned that he could be laying himself open to prosecution and a dead-line was set for him to return the two children that evening, failure to do so would leave me with no alternative but to call in the local police. Another instance arose during the week that Mr. Cura, A.A.C. was on standby duty and for the details see separate pink referral sheet.

I have discussed this matter with Mr. Birrell, as he will be deputising for me while I am on annual leave, and it was agreed that in the best interests of the children we would not proceed with police action at this stage, mainly due to the fact that there would be an imminent Children's Hearing, and to do so would provide the children with additional trauma which would perhaps be best avoided. If it does become necessary to consider strong arm tactics then so be it and perhaps police assistance could be sought to aid their return.

A letter will be sent to Mr. Tarbett advising him of the situation, a copy of which is attached.


Mr. J.R. Anderson,
Senior Social Worker.

c.c. to Mr. R. Meek, Reporter
Mr. F. Cura A.A.C.
Mr. J. Birrell, F.W.T.
Mr. Ramsay Roineach Mhor
Mrs. J. Fisher, Florence Booth.



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telephone 0382 - 810101

Mr. D. Tarbett,
41 Dunmore Street,
DUNDEE.

our ref JRA/JW

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date 15 August, 1980.

Dear Mr Tarbett,

Following yesterday's discussion I understand that you have not returned the children as requested. I would point out to you, once more, that under Section 70 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968, I am perfectly entitled to inform the police of their none return, also that you would be liable to prosecution under Section 71 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968, the penalty of which, I understand, is on summary conviction with a fine not exceeding £100 or imprisonment for a term of six months, or both. However, I have reconsidered the position at the present and after discussion with the Reporter decided on the understanding that there will be an imminent Children's Hearing that I do not wish to cause more upset for the children than necessary, therefore, I intend to allow the children to remain at home until the hearing takes place, hopefully, within the next 14 days. Although no date has been set at the time of writing, it is not for me to say whether further action will be taken against yourself as you may be contravening the Education Social Work Act as well as the Social Work (Scotland) Act. However, my prime concern with the matter is the needs of the children and if you wish to discuss this matter further, Mr. Hinnie will return from leave on Monday 18 August and an appointment may be made with him or Mr. J. Birrell S.S.W. by contacting this office in advance.

During the course of yesterday's conversation I pointed out that the School Attendance had indicated to me that transport would be available to take Graham to Monken Hadley on Monday 18 August, but in the light of the above mentioned circumstances I have contacted the School Attendance asking them not to collect Graham as planned.

I trust this will clarify your position meantime, but as also mentioned if you wish further information please contact the above mentioned personnel.

Yours faithfully,


Mr. J.R. Anderson,
Senior Social Worker.

If calling or telephoning please ask for:-

Mr. B. Hinnie.