

Evidence Review Summary

Miss Angella Cross

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Hawthorn Brae (1986-1988) — 3 items

Neglect **High**

"Reason for coming into Care: Lack of parental care and breakdown of placement at home"

Documentation of neglect as a reason for Angela's admission into care.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 1 · Crossreach

Social Care **High**

"CHILD IN CARE Name (s) : Angela Cross Date (s) of Birth: 22.5.67 Date of Admission: 15.3.82 Home: Hawthornbrae"

Angela was a looked-after child, indicating involvement of social services and care context.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 1 · Crossreach

Violence **Medium**

"Angella has found it difficult to settle at Hawthornbrae. She has absconded twice and recently she had to be removed to Calder Grove for two days after she had attacked another girl."

Violent behavior and difficulty settling may be indicative of unresolved trauma and instability.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 35 · Crossreach

Rosedene (1980-1983) — 1 item

Social Care **High**

"Inverness County Council Application Register – Children Coming Into and Discharged From Care, 1966-1981 Children in Institutions (Rosedene) for Year Ending 31st March 1980 Name: CROSS, Angela Date of Admission to Institution: 07/06/79 Date of Leaving Institution: 29/06/1981"

Documented history of being in an institutional care setting — establishes care context relevant to the claim.

Source: DSAR Response (DSAR upload) · page 1 · Highland Council

Other confirmed evidence (untagged) — 27 items

Social Care

High

"The meeting on Friday therefore decided that your placement at Hawthornbrae is no longer appropriate, and this will not be available to you after Thursday 5 January 1981L."

Discussion regarding the end of Angela's placement at a children's home, indicating ongoing social care involvement.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 11 · Crossreach

Social Care

High

"Notes of Review on 18 August 1983 at Hawthornbrae Children's Home"

Formal review of Angela's care in a children's home, highlighting her status as a looked-after child.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 20 · Crossreach

Social Care

High

"ANGELA CROSS, (22 5 67) It is confirmed that Angela's supervision requirement has been terminated, thus allowing her to live with her father in Glasgow."

Termination of Angela's supervision order, marking a significant event in her care history.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 24 · Crossreach

Suicide

Medium

"Angela took a serious overdose of another girls pain killers for period pains which resulted in over night admission to Ward 3 and getting her stomach pumped."

Suicidal attempt through overdose suggests potential long-term impact of childhood trauma.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 29 · Crossreach

Trauma

Medium

"Angela has managed to avoid facing her problems by engineering a move. A move then from Edinburgh to Inverness may just further confirm this as her way of functioning."

Pattern of avoidance and transience potentially linked to trauma and instability in childhood.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 33 · Crossreach

Social Care

High

"Angela was the illegitimate child of Mrs Cross to a previous relationship whom Mr Cross adopted. As a baby and prior to her mother's marriage to Mr Cross, Angela spent a period in local authority care."

Placement in local authority care as a baby indicates social care involvement from early childhood.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 54 · Crossreach

Social Care

High

"In November 1977, Mrs Cross left Livingston with the three children and returned to Inverness; when she arrived in Inverness she abandoned Angela, Robert and Angus at the Social Work Department. The children were received into foster care. At a Children's Hearing on 23rd November 1977 all three children were made subjects of a supervision requirement."

Social care involvement resulting in foster care placement and supervision requirement for Angela and siblings.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 54 · Crossreach

Abuse

High

"Angela alleged that she was 'battered' by her mother when Mrs Cross was drunk; Mrs Cross had left the children unattended on several occasions whilst she was out drinking."

Disclosure of physical abuse by her mother and neglect when left unattended.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 55 · Crossreach

Neglect

High

"all three children were received into care after an incident when the police found the children left unattended in the early hours of that morning"

Neglect incident involving being left unattended early in the morning, resulting in children's placement into care.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 55 · Crossreach

Abuse

High

"Angela receiving a bruise above her eye."

Incident involving physical chastisement resulting in an injury, suggesting abuse.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 56 · Crossreach

Suicide

High

"Angela had been admitted overnight to hospital as she had overdosed with tablets; on 14th October 1981 Angela was found on the Forth Road Bridge by the police - she was trying to return to Inverness."

Serious incidents of overdose and risky behaviour potentially linked to childhood trauma.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 56 · Crossreach

Social Care

High

"For the majority of this time Angela has been in residential care."

Prolonged residential care placement establishes ongoing social care involvement.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 60 · Crossreach

Social Care

High

"All three c'ildqen vere in care for a couple of nights approximately 2 years &go when Mrd, Cross 'was back in Inverness trying to get a house."

Brief reference to children being taken into care - establishes a care context.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 78 · Crossreach

Abuse

High

"Angela became very upset and refused to leave with her mother telling the staff she wanted to stay in Rosedene. I was called to the Home and Angela freely made the following allegations. 1) She is afraid of her mother because she 'batters' her when Angela says she is drunk. Angela showed me a bruise under her eye caused she claims, by her mother."

Allegations of physical abuse by mother with evidence of injury.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 85 · Crossreach

Neglect

High

"Angela was given alcohol and possibly drugs."

Potential exposure to substance abuse by guardian or associated individuals during childhood.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 86 · Crossreach

Social Care

High

"Place of residence: Hawthornbrae Home for children"

Establishes care context — residence in a children's home.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 101 · Crossreach

Neglect

Medium

"Angie who has suffered rejection so many times"

Indicates potential emotional neglect due to repeated rejection — medium severity due to lack of specificity.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 102 · Crossreach

Social Care

High

"Angela is presently living at Hawthornbrae Children's Home and is on supervision to the Children's Hearings"

Confirms residence in a children's home and supervision by Children's Hearings — high severity for care context.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 110 · Crossreach

Social Care

High

"Angella was transferred to Hawthornbrae on 15 March '82 on Section"

Transfer to care home under Social Work Act — high severity due to care context.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 112 · Crossreach

Trauma

High

"history of trauma from past abuse and interpersonal difficulties"

Explicit reference to history of past abuse — high severity for trauma related to childhood abuse.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 160 · NHS Lothian

Abuse

High

"She experienced childhood abuse, physical and emotional abuse from her mother."

Childhood abuse disclosure — HIGH severity.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 168 · NHS Lothian

Social Care

High

"She grew up in Inverness. Her parents separated and she was cared for by her adopted stepfather whom she describes she has a difficult relationship with him."

Indication of social care involvement due to parents' separation.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 168 · NHS Lothian

Social Care

High

"Angella spent a significant proportion of her childhood in care leaving at the age of sixteen and a half."

Indicates time spent in care — crucial context for the claim.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 168 · NHS Lothian

Trauma

High

"Past history of childhood abuse as well as domestic abuse within relationships, a sense of abandonment and rejection by family and ex partners."

Link between childhood abuse and adult mental health issues.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 169 · NHS Lothian

Mental Health

Medium

"She avoids making contact with others to minimise her fear of being hurt by others, making it hard for her to leave the house and increasing anxiety."

Avoidant behavior, potential long-term consequence of childhood abuse.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 169 · NHS Lothian

Abuse

High

"Severe physical and emotional abuse from mother resulting in her being in and out of the care system between age 2 and 16."

Severe childhood abuse, multiple caretaking transitions.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 170 · NHS Lothian

Mental Health

Medium

"Depressed with anxiety and avoidant of social situations."

Mental health issues potentially linked to childhood abuse.

Source: dsar response (DSAR upload) · page 170 · NHS Lothian