

Chronology of Care

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Care settings evidenced: The Priory Children's Home, Selkirk; later the Regional Assessment Centre, Howdenhall, Liberton, Edinburgh. The records also show a supervised period at the family home between Priory placements. Borders Regional Council Social Work Department is the responsible/placing authority shown throughout the bundle. The controlling body for the Edinburgh Regional Assessment Centre is not expressly stated in this file.

Date / period	Approx age	Care setting / location	Placing / authorising body	Reason / event	Source pages
20 Jun 1980	Age 12 (6 days before 13th birthday)	The Priory Children's Home, Ettrick Road, Selkirk, TD7 5AJ	Borders Regional Council Social Work Department; Children's Hearing process	Emergency detention/admission under a place of safety order. Reports identify excessive parental discipline/physical punishment as the determining safeguarding concern; truancy/offending formed additional background.	pp. 9, 10, 22
26 Jun 1980	Age 13	The Priory	Children's Hearing	Hearing ordered a further 21-day detention so a full assessment could take place.	p. 9
16 Jul 1980 (form stamped 18 Jul)	Age 13	The Priory	Children's Hearing; Borders Region Social Work	Residential Supervision Requirement under Section 44(1)(h); supervision form requires residence at The Priory, Selkirk.	pp. 1, 9
19 Aug 1980	Age 13	The Priory	Selkirk Sheriff Court / Children's Hearing	Parents' appeal against Residential Supervision Requirement was unsuccessful; Sheriff upheld decision that Craig remain in residential care.	p. 9
From weekend 5 Sep 1980	Age 13	Priory with home leave to Galashiels	Priory review / Borders Social Work	Home contact increased to Saturday 8.30am to Sunday 6.30pm; weekly visits continued.	p. 20
Nov-Dec 1980	Age 13	Priory with extended home leave	Priory review / Borders Social Work	Weekend contact increased to Friday after school through Sunday evening. Christmas block proposed 19-28 Dec 1980.	pp. 16-17
23-26 Jan 1981 onward	Age 13	Trial return home, Galashiels	Borders Social Work / Priory review	Trial return home was planned from 23 Jan; re-enrolment at Galashiels Academy from 26 Jan. Later report says Craig had been living at home since 26 Jan.	pp. 11, 13
17 Feb 1981	Age 13	Home, Galashiels (under supervision)	Children's Hearing / Borders Social Work	Page 4 states Priory care ended 17 Feb 1981 and home supervision continued until 21 Dec 1981.	p. 4
21 Dec 1981	Age 14	Decision to return to Priory	Children's Hearing / Borders Social Work	Following repeated offending, a Children's Hearing varied supervision to residential care. The formal requirement states Priory residence from 6 Jan 1982.	pp. 2, 5-6
6 Jan 1982	Age 14	The Priory Children's Home, Selkirk	Children's Hearing / Borders Social Work	Second Priory admission. Placement chosen as local residential care rather than a List D school, with familiar adults/children and continued local school/family contact.	pp. 2, 6
13 Jan 1982	Age 14	Priory / community leave	Priory	Allowed to attend Roller Disco subject to assurances about behaviour and return time.	p. 2
15-17 Jan 1982	Age 14	Priory with home leave	Priory / Borders Social Work	Allowed home Friday 15 Jan to Sunday 17 Jan; record says he returned to Priory on time the following day.	p. 3
20 or 21 Jan 1982	Age 14	Regional Assessment Centre, Howdenhall, Liberton, Edinburgh	Borders Regional Council Social Work; emergency transfer under Section 44(6)	Transferred from Priory because continued offending meant the freedom available at the Priory was considered inappropriate. Page 4 gives 20 Jan; page 2 gives 21 Jan.	pp. 2-4
27 Jan 1982	Age 14	Regional Assessment Centre, Howdenhall, Liberton, Edinburgh	Borders Regional Council Social Work	Social Enquiry Report lists Craig's address at the Regional Assessment Centre, confirming continued residence at least to this date. Discharge date is not contained in this file.	pp. 2-3

Placement-specific evidence summary

The Priory Children's Home - first placement (20 Jun 1980 to 17 Feb 1981)

The strongest documents are the Social Enquiry Report (p. 9), the 1982 chronology memo (p. 4), the Priory review report showing D.O.A. 20.6.1980 and the full Ettrick Road address (p. 22), the supervision form (p. 1), and the medical report naming The Priory, Selkirk (pp. 18-19). Leave and trial-home periods are recorded on pp. 11, 13, 16-17 and 20.

Home supervision (17 Feb 1981 to 21 Dec 1981)

Page 4 states Craig lived at home while remaining on a supervision order. This is useful for continuity but is not itself a residential care setting.

The Priory - second placement (from 6 Jan 1982)

The 21 Dec 1981 supervision form (p. 6) expressly requires residence at The Priory from 6 Jan 1982. Pages 2-3 confirm the admission, subsequent home leave and short duration before transfer.

Regional Assessment Centre, Howdenhall, Liberton, Edinburgh (from 20/21 Jan 1982)

Pages 2-4 record the emergency transfer and page 2 gives the centre as Craig's address on 27 Jan 1982. The file does not contain a discharge date from the assessment centre.

Reason for placement - source-based distinction

The initial 1980 removal to the Priory is repeatedly linked to concern that parental discipline/punishment had become excessive. The later 1981/82 Priory placement is linked primarily to repeated offending and the view that a local residential placement was preferable to a List D school. The subsequent Regional Assessment Centre transfer was linked to continuing offending and the view that the freedom available at the Priory was no longer appropriate. These are the reasons recorded in the bundle; no external reconstruction has been added.