

Evidence Extraction Sheet - Highland Council Records

Source reviewed: Highland council(1).pdf. PDF page numbers below refer to the 420-page source file. This schedule is evidence-focused and distinguishes qualifying care-setting evidence from abuse recorded in family/community settings.

1. Proof of placement and eligibility

Substantial evidence found: pages 28, 61-63, 72-74, 83, 94-95, 99-101, 114, 116-118, 125-127, 137-139, 287 and 411. Strongest single items are the Ferintosh admission/discharge record (p83), supervision variation (pp94-95), and consolidated residential history (pp137-139).

2. Direct evidence of physical abuse

Page 187 records being thrashed by father with a belt. No clear record located in this review of staff physically assaulting Colin in a care establishment. Page 97 concerns Colin as alleged perpetrator and should not be misread as victim evidence.

3. Direct evidence of sexual abuse

Pages 275-276 are strong contemporaneous disclosure/response evidence; p180 later corroborates that he had been sexually assaulted/interfered with. These records appear to concern abuse in family/community settings rather than a residential care institution.

4. Emotional / psychological abuse

Page 275 records threatening with a knife and distress following disclosure; p187 records confinement and severe punishment at home. Care-setting records also describe anxiety and fear about return (e.g. p287), but many entries describe Colin's behaviour rather than treatment by adults.

5. Neglect

Page 187 contains a direct account of food deprivation and bedroom confinement as punishment. The record appears to concern the parental home.

6. Contemporaneous disclosures and complaints

Pages 275-276: disclosure to parents, police questioning and social-worker response. Page 99 records contacting police and refusing to return to father. Page 287 records strong anxiety about possible return to Rosehaugh.

7. Institutional knowledge and failure to act

No clear, well-supported evidence located in this file of repeated complaints against a specific care employee or management knowingly allowing an alleged institutional perpetrator continued access. This absence should not be treated as proof that no such evidence exists elsewhere.

8. Frequency, duration and pattern

Sexual disclosure on p275 alleges abuse by an uncle on several occasions throughout his life; the old-man allegation is later partly changed. Care history shows repeated placement instability and absconding/refusal to return.

9. Mental-health and psychological impact

Pages 132-133 describe nervousness, anxiety, high nervous tension, withdrawal/mood shifts; pp275-276 record distress, fear and anxiety after disclosure; p180 links behavioural deterioration to sexual abuse.

10. Physical and medical consequences

Page 275 records a recalled very sore bottom; p197 records a head injury; p126 records elbow/ankle injuries (not linked to abuse on the record).

11. Substance use and coping mechanisms

No reliable applicant substance-misuse evidence was located in the reviewed material. References to adult drinking should not be attributed to Colin.

12. Education, relationships and life impact

Extensive evidence of school moves, difficulty settling, risk of leaving without qualifications, disrupted family relationships and behavioural difficulty, including pp99-101, 107, 112, 120-124, 132-135.

13. Potentially contradictory / contextual evidence

Several records describe Colin as settled, cooperative or improving in placements (e.g. Ferintosh review records). These do not negate abuse allegations but should be disclosed alongside adverse evidence. There are also date inconsistencies across records concerning some admissions/transfers.

Page-reference schedule

PDF page	Date	Author / role	Care setting	Category	Short factual extract / finding	Relevance	Evidence type	Format
28	Review date 14.02.89; admission 16.12.87	Stephen Rowan, Social Worker	Current placement in Inverness (address redacted)	Placement / eligibility	Review form records full name, DOB 11.3.72, legal position under s15 / s44(1)(a), and date of admission into care recorded as 16.12.87.	Identity, legal basis and in-care status.	Direct placement evidence	Handwritten form; mostly legible
61-63	10.11.87-24.1.89	Social work case notes	Dalneigh / Ferintosh / community placements	Placement / reviews	Case notes record admission into care, transfer to Ferintosh, Children's Hearing decisions, proposed discharge and later Skye placement.	Chronological corroboration of care status and transfers.	Direct / corroborative	Typed; good
72-74	3-4.11.88	Children's Hearing / Reporter	Highland Region	Legal basis	Hearing papers vary an existing supervision requirement; reasons concern employment and residence arrangements.	Confirms continuing statutory supervision.	Direct placement evidence	Typed; good
83	Admission 11.12.87; discharge 18.7.88	Ferintosh House records	Ferintosh House	Placement / discharge	Discharge clothing list expressly records Date of Admission 11.12.87 and Date of Discharge 18.7.88.	Strong documentary proof of residence.	Direct placement evidence	Typed; clear
94-95	16.2.88	Children's Hearing	Ferintosh Children's Centre	Legal basis / placement	Supervision requirement varied to require residence at Ferintosh Children's Centre; decision notice gives reasons and placement requirement.	Strong legal-basis evidence for residence.	Direct placement evidence	Typed; clear
97	7.11.87 incident; letter 21.1.88	Children's Reporter	Eastgate Centre (incident)	Physical violence / criminal involvement	Grounds of referral state Colin headbutted and punched another boy in the face. This is evidence of Colin as alleged perpetrator, not evidence that staff or another person abused him.	Potentially relevant to behavioural/life history; not direct proof of applicant victimisation.	Context / potentially contradictory	Typed; one name redacted
99-101	Report dated 12.2.88	Stephen Rowan, Social Worker	Dalneigh / Ferintosh	Placement / emotional context / education	Report says Colin ran away from home, contacted police saying he did not wish to return to his father, was placed at Dalneigh, later transferred to Ferintosh; notes threatening/challenging behaviour and schooling difficulties.	Care chronology and behavioural impact/context.	Direct placement + corroborative impact	Typed; clear
114	12.2.88	Ferintosh House review report	Ferintosh House	Placement / absconding / behaviour	Records residence at Ferintosh, family contact, and a major incident on 19 January when he absconded with two others and was later charged by police.	Residence confirmation and pattern of absconding / behavioural difficulty.	Direct + impact/context	Typed; clear
116-118	12.12.86 report	J. Rennie, Social Worker	Dalneigh and prior foster/home placements	Care history	Six-month review and background describe earlier care history, foster placement breakdown, admission to Dalneigh and supervision order.	Longitudinal placement chronology.	Direct / corroborative	Typed; clear
125-127	29.10.86 report	Lawrence Brown, Care Officer	Dalneigh Children's Centre	Placement / incidents	Residential report records admission to Dalneigh on 19.9.86 after foster placement breakdown, adjustment to the centre, family visits and police involvement following break-in incidents.	Strong proof of Dalneigh residence and transfer circumstances.	Direct placement evidence	Typed; clear
137-139	13.1.88	Residential staff / social work	Rosehaugh; Mrs Geddes foster placement; Dalneigh; short-term foster home; Mrs Park, Dunvegan, Skye; Ferintosh	Placement chronology	Residential report gives historical care sequence including Rosehaugh (March-July 1982), foster placement with Mrs Geddes, Dalneigh, short-term foster placement, temporary placement in Skye, and admission to Ferintosh on 11.12.87.	Key consolidated care-history document.	Direct / corroborative	Typed; clear
180	1.3.84 and 12.4.84 entries	Social work case record	Family / community context	Sexual abuse + psychological impact	Record states Colin had at some stage been sexually assaulted, possibly interfered with several years earlier by an uncle, and later notes behavioural deterioration in the context of having been sexually abused.	Contemporaneous corroboration of sexual abuse history and impact. Setting appears outside a residential institution.	Direct/corroborative abuse + impact	Typed; clear

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187	17.10.85	Social worker case note	Parental home	Physical abuse / neglect / punishment	Case note records Colin was thrashed by his father with a belt; boys were confined to their bedroom; allegation that they had very little food and, after taking chocolate when hungry, were given nothing to eat until after midnight the next day.	Direct contemporaneous record of physical punishment and food deprivation. Appears to concern parental home, not institutional care.	Direct abuse / neglect evidence	Typed; clear
197	Case-note period c.1985-86	Social worker	Foster placement / Mrs Geddes context	Physical injury	Colin reported an injury to his head after he and Richard had been fooling around; Mrs Geddes had bathed the injury and he remained sore.	Contemporaneous injury record; causation appears accidental/peer-related on the record.	Medical/physical consequence context	Typed; moderate
199	Case-note period c.1985-86	Social worker	Foster placement	Punishment / safeguarding context	Entry discusses punishment and the handling of incidents in the foster home; wording indicates concerns about repeated punishment, though OCR is imperfect.	Potential corroborative evidence requiring careful reading of original scan.	Corroborative / unclear	Typed; partly unclear
275	Late July 1983 disclosure; report later in 1983	Social worker	Kinmylies housing area / family context	Sexual abuse / disclosure / threats / police / impact	Colin told his parents he had been sexually abused by an older man and alleged his uncle had abused him on several occasions. June recalled seeing him with a very sore bottom. The record says he was reluctant to disclose, was questioned by police, was distressed, later changed part of his account, alleged a man threatened him at knife point, and the social worker believed he had certainly been abused at some stage.	Strong contemporaneous disclosure and corroborative response evidence. Setting appears community/family rather than a care institution.	Direct disclosure + corroboration + impact	Typed; clear
276	6.10.83 report	Social worker	Family / social work follow-up	Psychological impact / response	Social worker records need to encourage Colin to share feelings of fear and anxiety about what he experienced; plans one-to-one work and treatment group referral.	Contemporaneous psychological impact and professional response.	Impact / corroborative	Typed; clear
287	1982 review period	Social worker	Rosehaugh / home	Placement / emotional impact	Report discusses regular home weekends, summer return home, Colin being very worried about returning to Rosehaugh, and recommendation to vary residential supervision to home supervision.	Evidence of residence, review and expressed distress about return.	Direct placement + impact	Typed; clear
411	19.9.85 entry and surrounding notes	Social work / review material	Dalneigh Children's Centre	Placement	Record notes visit/admission to Dalneigh and that no foster family was immediately available, with temporary placement arrangements.	Corroborates transition into residential care.	Corroborative placement evidence	Typed/scan; partly unclear

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