

S. Beattie GP Record Review

Scope: 761 pages across three PDF parts. Digitally searchable records and image-only scanned attachments were reviewed. PDF page means the page within the relevant attached part; internal page is the continuous “Page X of 761” number printed in the record.

Key outcome

Potential placement lead found: several later psychiatric/neuropsychology reports say Mr Beattie attended a school in Edinburgh between approximately ages 12 and 14, described either as a “school for truancy” or a school for “bad boys”. The institution is not named and the record does not state that it was residential, that he lived there, or that he was formally in care. This is therefore a lead for further records enquiries, not proof of an eligible placement.

No explicit abuse disclosure located: no entry was found recording physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect by staff/carers/residents in a care setting. A serious assault with a pick/pickaxe shaft is recorded at age 18 with loss of consciousness and later possible neurological consequences, but no care-setting connection is made.

Substantial mental-health evidence: the records contain a 1981 paracetamol overdose with express suicidal intent; later depression, anxiety, psychosis, hallucinations, suicidal ideation, psychiatric admission, absconding/discharge against medical advice, social-work involvement and long-term antidepressant/antipsychotic treatment. The records generally connect these episodes to bereavement, medication, housing, perceived threats, imprisonment or adult traumatic events, not childhood care or abuse.

Contradictions/neutral evidence preserved: school-leaving ages and descriptions vary; one neurology history says mainstream schooling to 15. Several later notes record denial of current suicidal intent, hallucinations, alcohol or illicit drug use, and periods of improvement.

Detailed extraction schedule

Document	PDF	Internal	Date	Source	Category	Evidence	Interpretation / link
Part 2	154	523	4 Nov 2015	Clinical Neuropsychology report	Placement lead / contradictory	Reported leaving school at 12 and attending a "school for truancy" in Edinburgh until 14, then Balgowan until 16.	Institution not named; record does not say residential, in care, or provide an address. Potential corroborative lead only.
Part 2	167	536	4 Nov 2015 (duplicate copy)	Clinical Neuropsychology report	Placement lead / duplicate	Duplicate account of a "school for truancy" in Edinburgh from age 12 to 14.	Duplicate; same limitations as page 154.
Part 2	202	571	Nov 2017	Mental-health assessment	Placement lead	Linlathen secondary for two weeks, then a school described as for "bad boys" in Edinburgh for two years, then Balgowan for two years.	No institution name/address or confirmation it was residential or a care placement.
Part 2	205	574	Nov 2017	Mental-health assessment	Placement lead / duplicate	Repeats Linlathen, a "bad boys" school in Edinburgh for two years, then Balgowan.	Duplicate account; not proof of in-care residence.
Part 2	212	581	1 Dec 2017	Psychiatric discharge report	Placement lead / social impact	Again records a "bad boys" school in Edinburgh for two years, then Balgowan; left school without qualifications and had little subsequent employment.	Potential placement and impact evidence; residential/care status is not stated.
Part 1	259	259	8 Jun 2004	Neurology letter	Physical assault / adult injury	At age 18, assaulted with a pick shaft, lost consciousness, attended A&E, self-discharged before skull X-ray and returned next day for scalp suturing; later blackouts/seizures.	Age 18 and no link to care is recorded. Also states mainstream schooling to age 15, differing from later school histories.
Part 1	321	321	7 Feb 2001	Neurology referral	Physical consequence	History of significant head injury with a pickaxe handle; patient wondered if connected to epilepsy/fits.	Cause, setting and perpetrator not stated here; no care link.
Part 2	153	522	4 Nov 2015	Clinical Neuropsychology report	Mental health / self-harm / impact	Low mood, tearfulness, disturbed sleep, suicidal thoughts of overdose, hanging or "jumping in the water"; no current plan; elevated anxiety and fear of leaving home; imprisonment for assault.	Symptoms attributed in this note to medication, bereavement and later imprisonment, not childhood abuse.
Part 1	249	249	12 Dec 1981 admission	Hospital letter	Overdose / suicide / neutral context	Took up to 30 paracetamol tablets, was withdrawn and depressed, and said he wished to take his own life; alcohol noted; gastric lavage and psychiatric review.	Precipitating context recorded as father's death, unemployment and relationship breakdown; no childhood/care link.
Part 1	45	45	31 Oct 2017	GP consultation	Mental health / suicide	Depression, social isolation, paranoia, auditory/visual hallucinations and suicidal thoughts without active intent; urgent mental-health referral.	Housing and perceived drug-dealing around the flat recorded as major factors.
Part 1	46	46	27 Oct 2017	GP/epilepsy nurse communication	Mental health / medication risk	Low mood, hallucinations, sleep difficulty and reported taking four nitrazepam tablets at night.	No childhood/care link recorded.
Part 2	182	551	8 Jun 2017	Neurology clinic letter	Mental health / treatment	History of depression/anxiety; reported a mental breakdown with hallucinations, fear of leaving home and possible paranoid thoughts; psychiatry referral and possible antidepressant/antipsychotic suggested.	No childhood/care link recorded.
Part 2	203	572	Nov 2017	Mental-health assessment	Psychosis / risk / social impact	Deteriorating mood and delusional ideas; living in fear and sitting in the dark with a long knife believing he might be attacked; difficulty managing daily functioning.	No childhood/care link recorded.
Part 2	208	577	8 Jan 2018	Psychiatry letter	Psychiatric care / social work	Unspecified psychosis; recent Carseview admission; delusional beliefs and protective measures; temporary hotel stay; social-services referral and named social-worker involvement.	Adult services, not evidence of childhood placement.
Part 2	209	578	8 Jan 2018	Psychiatry letter	Risk / neutral findings	No current thoughts of self-harm or harm to others; prior defensive knife behaviour and auditory hallucinations; denied illicit substances/alcohol; antipsychotic proposed.	Includes negative risk finding and substance denial.

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Part 2	211	580	10–28 Nov 2017	Carseview discharge letter	Psychiatric admission / physical consequence	Admission for paranoia/hallucinations; discharge against medical advice; neurology and social-work follow-up; closed head injury due to assault noted.	No psychiatric diagnosis at discharge; no care/childhood link.
Part 2	212	581	10–28 Nov 2017	Carseview discharge report	Mental health / treatment history	Records 1981 overdose and 2000 referral to discuss traumatic adult events, but the mental-health appointment was not attended.	Also includes the strongest school-placement lead.
Part 2	213	582	Nov 2017	Carseview discharge report	Self-harm / psychosis / neutral	Low mood, suicidal thoughts of overdose or cutting wrists, hallucinations and fear; one ward absconding episode with police return; later denied suicidal ideation/hallucinations.	Both positive and later negative findings preserved.
Part 2	214	583	28 Nov 2017	Carseview discharge report	Treatment / social impact	Planned home support and social-work referral; patient discharged against medical advice; no mental-health follow-up considered necessary at that point.	Neutral/contradictory treatment outcome.
Part 3	1	585	28 Nov 2017	Immediate discharge letter	Social impact / safeguarding	Social-work referral for possible alternative housing and help with living skills.	Adult support only.
Part 3	2	586	28 Nov 2017	Immediate discharge letter	Mental health / risk / neutral	Low mood, anxiety, hallucinations and defensive knife behaviour; left ward and was returned by police; later reported improvement and no hallucinations.	No childhood/care link.
Part 3	8	592	22 Mar 2018	Psychiatry letter	Psychiatric care / non-attendance	Did not attend adult psychiatry appointment; another appointment planned.	Relevant missed psychiatric appointment.
Part 3	21	605	30 May 2019	Psychiatry clinic letter	Mental health medication / social impact	Unspecified psychosis; amisulpride 300 mg twice daily, sertraline 100 mg daily and nitrazepam 10 mg nightly; fear of leaving home; sheltered housing and brother providing meals/shopping.	Long-term treatment and functional impact; no abuse link.
Part 1	25	25	5 Oct 2023	Medication review	Mental-health medication	Psychosis treated with amisulpride and sertraline; no psychiatric review since 2019 and advised to seek review.	Treatment evidence only.
Part 1	38	38	24–25 Nov 2021	GP consultations	Mental health / medication / neutral	Long-term nitrazepam no longer effective; denied mental-health change and alcohol/recreational drugs; psychiatry and neurology referrals requested.	Negative findings retained.
Part 1	62	62	27 Jul 2010	GP consultation	Mental health medication	Depressed mood; without citalopram and nitrazepam was sleeping worse and more anxious.	No childhood/care link.
Part 1	63	63	Dec 2009–Feb 2010	GP consultations	Mental health / bereavement	Insomnia and low mood after mother's death; bereavement discussion, Cruise contact, sleeping tablets and antidepressant trial.	Alternative recorded cause; no care/abuse link.
Part 1	24	24	15 Feb 2024	GP annual review	Neutral mental-health finding	Depression screen: answered no to low mood/hopelessness and loss of interest/pleasure.	Negative finding.
Part 1	77	77	14 Dec 1981; current medication list	Problem/medication summary	Self-harm / medication	Lists deliberate overdose and overdose of drug; current list includes sertraline, amisulpride and melatonin.	Summary entry; fuller overdose context is on page 249.

Category findings and limitations

- 1. Evidence of placement in care:** potential Edinburgh school lead on Part 2 pages 154, 167, 202, 205 and 212. No name/address, admission/discharge dates, GP registration while resident, staff names or express “in care/looked after” wording found.
- 2–6. Abuse, neglect and contemporaneous disclosures:** no care-linked disclosure located. The age-18 assault is recorded as an adult injury and should not be treated as proof of abuse in care.
- 7–10. Mental health, medication, therapy and self-harm:** strong treatment/impact evidence as scheduled. Part 1 medication pages 77–180 contain repeated prescribing, including long-term sertraline and periods of citalopram, amisulpride, nitrazepam, zopiclone, amitriptyline and melatonin. Medication is not treated as proof of abuse.
- 11. Substance/alcohol:** records contain isolated historic alcohol contexts and later repeated denials/non-drinker entries. No express statement was found that substances were used to cope with childhood abuse or care.
- 12–13. Adult physical/social impact:** head injury, possible seizure consequences, unemployment, social isolation, fear leaving home, limited daily functioning, sheltered housing and reliance on brother/social work are documented. The records do not attribute these to childhood abuse.
- 14. Third-party material:** hospital, neurology, neuropsychology, psychiatry, Carseview discharge, emergency-department and social-work correspondence was included in the review.
- 15. Neutral/contradictory material:** included in the schedule and summary. OCR was used for scanned attachments and key findings were visually checked against the page images. Dates or wording affected by scan quality are identified conservatively.