

Chronology of Care

James Haney - compiled from the supplied East Lothian Council and South Lanarkshire Council childcare records

Applicant	James Haney	Date of birth	2 September 1961
Primary care settings identified	Calder House Assessment Centre; St Joseph's School / St Joseph's List D School	Primary authorities	County of Lanark / South Lanarkshire Council; East Lothian Council

Page-referenced chronology

Date / period	Age	Care setting / authority	Event	Source / page	Evidential assessment
14 March 1968	6	County of Lanark Children's Department	Record gives a date of coming into care. The surrounding family circumstances state that the mother had entered hospital for treatment before confinement, the husband had deserted, and no one was available to care for the child. No residential establishment is named on this page.	South Lanarkshire childcare record, PDF page 4	Corroborative evidence that the applicant entered local-authority care. The specific placement is not identified.
1973	11-12	Calder House Assessment Centre, South Lanarkshire	South Lanarkshire Council's 2026 covering letter identifies a residential placement at Calder House in 1973.	South Lanarkshire Council letter, PDF page 1	Official supporting evidence, but the date conflicts with the surviving admission register, which records January 1975.
20 January 1975	13	Calder House Assessment Centre	Admission recorded in the Calder House admission and discharge book. The entry identifies James Haney, date of birth 2 September 1961, home address at 19 Cotness Drive, Bellshill, and responsible authority as "County."	South Lanarkshire register extract, PDF page 3	Strong direct evidence of admission and residence at Calder House.
21 January 1975	13	St Joseph's School	East Lothian Council's admission register records the applicant as admitted to St Joseph's School.	East Lothian Council admission register, PDF page 1	Strong direct evidence of admission to St Joseph's. The date precedes the recorded Calder House discharge by six days and therefore requires clarification.
24 January 1975	13	Care arrangements under the children's authority	A handwritten entry appears to read "Passed to care of mother."	South Lanarkshire childcare record, PDF page 5	Possible temporary leave, family placement or administrative change. The wording is handwritten and should be treated cautiously.

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27 January 1975	13	Calder House to St Joseph's	Calder House register records discharge, with destination noted as "To St Josephs."	South Lanarkshire register extract, PDF page 3	Strong direct evidence of discharge from Calder House and onward transfer to St Joseph's.
21 January 1975 - 22 March 1976	13-14	St Joseph's School	East Lothian Council's admission register records admission on 21 January 1975 and release on 22 March 1976.	East Lothian Council admission register, PDF page 1	Strong direct evidence of the St Joseph's placement and its duration.
22 March 1976	14	St Joseph's School	Released from St Joseph's School. No destination or aftercare arrangement is recorded in the supplied register extract.	East Lothian Council admission register, PDF page 1	Strong direct evidence of discharge, but onward placement is unknown.
1977-1979	15-18	St Joseph's List D School, East Lothian	South Lanarkshire Council's 2026 response letter describes a St Joseph's placement during 1977-1979.	South Lanarkshire Council letter, PDF page 1	Official supporting evidence, but inconsistent with the East Lothian admission register. It may refer to a later placement, a mistaken summary or different records not included in the disclosure.

Consolidated care pathway

County of Lanark Children's Department involvement from 14 March 1968 → possible Calder House placement recorded by the council as 1973 → **admission to Calder House on 20 January 1975** → **transfer to St Joseph's in January 1975** → **residence at St Joseph's until 22 March 1976** → possible further St Joseph's placement or administrative reference during **1977-1979**.

Material discrepancies requiring clarification

St Joseph's admission date

The East Lothian register records admission on 21 January 1975, but Calder House records discharge "To St Josephs" on 27 January 1975. Possible explanations include the St Joseph's register being opened before physical arrival, retrospective entry of the Calder House discharge, overlapping temporary transfer arrangements, or a transcription error. The discrepancy should remain visible in the application rather than being silently reconciled.

Calder House date

The South Lanarkshire covering letter refers to 1973, whereas the admission book records 20-27 January 1975. The register is the stronger contemporaneous source.

St Joseph's 1977-1979 reference

The council's letter records 1977-1979, while the East Lothian register records 1975-1976. This could indicate a second placement, an inaccurate summary in the covering letter, another St Joseph's record not supplied, or confusion between referral, supervision and physical residence.

Gaps in the chronology

- The establishment occupied after entering care in March 1968.
- Where the applicant lived between 1968 and the Calder House placement.
- Whether the apparent return to the mother on 24 January 1975 occurred.
- The applicant's destination after release from St Joseph's in March 1976.
- Whether there was a separate St Joseph's placement from 1977 to 1979.
- The legal basis for the placements.
- The names of social workers, residential staff or key workers.
- Review meetings, Children's Hearing decisions, care orders or aftercare arrangements.

Recommended records to obtain next

1. The complete County of Lanark Children's Department case file from 1968 onward.
2. The full Calder House admission, discharge and daily records.
3. The complete St Joseph's pupil and residential file.
4. Children's Hearing and supervision records.
5. School records covering 1968-1979.
6. Social-work review minutes and transfer documentation.
7. Discharge and aftercare records following March 1976.

Source note: This chronology is limited to the supplied childcare records. It preserves the differing dates and does not attempt to reconcile them beyond identifying the discrepancy.