

# Wesley Phillips

Chronology of all evidenced care placements before age 18 | Date of birth: 5 February 1982 | Prepared from the council, GP, psychiatric, NHS and police records supplied

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| Confirmed residential placements | 2 | Confirmed care period | 13 February 1997 to September 1997 (exact discharge day not found) | Age | 15 |
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## Overall finding

The records establish one continuous episode of local-authority residential care involving two settings: Crosshill Children's Home/Unit, followed by Newfield Resource/Assessment Centre (Lomond Unit). The most reliable contemporaneous council evidence places entry into care on 13 February 1997 and transfer on 21 February 1997. Psychiatric records give 23 February as the transfer date. Later clinical histories record a return home in September 1997 and describe the overall period as seven or eight months.

## Placement chronology

| Date / age                                       | Placement                                                                                             | Event and legal/administrative position                                                                                                                                                                  | People / authority                                    | Source pages                         |
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| 13 Feb 1997<br>Age 15                            | Crosshill Children's Home / Children's Unit<br>Street address not found                               | Received into care at his parents' request. A place of safety had been obtained. This is the first confirmed residential placement.                                                                      | Elizabeth Hamilton, Social Worker, Inverclyde Council | Council Part 1 p16;<br>Part 2 pp1, 8 |
| 21 Feb 1997<br>Age 15                            | Crosshill → Newfield                                                                                  | The local-authority supplementary report states that Crosshill residence ended and Wesley was taken to Newfield Resource Centre.                                                                         | Inverclyde Council Social Work                        | Council Part 2 pp8-9                 |
| 23 Feb 1997<br>Age 15<br><i>Alternative date</i> | Newfield House / Resource Centre / Assessment Centre<br>Barochan Road, Johnstone<br>Lomond Unit named | Psychiatric reports and clinical notes give 23 February, rather than 21 February, as the transfer date. This is a preserved records discrepancy, not a separate placement.                               | Dr R Lindsay; Social Work                             | Council Part 1 p16;<br>Part 2 pp1, 3 |
| 5 Mar 1997<br>Age 15                             | Newfield House                                                                                        | Children's Hearing considered grounds including lack of parental care and being beyond parental control. Residential assessment and psychiatric input were considered beneficial; Safeguarder appointed. | Children's Reporter; Linda Henderson, Safeguarder     | Council Part 2 p6                    |

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| 24 Mar-2 Apr 1997<br>Age 15            | Newfield Assessment Centre | Newfield was recorded as a residential assessment. A formal three-week assessment was recommended under section 43(4) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. Parents visited about twice weekly; a weekend home leave was recorded as having gone well.  | Dr R Lindsay; Elizabeth Hamilton; Children's Reporter                     | Council Part 1 pp16-18; Part 2 pp3, 9 |
| 6 May 1997<br>Age 15                   | Family home / Newfield     | A clinical note says Wesley was 'now living at home'. This may record home leave or a temporary change. It does not establish final discharge because later June and July records confirm continuing Newfield residence.                                  | Clinical note; author unclear                                             | Council Part 1 p10                    |
| 16 May 1997<br>Age 15                  | Lomond Unit, Newfield      | The Deputy Unit Manager invited Dr Lindsay to a Child in Care Review and requested the report prepared for the Children's Reporter.                                                                                                                       | Mike Stickings, Deputy Unit Manager; Dr R Lindsay                         | Council Part 1 p14                    |
| 6 Jun 1997<br>Age 15                   | Newfield Assessment Centre | Recorded as staying at Newfield, attending Mearns part-time and attending school at Newfield two days each week.                                                                                                                                          | Clinical note; author unclear                                             | Council Part 1 p5                     |
| 31 Jul 1997<br>Age 15                  | Newfield / family home     | Still under supervision and in a phased mixed arrangement: two days and two nights each week at Newfield and five nights at home. A further Children's Hearing review was expected in autumn; permanent return home was planned but had not yet occurred. | Dr R Lindsay                                                              | Council Part 1 pp3-4                  |
| Sep 1997<br>Age 15<br>Exact day absent | Return home                | A later consultant psychiatric history records that Wesley returned home in September 1997. No contemporaneous discharge form or exact discharge date was found.                                                                                          | Dr Audrey Hillman, Consultant Psychiatrist (history recorded 15 Nov 2000) | Inverclyde Vol 1 Part 2 p6            |

## Placement summary and evidential assessment

| Setting                                                                                   | Confirmed period                                                                                 | Nature / legal basis                                                                                                     | Evidential assessment                                                                                                       |
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| Crosshill Children's Home / Unit                                                          | 13-21 Feb 1997 on the local-authority record; later psychiatric records imply transfer on 23 Feb | Reception into care at parents' request; place of safety obtained                                                        | Confirmed by contemporaneous council/Social Work and psychiatric material. Crosshill street address not found.              |
| Newfield House / Resource or Assessment Centre<br>Barochan Road, Johnstone<br>Lomond Unit | 21 or 23 Feb 1997 to at least 31 Jul 1997; later history records return home in Sep 1997         | Children's Hearing oversight; residential assessment; section 43(4) recommendation; later described as under supervision | Confirmed. Later adult histories describe the entire care period as seven or eight months, creating a duration discrepancy. |

## Settings and proposals not counted as residential placements

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| Larkfield Child & Family Centre / Day Centre / Day Unit | Wesley attended for assessment and later two days each week during 1996. The records describe a day service/day-patient arrangement, not residence. It is therefore relevant child-service history but not a care placement. |
| Balrossie                                               | Residential schooling was requested or recommended only. No admission, residence or discharge evidence was found, so Balrossie is not included as a placement.                                                               |
| Unnamed 'care home' in adult histories                  | Later Dykebar/psychiatric histories refer to a happy childhood and time in a care home because his parents were not coping. These entries corroborate the known 1997 episode but do not establish a third placement.         |
| Proposed Home Supervision Order                         | A December 1996 psychiatric report recommended a Home Supervision Order. The GP record does not prove that the recommendation became an order, and it does not itself establish residential care.                            |

## Record discrepancies and limitations

- Transfer date: the local-authority report gives 21 February 1997; psychiatric reports give 23 February 1997.
- Duration: later records variously state seven or eight months in care.
- Age: the reliable date of birth is 5 February 1982, making Wesley 15 when admitted on 13 February 1997. Some later histories refer to age 14 at entry, and some source documents contain incorrect birth years.
- Discharge: no contemporaneous final discharge form or exact date was found. September 1997 comes from a later consultant psychiatric history.
- Police record: the supplied criminal-history print contains no additional childhood care placement information.

## Principal source references

Inverclyde Council Records Parts 1-4 (especially Part 1 pp3-5, 14, 16-18 and Part 2 pp1, 3, 6, 8-9); Inverclyde Vol 1 Part 2 p6 and pp20, 29, 99, 116; Dykebar Vol 1 p89; Dykebar ADRS Vol 2 p88; Dykebar Vol 2 pp78, 99, 126, 146; GP record p259. Page numbers are PDF-viewer page numbers in the separately supplied source files.

This chronology is an evidence-review aid. It records what the supplied documents establish and preserves inconsistencies rather than resolving them by assumption.