

Lothian Regional Council
Department of Social Work

Application for Reception into Care (Children) (RIC1)

The Parent's Declaration on the back of this form (and if necessary, on any additional forms) must be signed.

Child's Surname STEWART	CP. No. 58533130
Forename(s) MORAG	Sex F
Also known as	
Address on admission 6/5 MURHOUSE MEDWAY, EDINBURGH	

D.O.B. 24.6.80.	Place of Birth EASTERN GEN. HOSP	Legitimate Illegitimate Extra-Marital	Religion PROT.	Date & Place of Baptism
Previous Residence(s) during past year				Child's Doctor DR TROTTER HERMITAGE PLACE
Nursery/School/Employment MILTON DAY CENTRE,	PLACEMENT DETAILS			Admission Date
	Address of Placement MURHOUSE 2 Redhall View	Section 15	9.1.82	

PARENTS				
Mother's Surname STEWART	Forename(s) DOREEN KATHLEEN	D.O.B. 29.11.51	Occupation	
Née	Known as	Custody YES/NO	Date & Place of Marriage	
Present Address	Tel;	Marital Status	Details of Separation or Divorce	
Previous Address		Religion		
Father's Surname NEWBY	Forename(s) GEORGE	D.O.B.	Occupation	
Known as		Custody YES/NO	Date & Place of Marriage	
Present Address	Tel;	Marital Status	Details of Separation or Divorce	
Previous Address		Religion		

Total No. of children in family 1	Addresses & Tel. Nos. of close relatives or emergency contact MORAG WOOD, 9/4 BIRNIE'S COURT, MURHOUSE
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PREVIOUS ADMISSIONS TO CARE			
FROM	TO	PLACEMENT	ACT & SECTION UNDER WHICH ADMITTED
		NONE	

OTHER CHILDREN IN FAMILY			
SURNAME	FORENAMES	D.O.B.	ADDRESS (state if in care)

CHILD'S ADOPTIVE NAME			
SURNAME	BLACK		
FILM NUMBER	F 2 2 9 8		
FORENAMES	NICOLE MORAG-LESLEY		
CASE REFERENCE NUMBER	5 8 5 3 3 7 5 0 0		
DATE OF BIRTH	24 06 80	Mate	Female <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DATE OF ADOPTION	16 01 84	COURT OF ADOPTION PAISLEY	
COUNSELLED BY	STORED SEPARATELY	yes	no
DATE(S)	OTHER PAPERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WHERE SAFE - enclosed - original signed memorandum
PREVIOUS FILM NUMBERS (IF ANY)	PHOTO - GRAPHS		
	TRINKETS		186

CHILD'S BIRTH NAME			
SURNAME	STEWART		
FILM NUMBER	F 2 2 9 8		
FORENAMES	MORAG ANN		
DATE OF BIRTH	24 06 80		

ADOPTIVE PARENTS			
SURNAME	BLACK		
FILM NUMBER	F 2 2 9 8		
FORENAMES (MOTHER)	CATHERINE EDWARDS NEE SCOTT		
FORENAMES (FATHER)	JAMES ARCHIBALD		
DATE OF BIRTH	07 08 43	MOTHER	
DATE OF BIRTH	12 04 50	FATHER	

NATURAL MOTHER			
SURNAME	STEWART		
FILM NUMBER	F 2 2 9 8		
FORENAMES	DREEN KATHLEEN		
DATE OF BIRTH	29 11 51		

NATURAL FATHER			
SURNAME	NEWBY		
FILM NUMBER	F 2 2 9 8		
FORENAMES	GEORGE		
DATE OF BIRTH			

NATURAL BROTHER OR SISTER							
SURNAME							
FILM NUMBER							
FORENAMES							
DATE OF BIRTH							
BROTHER		SISTER		HALF		FULL	

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BROTHER		SISTER		HALF		FULL	

PARENT'S DECLARATION & AGREEMENT

1. I declare that the information I have given is correct.
2. I understand that I may be obliged to contribute towards my child's / children's maintenance while in the care of the Region.
3. I understand that I must inform the Director of Social Work of any change in my address or financial circumstances.
4. I have received a copy of the appropriate leaflets about the legislation relating to the reception into care of my child/children and have had them explained to me.

Signature of Parent or Guardian Doreen Kathleen Stewart

Date 10th January 1982

Witness Ruth M. Coker

Date 10th January 1982

FOR OFFICIAL USE

Authorisation by Area Officer / Senior S.W. Paul H. Hannan (Signature)

Area Muirhouse - Area 8

Allocated to JOHN MCCASKEY

Source of referral Late Tudy Team

Reason for admission mother admitted to Bangour Hospital following fire in the home.

LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Department of Social Work

Edinburgh Division

Child in Care Review Report (CCRI)

TO: AREA OFFICE/ESTABLISHMENT
AREA OFFICER/OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

Child's Name	Morag Stewart	Date of Birth	24.6.80
Placement	Mrs Suddon, 84 Provost Milne Grove Edinburgh	Officer in Charge	N/A
Social Worker	John McCaskey	Area	3 Muirhouse
Review Date	3.3.82	Place	Foster Home

The report should include the following:-

- a) Changes and developments since the last review, including dates of visits by Social Worker.
Contact with family.
Date of last medical and child's health.
Date of last school report and progress at school.
Date of placement at present address.
- b) Present situation.
- c) Future Plans. (including: Should a request be made for an earlier review hearing?
Should parental rights be assumed?)

Report

Once it had become apparent that Morag was likely to be in care for some time, she was transferred from the emergency foster-parents to her present placement.

In the meantime a meeting between myself, Ann McKay H.V., Donald Stirling and Paul Fannon had taken place at which it was decided to apply for a supervision order with a condition of residence, until Doreen Stewart has made a serious attempt to tackle her drink problem.

I informed Doreen Stewart of this decision on Monday 25th January, and although upset, she stated that she agreed with our reasons for taking this action, and that she would "never drink again". At this time Doreen was heavily sedated, as she has been hallucinating (Delirium Tremens) during the previous week.

On February 22nd when I visited Doreen Stewart, she appeared to have forgotten our plans for Morag, and when I explained them again, she did not appear to be at all concerned. I actually wondered if she was hallucinating or under the effects of drugs, because she told me that her parents had visited at the week-end. Her mother is unaware of Doreen's whereabouts, and her father has been dead for fifteen years.

Doreen's sister, Mrs Wood and her husband, visited on Tuesday 25th February, and Doreen informed them that she would be collecting Morag once she was discharged.

I spoke to Dr Elswood at Bangour Hospital on March 2nd, and was told that Doreen was doing very well and would possibly be discharged this week. He says that she is not under the influence of drugs, and he cannot account for her odd remarks.

Morag continues to do well at her foster-placement.

Future/

Future plans

1. To arrange a hearing now that Doreen's discharge is imminent.
2. To find another foster-placement for Morag now that Mrs Suddon will have to go into hospital.

Date: 2.3.82 Signature: J. McCaskey (John McCaskey)
 Residential Social Worker
 Date: 3.5.82 Signature: [Signature]
 Senior Social Worker/O. L. C.

To be completed by Social Worker: PRESENT BY
 Please indicate the people who should be invited to the review.

Name	Designation	Address
John McCaskey	SOCIAL WORKER.	AREA 8
STEWART WATT	SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER.	" "
MRS. SUDDON	FOSTER PARENT.	PLACEMENT.

NAME OF AGENCY: Lothian Region Social Work Department

DATE 6 July 1983

ADDRESS: Area 8 (Muirhouse) 31 Muirhouse Crescent

Senior social worker:

Edinburgh EH1 1QJ

Paul H Fannon

Child's social worker: John McCaskey

Tel. no.: 031-313-1991

DETAILS OF CHILD NEEDING FAMILY PLACEMENT

(N.B. This form and the ABFA standard medical forms are designed to complement each other)

I CHILD

1. Factual information

Name (underline surname) Morag Ann STEWART

Known as (underline surname—include nickname) Morag STEWART

Type of care (e.g. children's home) Foster Care From (date) 2.7.82

Address c/o Mrs Margaret Robertson, 2 Newbyres Crescent, Corebridge, Midlothian

Date of birth 24.6.80 Sex Female Race Caucasian

Place of birth Eastern General Hospital, Edinburgh Nationality British

~~Legitimate, illegitimate, adopted, other (delete)~~

Has a religion been specified for child? Yes/No If yes, what religion? Protestant

Has child been baptized? Yes/No If yes, date and place

Child's weight at birth (if known) 5lb 15 oz Time of birth 7.20 p.m.

2. Legal status of care (delete)

~~Adopted, other (delete)~~
Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 - Section 1(1)(a)

3. *Portraiture*: brief description of child and his personality (Please attach recent photograph)

A fair-haired, blue-eyed attractive little girl.

Morag has a very passive nature, but is sociable, contented and affectionate.

4. Type of placement needed

Adoption/foster home/other (delete)

Are siblings to be placed with the child? Yes/No

Are religious considerations involved? Yes/No

Are geographical considerations important? Yes/No

Child's Name

II SIBLINGS (mark X preceding name if to be placed with the child)

X	Name	Sex	Date of birth	Place and type of care
	None.			

III INFORMATION FROM CHILD'S SOCIAL HISTORY

1. Care of child since birth

Dates (excluding present placement)

Type of care (e.g. with mother, foster home)

Comment on quality of parenting/care and reason for move

21.6.80 - 9.1.82

With Mother

Quality of care extremely unsatisfactory. Morag taken into care following a house-fire and her mother's admission to hospital.

9.1.82 - 1.2.82

Emergency Foster Placement

Moved to short-term foster parents.

1.2.82 - 12.3.82

Short-term Foster Placement

Moved because of foster parent's admission to hospital.

12.3.82 - 2.7.82

Short-term Foster Placement

Moved because of foster parent's ill health.

2. Relationship to caretakers

(a) Indicate the quality of any important relationships to past caretakers, if known

Not applicable

(b) Has any special pattern of reactions to separation been observed?

Morag has not seemed concerned about leaving her mother, or her previous foster parents, although she was not with them for very long.

3. Education

(a) Number and type of schools attended in the past including pre-school experience

N/A

(b) Indicate any special talents or problems presented in school

N/A

4. Health

(a) Has the child suffered from any handicap, disability, injury or serious illness in the past? (Include problems requiring child guidance, speech therapy, dentistry, eye treatment, etc.)

N

(b) How does the child cope with this, if known?

N/A

IV DETAILS OF AGENCY PLANS FOR THE CHILD

1. Date and reason for first admission into care (by this or other agency) 9.1.82 - Following a fire at home, Morag's mother was admitted to hospital for a lengthy period of treatment. Mother admitted to having a drink problem.
2. Number of readmissions (indicate reasons)
None
3. Date and reason for present admission into care
Same as 1.
4. What is the agreed plan for the child's future and reasons on which it is based?
Doreen Stewart has done nothing about her drink problem, is expecting another child, and has not visited Morag since 26.11.82. She feels that Morag should be adopted, as she would not be able to cope with the work involved in taking the child home again.
5. Which agency staff participated in the decision?
(specify) Mr P Fannon, Senior Social Worker) Area
Mr J McCaskey, Social Worker) 8
Mrs J. Erickson, Senior Social Worker) Area 10
6. Do the child's natural parents and close relatives (including husband of the mother) agree with the agency's plan? Yes/~~no~~ If no, specify
Mother agrees with future plans. Father deceased.
7. Does anyone else have parental or custodial rights?
~~yes~~/no. If yes, specify who and whether he/she agrees with the plan
8. Is the child entitled to any property or has any insurance been taken out? ~~yes~~/no. If yes, give details
9. Is any specific further action necessary to facilitate the plan? (e.g. tracing of relatives, assumption of parental rights, court action, etc.) ~~yes~~/no. If yes, give details
If mother withdraws her consent to adoption the plan is to assume parental rights.
10. Are any particular problems anticipated in carrying out the agency's plan? (include staff problems)
~~yes~~/no. If yes, give details

V PROFILE

The social worker should provide overleaf an assessment Profile of the child's present and future needs under the headings suggested in the Guide (on the last page) and attach medical and any other specialist reports.

CHILD'S PROFILE (attach additional page if needed)

Morag was always a quiet baby, and it was remarked by neighbours that "you wouldn't know there was a child in the house". She was given no stimulation by her mother, often being left in her cot or strapped into a baby-chair all day, and this has perhaps led to her being a very passive child. Morag attended West Pilton Children's Centre irregularly from 20.10.81 to 7.12.81 and seemed to enjoy herself at the nursery. On first being admitted to care she had a severe nappy rash and dry skin on her scalp, both conditions clearing up quickly after regular treatment.

After her emergency fostering placement of three weeks, Morag adapted well to her short-term placement, but unfortunately had to be transferred after five weeks when her foster-mother was admitted to hospital, and was transferred again to her present placement after four months because of her foster mother's illness. The first and second transfers were effected with little difficulty, Morag showing some anxiety at first, but soon relaxing and making herself at home. At the third transfer Morag showed no concern at moving yet again, a symptom perhaps of so many changes of carers in such a short time. This information has led Dr Uttley, consultant paediatrician, to state that Morag "appears to have rather superficial emotional contacts". Considering the lack of bonding between Morag and her mother, followed by her changes of foster placement, this is perhaps not surprising, however as she has been with Mrs Robertson since July 1982, and has had time to form proper relationships, I would anticipate that she will naturally require plenty of reassurance at yet another move. A few months ago Mrs Robertson's fiancée moved into the family home, and Morag has formed a particularly close relationship with him, probably because he has been able to give her plenty of time and attention.

In June 1982 Morag was examined by Dr Graham-Yocll, senior clinical medical officer, after her foster mother remarked on her poor co-ordination. A follow-up examination in January 1983 showed that Morag presented with mild co-ordination difficulties, and at the age of two-and-a-half years was functioning around the eighteen month level in relation to cognitive development. Her ability to communicate using short connected sentences was emerging at a pre-two level, and her symbolic play skills scattering just above the eighteen-month level. Dr Graham-Yocll did say that Morag had made progress since her examination six months previously. Dr Uttley is of the opinion that Morag's "marginally poor growth and developmental delay is probably an example of the so-called foetal/alcohol syndrome". Dr Uttley makes a point of stating that these discrepancies in development are not gross, and that there is no reason why Morag should not be brought up in a normal family atmosphere. He is "hopeful that Morag will be suitable for normal education at age five although there must be a question mark against that".

Dr Uttley feels that Morag would require understanding and not too demanding parents, and that the signs of improvement made to date can reasonably be expected to continue, and he would be happy to discuss these questions with potential adoptive parents.

In spite of her deprived background Morag is a happy, contented and sociable child who relates well to adults, and to her peers. She can play happily on her own, but enjoys attention from adults, particularly when looking through her picture books. She is completely toilet trained, and is a good eater, although she takes a long time to finish her meals. It has been noted that she is nervous of taking a bath, and needs plenty of reassurance.

Morag is quite small for her age, and her fair hair and blue eyes make her an appealing little girl.

VI NATURAL MOTHER (If child is extra-marital, see separate section on husband of mother)

1. Factual information

Name (underline surname) Doreen Kathleen STEWARTKnown as (underline surname) Doreen STEWARTMaiden name STEWARTAddress 6/5 Muirhouse Medway, Edinburgh EH4Date of birth 29.11.51Religion ProtestantRace CaucasianPlace of birth Elsie Inglis, EdinburghNationality BritishSingle/~~married~~/~~separated~~/~~widowed~~/~~divorced~~ (delete)* ~~Has she ever been married or in a relationship?~~Name of child's stepfather/mother's cohabitee NoneAddress N/A

2. Pen picture brief description of mother including colour and texture of hair, skin, eyes, height, build and overall impression of temperament and physique. Include manner of speech and dress if distinctive, e.g. regional accent, foreign dress. Doreen is a small, stocky woman with thick, untidy dark hair. She appears to have a short temper, but this could be because of her drink problem.

3. Health information

(a) Is her present state of health satisfactory? ~~Yes~~ no. If no, give details.(b) Has she had in- or out-patient treatment at a hospital? ~~Yes~~ no. If yes, give name of hospital, dates and reasonBangour General Hospital
Burns Unit Jan '82 - Mar '82Royal Edinburgh Hospital
Alcohol Problems Unit (out patient)
June '82 - Sept '82(c) Is there any evidence of mental illness, low intelligence, or unstable personality? ~~Yes~~ no. If yes, give details(d) Has she suffered from epilepsy, allergic conditions, tuberculosis, diabetes, or any hereditary defect or disease? ~~Yes~~ no. If yes, give details(e) Are any of the above conditions (c and d) or other disorders present amongst near relatives? ~~Yes~~ no. If yes, give details