

CASE REVIEWS

Summary of Review Meeting and Recommendations for the Future

Date of Review 2nd December, 1986 at Paradise Road

Name	Present Address	D.O.B.
ANDREW MILL k/a JONES	c/o 36 Ashmore Street, Dundee	26.12.69

Participants :

Mr. Anderson, Senior Social Worker, Dundee West
 Mrs. Haywood, Social Worker, Dundee West
 Andrew Jones, Subject
 Mr. Terry, Reviewing Officer
Apologies - Mr. Nicoll, Assistant Area Fieldwork Manager

Summary Discussion + Goals / Tasks for the Future (Goals to be listed separately)

A Social Worker's report (A016) together with information sheet (A014) and chronological history (A014a) were provided for this Review.

It is noted that information sheet A014 contains minimal information as does chronological history A014a. It is however noted that the present Social Worker only assumed responsibility for this case recently.

Background

Such background information as is available is detailed in report of Case Review held on 22nd November, 1985.

Recommendations from Previous Review

Following a Children's Hearing Review in July, 1986 the Supervision Requirement in terms of Section 44(1)(a) of Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968 was terminated. As recommended at the last Review, it is understood that a recorded delivery letter offering an appointment to Andrew was sent. At this Review Andrew appeared to be uncertain as to whether he had in fact kept that particular appointment as he did acknowledge that he had, on numerous occasions, failed to keep appointments with Social Workers. Because of the transfer of Social Worker since the date of appointment, it proved impossible to confirm whether this appointment had taken place although in view of the Children's Hearing presumably there had been some contact with the Social Worker.

At the last Review it was recommended that in the event of the Supervision Requirement on Andrew being terminated, an Out of Care Meeting should be arranged to consider the position in respect of Parental Rights. It is understood that no such meeting has been held.

When Andrew's views in respect of Parental Rights being terminated or remaining in force was sought, it was very apparent that he had little idea of the effect

of the Parental Rights Resolution and Mr. Anderson spent some time trying to explain the position to him. Andrew indicated that he was not bothered about Section 16 and that he had had minimal contact with his Social Worker which he admitted of late was due in part to him failing to keep appointments.

As his recently appointed Social Worker has so far only had opportunity to meet Andrew on one occasion and that in circumstances when it would have been inappropriate to discuss this matter with him, it was agreed that Mrs. Haywood would meet with Andrew in the near future to make him fully aware of the implications of the Parental Rights issue and seek to determine Andrew's views on the matter. Following this meeting it is anticipated that the desirability of seeking to have Parental Rights rescinded or otherwise will be discussed at Area Management level.

Employment

Andrew is engaged on a YTS with Community Opportunities and the present period of training will last about a further six months. It is understood that there is then a possibility of Andrew's placement being extended for a further year. Andrew claims to enjoy this work and to wish to obtain a more permanent job but indicated that to date he has not sought permanent employment.

Health

It is understood that Andrew last had a medical examination in May, 1986 but that his Departmental Medical Card cannot now be traced. Social Worker is to attempt to locate the whereabouts of this document.

It is understood that Andrew enjoys good health.

Home Situation

It appears that the home situation may be somewhat more stable than it has been in the past but Andrew does claim that his mother periodically becomes depressed and that arguments ensue. Andrew claims that he deals with these arguments by pursuing the argument rather than walking out of the house. Seemingly Andrew gives a considerable amount of assistance around the home but his mother does find difficulty in coping with the stairs to the present flat and an application has been made for transfer to a ground floor flat. It became known in the course of the Review that the low level of income into this household is a particular cause of concern.

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Mr. Nicoll, AAFM., Dundee West
Mr. Anderson, SSW., Dundee West
Mrs. Haywood, SW., Dundee West ✓
Admin., Dundee West

Signed

Signed *McDonnell*

(Reviewing Consultant)

Date 5th December, 1986

Feedback re Resources to Assistant Director (Field Work Services) via Area Field Work Manager.

Andrew Jones (contd)

It is understood that Miss Mills' schizophrenia is fairly well controlled by periodic injections. It was agreed that the Social Worker would make enquiries to determine if the schizophrenia fellowship or similar organisation might be able to offer some form of support to Andrew's mother.

Andrew's sister Sarah is currently in Ann Street Children's Home and visits home regularly so that Andrew sees her on these occasions. However, Andrew indicates that he and Sarah are not close and tend to keep out of each others way.

Observations by Reviewing Officer

Andrew is currently subject to Parental Rights and until July of this year was also subject to a Home Supervision Requirement, yet so far as it was possible to determine at this Review, it appears that his previous social worker had only one contact with him other than contact at Children's Hearings and it appears from Case Review reports of 22nd November, 1985 and 24th June, 1986 that frequency of social work contact was a cause of concern. While Andrew admits to having failed to keep some appointments available indications suggest that social work contact has been at a substantially lower level than might be expected in a case where Parental Rights were vested in the Social Work Department in addition to there being a Supervision Requirement in force. As this 17 year old youth is living in a difficult home environment, it is to be hoped that it will be possible to offer him greater support.

Recommendations

The goal for Andrew Mill k/a Jones, is to offer support appropriate to a young person in respect of whom a Parental Rights Resolution is in force, especially in view of his mother's vulnerability due to her schizophrenia and her dependence on Andrew.

Identified Tasks Are

1. Social Worker to meet with Andrew and make him fully aware of the implications of the Parental Rights Resolution and seek his views in respect of the continuance or termination of this Resolution. Subsequently the question of continuation or termination of Parental Rights Resolution should be discussed at Area Management level.
2. Social Worker should sustain contact and offer support and guidance as appropriate in respect of a young person subject to Section 16 Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968.
3. Social Worker to attempt to determine the whereabouts of Andrew's Departmental medical record.
4. Social Worker to enquire about the possibility of support for Andrew's mother through the Schizophrenia Fellowship or similar organisation.

Next Review

The next Review will be held at 5.00 p.m. on 29th May, 1987 at Paradise Road.

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