

CASE REVIEWS

Summary of Review Meeting and Recommendations for the Future

Date of Review..... 11th October, 1982.....

Name	Present Address	D.O.B.
Andrew Jones, Sec. 44 (1)(b)	Ann Street Children's Home	26.12.69
Sarah Jane Jones, Sec. 44 (1)(b)	" " " "	15. 7.72

Participants: Mr F. Cura, A.A.C., Area 2, Chairman.
 Mr E. Titterington, S.W., Area 2.
 Mr K. Sweetin, Dep. O.I.C., Ann Street Children's Home.
 Mrs E. Jenkins, Asst. Dep. O.I.C., Ann Street Children's Home.
 Mrs V. Tennant, Houseparent, Ann Street Children's Home.
 Mrs F. McLennan, Houseparent, Ann Street Children's Home.

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

Apologies tendered on behalf of Dr. H. Morton, Consultant Psychiatrist and Mr Johnston, Headmaster, Rosebank Primary School.

Andrew and Sarah were last the subject of Review at Ann Street Children's Home on 4th June, 1982. On that date, the following recommendations were made.

- (a) Both Andrew and Sarah remain resident in Ann Street Children's Home.
- (b) Mr Titterington discuss the "pros and cons" of Parental Rights with Miss Mills and Andrew.
- (c) Dependent upon the information collated, Parental Rights may then be sought. Both children be given the option of extra time with mother, i.e.
 Andrew - 10.30 a.m./6.30 p.m. on Sundays
 Sarah - 1.30 p.m./4.30 p.m. on Saturdays.
- (e) There be ongoing liaison between Fieldworker and residential staff.
- (f) Next Review be held at Ann Street Children's Home on 22nd September, 1982, at 2.15 p.m..

Prior to discussion, Forms RDC 45 as compiled by residential staff members were circulated and the contents noted at various points during the Review.

Relating to the aforementioned recommendations, all had been complied with and the results forthcoming throughout the following. As two children are concerned, it is the writer's intention to deal with each individually, then on a joint and family basis.

Sarah Jane

Within the Ann Street setting, Sarah is viewed by staff as "coming along well" - "content and accepting" of the probable need for the establishment to be her home for some considerable time to come. Although still described as "a lonely child who prefers her own company, or that of a staff member", Sarah is, nevertheless, fully

accepted by her fellow residents and is seen to be quite popular, especially with those older than herself. She is beginning to develop much more of a personality and can have the occasional outburst, a situation which is normally of short duration. Recent months have seen the addition of a new female resident (6), sharing Sarah's bedroom accommodation and in the early days "some jealousy was aired by Sarah who felt staff attention was being given the younger child".

Contact between Sarah and "mum" is of a twice weekly nature. On Tuesday evenings, Miss Mills visits both Sarah and Andrew at Ann Street. She is normally accompanied by her boyfriend, Arnold. The latter has been on the scene for several months now, is accepted by the children and appears to be supportive towards Miss Mills. He is not living in the family home and has tenancy of a flat in the Mid Craigie Housing Estate. On Saturdays, Miss Mills collects both Sarah and Andrew from Ann Street and either takes them into town, home to Kirkton or both, returning them during early evening. Sarah looks forward to the contact with "mum", but tends to be "high" at the conclusion. Recently, Sarah has taken to asking for more time with "mum", a pressure felt to be instigated by adult rather than child. Insofar as the group was concerned the status quo should remain.

Sarah continues to attend Play Therapy at Ninewells Hospital on a once weekly basis (Thursday forenoons) but no feedback has been forthcoming, either to residential staff or fieldworker. Dr. Lewis has now left the area and Dr. Morton is now said to be involved. Sarah's teachers are said to be of the opinion that Thursday forenoons could be put to more beneficial use by her attendance at Rosebank. Due to the vague area surrounding the situation, Mr Titterington was asked to seek clarity and advise both residential and school staff accordingly.

Within the school setting, Sarah is coping "just", and the loss of a forenoon every week, as aforementioned, does not help the situation. She creates no real problems in this sphere, however, and is said to relate well with teachers and fellow pupils. Within the latter group, Sarah is said to have gained a considerable number of friends.

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Signed *E. Titterington*

Signed *J. E. E. E.*

(Reviewing Consultant) *JH*

Date *14/10/92*

Feedback re Resources to Field Work Director via Area Controller

A member of a local Brownie Pack, Sarah attends this group one evening per week. She appears to enjoy this activity, also that of local Sunday School, which she attends in conjunction with fellow residents. Although previously described as a "lonely child", Sarah is quick to join in any activity sponsored in Ann Street and was one of the residents who recently enjoyed a holiday at Kingsbarns.

Andrew

Described as "well adjusted", Andrew still views Ann Street as "home" of a temporary nature - the "real home" being with "mum". Having said this, no real problems for staff have been forthcoming and Andrew is said to be popular with residents and staff alike, despite the fact that he does, on occasion, tend to "wind up" the former, then coolly merge into the background. Said to be one for "jesting", Andrew, unfortunately, "cannot take it" when on the receiving end. Household tasks are "something for Andrew to moan about" before actually being carried out. If sanctioned, Andrew can be tearful but not to any subsequent degree.

A pupil of Kirkton High School, Andrew is said to work within his potential and no adverse reports have been forthcoming. His homework sessions are said to be quite hefty but are greeted by a degree of enthusiasm, rather than dismay. Insofar as Andrew is concerned, he is of the belief that, if anything, his schooling has improved since admission to Ann Street. Within this particular sphere, Andrew has a small circle of friends. This relationship is confined to school hours and has no overspill into the Children's Home.

Contact with "mum" is similar to Sarah, with the inclusion of Sundays. On the latter, Andrew makes his own way to the family home and returns early evening as required. Insofar as his family contact is concerned, Andrew says little about home and for some considerable time now, has made no mention of his elder sister Christina. As with Sarah, Andrew has, in recent weeks, mooted the possibility of increased contact with mother, an idea believed to be formulated by the latter. As noted in that part relating to Sarah, following discussion, leave was left as at present.

Although not attached to any outside organised leisure activities, Andrew enjoys football, drawing, T.V. and swimming. A keen participant in any activity relating to Ann Street, Andrew also participated in a recent week's holiday at Kingsbarns, where he presented few problems.

Healthwise, both children are described as being "normal". Andrew does, however, have a tendency to overeat and his weight situation will require to be monitored. Sarah's bedwetting is infrequent and not a subject for concern.

With the exception of his recent annual leave, Mr Titterington endeavours to see both children on a fortnightly basis. As noted in the previous Minutes, he now finds both much more relaxed and accepting of his presence. Recently, in discussion with Andrew, the latter "opened out" and broached the possibility of a future in the Merchant Navy. This, plus other points, was viewed as distinct progress. Andrew had also broached the subject with residential staff.

Relating to the possibility of Parental Rights, this had been discussed at Senior level within Area 2, following which it had been agreed that appropriate action be instigated by Mr Titterington. As he had only recently returned from annual leave "no wheels had, as yet, been set into motion".

In his normal weekly contact with Miss Mills, Mr Titterington had discussed the situation re Parental Rights. Her reaction had been negative, to say the least - a mixture of childish laughter and evasion. In a similar discussion with Andrew, the latter had responded by being tearful, a situation which, according to residential staff, had continued throughout the evening concerned.

Prior to his departure from the Dundee area, Dr. Lewis had, apparently, agreed the assumption of Parental Rights would be in the best interests of both children. Dr. Dick, however, due to Miss Mill's failure to keep an appointment with him, had not yet ventured an opinion. At this time, Miss Mills is visited fortnightly by a Community Nurse, at which time medication by injection is administered. Previously, Miss Mills had been working on a casual basis within the cafe at Royal Dundee Liff Hospital. This has now ceased as she has been accepted for work of a similar nature in the Wishart Centre.

Recommendations

- (a) Both Sarah and Andrew continue to reside within Ann Street Children's Home.
- (b) Parental Rights action be instigated, as per the decision arrived at within Area 2.
- (c) The children's contact with mother remain as at present.
- (d) Mr Titterington clarify the situation re Play Therapy and relate same to both residential and educational staff.
- (e) There continue to be ongoing liaison between all interested parties.
- (f) The situation next be reviewed at Ann Street Children's Home at 10.30 a.m. on 23rd February, 1983.