

Social Work Department

Minutes of Case Conference held at Ann Atreet Children's Home
on Friday 22nd January 1982 (11.45a.m.) - Andrew Jones (d.o.b. 26.12.69)

Re:- Emergency admission on 15th January 1982.

Present:- Mr F. Cura, Asst Area Controller, Area 2, Chairman.
Mr I. Ramsay, Officer-in-Charge, Ann St. Children's Home.
Mrs McLellan, Houseparent, Ann St. Children's Home.
Mr J.R. Anderson, Senior Social Worker, Area 2.
Mr E. Titterington, Social Worker, Area 2.

For family background information, I would first refer the reader to the attached Report as compiled by Mrs J. Carrie, Social Worker, on 12th June 1981. Also attached is the Report prepared for the Children's Hearing of 22nd January 1982, as compiled by Mr J.R. Anderson, Senior Social Worker. Perusal of both Reports will enlighten the reader in no small way as to the family problems which exist and which were instrumental in the admission of Andrew to Ann Street Children's Home on 15th January 1982.

Andrew's first experience of "in-care" occurred on 4th August 1980. On that date, both he and his younger sister were received into care under the terms of Section 15, Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968. His placement at that time was within Roinach Mhor. On 9th January 1981, all three children were made the subject of Supervision Requirement 44 (1)(b) Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968, this following a Children's Hearing of that date. In the cases of all three children, Roinach Mhor was nominated as their place of residence. Accordingly, Andrew's Section 15 case was closed.

In the following months, Miss Mill's condition appears to have improved greatly and on 8th May 1981, a further Children's Hearing amended Andrew's Supervision Requirement, thereby allowing him to return home under the terms of Section 44 (1)(a) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

Perusal of Mr J.R. Anderson's Report of 22nd January 1982, suffices to cover the home situation from 8th May 1981 to date.

Since his admission to Ann Street Children's Home, Andrew himself has created no problems. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of Miss Mill. She has made repeated telephone calls, the nature of which has gone from one extreme to the other, dependent as to which member of staff accepts the call. Those staff members, who recollect Andrew from his days at Roinach Mhor, now see him in a different context. Previously he had been seen as "outward looking", whilst now he presents as being both "deep and anxious". Since admission, Andrew has repeatedly expressed his anxieties about "Mum", at the same time expressing the view that he "can only go back home when Mum is better". This is the only context in which Andrew is prepared to discuss "Mum". He has been advised of "Mum's" phone calls, but merely that they have been of an enquiring nature. Insofar as the other residents are concerned, Andrew has mixed mainly with the younger group of which his sister Sarah is a member. The latter has been seen to regress since her brother's admission.

The children's mother (Miss Mill) has continued to be seen by Mr Titterington and has expressed a desire to have Andrew returned to her care. An appointment has been made for Miss Mill to be seen by Dr Quinn, Psychiatric Unit, Ninewells Hospital, later this date. Mr Titterington will accompany Miss Mill, whilst Mr Anderson will be present at the Children's Hearing. An amendment of Andrew's Supervision Requirement has been requested and it is hoped that the Hearing members will nominate Ann Street Children's Home as place of residence. Since his admission Andrew has not attended school. It is hoped that he will resume on Monday 25th January 1982.

Recommendations

- (1) That Andrew remain resident within Ann Street Children's Home.
- (2) That schooling recommence on 25th January 1982.
- (3) There be ongoing liaison between Fieldworker/Residential Staff.
- (4) Andrew's case be reviewed at Ann Street Children's Home on 5th March 1982 (11.00a.m.)

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Mr F. Cura,
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Mr R. Steven, Residential Service Manager (Children's Homes & Hostels)
Mr I. Ramsay, Officer-in-Charge, Ann St. Children's Home
Mr E. Titterington, Social Worker, Area 2.