

CASE REVIEWS – CHILDREN IN CARE

SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT

Please include comments under the following headings:—

Pen picture of the child (including interests as well as physical and emotional attributes);

Summary of Work done since last Review (including frequency of visits):

Suitability of Placement (does it meet the child's needs? What are his views);

School Report (facts about attainment and potential. Also any behavioural or relationship difficulties);

Health (date of last medical and details of any treatment in addition to description of health);

Contact with natural parents/current home situation/parents' views re future;

Parental Contributions: Has parental assessment form been submitted to HQ.?

Social Workers's views re future action (indicating why any change in direction has taken place since last review/initial assessment. Also indicate why particular goals are used and link with understanding of child's behaviour).

Review – Thursday 28 May 1987 at 5 pm

NAME	ADDRESS IN CARE	D.O.B.
Andrew Jones	c/o Mill, 36 Ashmore Street, Dundee	26.12.69

DATE OF LAST REVIEW OR CASE CONFERENCE	2 December 1986
DATE OF LAST MEDICAL EXAMINATION	22 May 1987
DATE OF LAST SCHOOL REPORT	
DATE OF LAST FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT (Form F8)	

Pen Picture

Andrew is a slim, dark-haired, attractive boy who presents as neat and well-groomed. On the rare occasions when we have met, his manner is polite, with the occasional very attractive smile and fairly responsive to interest shown.

He continues to go out with a group of long-term friends who keep clear of trouble, and goes camping with them at weekends. He enjoys taking the dogs out.

Summary of Work Done

Very little during this period. Following the last review, I saw Andrew on 17 December 1986 and we agreed plan of visits for the New Year, through to middle of March. This was confirmed by letter. He then failed to come in again, in spite of several letters, including recorded delivery on 26 January, which was returned by the Post Office, having not been collected. On one occasion, when visiting his mother, I said hello to Andrew in the kitchen and he soon afterwards walked out of the house, obviously avoiding me and his mother returned the medical request to me.

I visited on 20 May, by appointment, and Andrew was in and welcoming. He says he had not come to see me in the New Year as he was worried what I might do, following the argument/

argument with mum at New Year (see report on Sarah Jones, Ann Street, for more reference. Sarah had reported that Andrew had hit mum during the argument at the New Year).

On this visit, Andrew told me he had arranged for his medical (I had sent the forms back to him rather than through his mother), and that he was due to start with Community Industries on 1 June. Andrew was discharged from his YTS placement in the New Year, because of bad time-keeping, in spite of efforts by his mum to get him up earlier. Andrew has made all these arrangements himself. He also requested some help with trying to find accommodation, as he and mum agree that they would be happy with Andrew living away from home, although there is no immediate crisis.

Suitability of Placement/Parental Views re Future/Current Home Situation

Again with so little contact, this is difficult to judge. Andrew and his mum seem to survive reasonably well together, with vociferous arguments at times, usually over money and food. Both seem to wish for separation now, in a planned manner and this would seem to be the way forward.

Contact With Natural Family

Andrew sees Mr Jones occasionally and continues to have an amicable relationship with him. He also sees his sister Christine, maybe twice a month and Sarah visits home weekly.

Health

No obvious problems although suffers from chest problems if he has a cold.

Social Worker's Views re Future Action

It would seem that Andrew can see some value in maintaining contact with the Department. I would hope that over the next few months the Social Work Department could help with a move towards independent accommodation with support from ILST. I would hope that this period could also be used to give support to Andrew over his relationship with his mother.

Signed

Ana M. Hayward
(Social Worker)

Date

25 May 1987