

Lilybank Child and Family Centre

Workers Meeting on Friday 19 January 1996 re William Tarbett

Present

Fiona Sinclair, Polepark
Marion Mitchell, Keyworker
Karen Dorward, Centre Manager

Purpose

To meet to-gether and share information about William's behaviour and changes he has encountered and their effects.

1. Sexualised behaviour

William has been displaying more sexualised behaviour at his new home with the [REDACTED] than he did at the [REDACTED]. William was telling Fiona at his session at Polepark that he was a "faggoid", thats what [REDACTED] call him (demonstrating with his fingers that he had a cigarette between them ; he is unaware of the real meaning). It has since been discovered they are calling him a faggot. All the children within the household and their friends have seen Williams behaviour. Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] are finding it difficult to deal with.

Within the Family Centre William is thrusting himself against Courtney but stopped when told to by Marion.

2. Change of Home Placement

William is experiencing a hard time at home understanding the changes he has encountered with 3 moves in a short time. Hopefully this will settle now that he is back at Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED]. William has not made a space for himself within the family, unlike [REDACTED] who fits in well. [REDACTED] is making it clear to William that he dislikes him because William could possibly spoil things for them within the new family. William asked Karen when he would be able to find a real family instead of having to move all the time.

3. Changes within Williams behaviour

Within the family centre William often appears to be his old self but some days he is apathetic. Within small group time William will not care what he plays with. He appears to be confused and doesn't know where he is going or with whom. When Margaret, SW assistant, came into collect William he asked " Where are you taking meaccess' of Polepark.... where am I going ?" When Margaret replied " Home", he just said " Right".

William can be moody and disruptive, wetting on the toilet walls and round the toilet seat just to get a reaction.

He told staff that he had not to get his new trainers dirty or he would be in trouble.

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William has made no mention of [REDACTED] or his new carers since his return. only about the dogs and about getting them to bite others.

4. Use of sessions at Polepark

William was simulating against a mirror within the playroom and was asked to stop. He plays with snakes and knives during his sessions at Polepark. He has used the anger brick a lot in his new sessions.

5. Way Forward

1. It has been suggested that William may move on to nursery school at Easter, possibly the nearest one to his intended primary school.
2. All other changes - new carers, new social worker - will have settled by then.
3. Query Williams "emotional" readiness for Primary 1 - perhaps a year a nursery school would benefit him.

Karen Dorward

22/1/96

SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT CASE REVIEWS - CHILDREN IN CARE

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/her views?)

SCHOOL REPORT (facts about attainment and potential. Also any behavioural or relationship difficulties);

HEALTH (date of first 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 WORKER'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);

NAME	ADDRESS IN CARE	DOB
WILLIAM TARBETT	[REDACTED]	09.07.91
DATE OF LAST REVIEW OR CASE CONFERENCE	16.01.96	
DATE OF LAST MEDICAL EXAMINATION	01.12.95	
DATE OF LAST SCHOOL REPORT	[REDACTED] - JUNE 1996	
DATE OF LAST FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT (FORM F8)		

PEN PICTURE



William Tarbett

William is a stocky and sturdy boy with short dark hair. William believes he is "his own master" and acts accordingly, sometimes proving to be a warm and loving boy, at other times, an angry pugnacious and stubborn "wee man". William likes to "get the most out of life" and enjoys being the centre of attention. William likes to play out and has some particular fascinations - for dogs, diggers/tractors, vans, workmen.

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE

Margaret Leslie, Social worker for the boy's sister [REDACTED] and myself, meet regularly with ms Linda Robertson, mother, and with Mr David Tarbett, father, although recently Mr Tarbett has not attended for meetings. As per a management agreement, we write fortnightly to Mr Tarbett regarding the children's circumstances.

All identified tasks completed as appropriate.

At a Polepark review meeting in March, it was agreed that Polepark workers involvement with the boys would end, with responsibility for maintaining individual support to the boys transferring to myself.

██████████ and William present extraordinary challenges to their foster carers, with ██████████ particularly seeming to have a genuine reluctance to become involved in family life. However, although their behaviour is frequently very poor, both ██████████ and William have expressed definite wishes to stay with the ██████████ - suggesting that the bad behaviour is their own "emotional baggage" which they struggle to manage and need to "leave lying around to trip up" Mr and Mrs ██████████.

Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] despite being relatively new foster carers, have "gripped their teeth" through the worst excesses, and always manage to "find a smile" for the boys. [REDACTED], their sons, have some of their parent's patience and rarely rise to the Tarbetts deliberate taunting.

All in all, the [REDACTED] family are doing their level best to support the boys, and this is providing a very high level of emotional and physical care to the boys, within a "down to earth" and happy home.

See attached. [REDACTED]

██████████ and William Tarbett

FAMILY CENTRE REPORT (WILLIAM)

William's keyworker, Marion Mitchell, reports that generally William is doing okay, showing better concentration, however he requires individual encouragement fairly constantly within their "school group" and has a definite reluctance to share what he is playing with with others. Marion noted that recently William has been exhibiting more aggressive behaviour - that he can be verbally nasty towards other children. This behaviour seems to "come and go" within the family centre setting, with no clear causation.

HEALTH

See attached health monitoring forms.

██████████ and William are both in good health with no problems or concerns. William is due to receive his pre-school booster.

██████████ recently had a school medical. The examining CMO suggested to Mrs ██████████ that a referral to child psychiatry might be appropriate.

respite care

██████████ and William have respite care for one weekend per month. ██████████ respite carers, Mrs ██████████ reports that generally things go well, with any bad behaviour dealt with appropriately at the time. ██████████ enjoys visiting Mrs ██████████ and her family.

William has had several respite weekends with Mr and Mrs ██████████ foster carers, and recently stayed with Mr and Mrs ██████████. William seeks reassurance from Mr and Mrs ██████████ that he will be returning to their care, and can behaviour in a more demanding way on his return for respite.

CONTACT WITH NATURAL PARENTS

Mrs L Robertson (Mother)

██████████ William and ██████████ have access together with Ms Robertson, along with their younger brother ██████████. Recently Ms Robertson's access has reduced, with her agreement, from weekly to fortnightly contact. Coincidentally ██████████ has returned to his mother's care. Access is for one hour and is supervised by Maureen Petrie, Social Work Assistant. It is planned that access will be further reduced to monthly contact.

Mr D Tarbett (Father)

██████████ William and ██████████ have access together with Mr Tarbett, for one hour per month, supervised by Maureen Petrie. Mr Tarbett is accompanied by his daughter ██████████ and her daughter ██████████.

PARENT'S VIEWS RE FUTURE

Ms Robertson accepts that it is this department's intention to find permanence placements for ██████████ and William.

██████████ and William Tarbett

Mr Tarbett objects strongly to this department's plan for ██████████ and William, and wishes for them to be returned to his care.

SOCIAL WORKER'S VIEWS RE FUTURE ACTION

Form E's have been completed by Marion Selfridge, Social Worker. Ms Robertson has given her consent to our department obtaining the requisite medical information for the children's medical, and once this is completed the children - ██████████ William and ██████████ will be presented at the Permanence Panel.

My ongoing work with the boys will continue to focus on encouraging them to "come to terms" with their circumstances. Alongside this I will continue to work closely with Mr and Mrs ██████████ supported by their resource worker, Joyce Gall.

It is important to acknowledge that the difficulties which the boys present are based in the realities of their lives, from the care they received with their parents, from the traumatic events of being received into care and from their having been moved in care, placed with a new family, without the security of knowing that this is to be their permanent home. For as long as we do not know where their future lies, we can probably expect little significant change in the boy's behaviour, and must work hard to help to contain their insecurity in order to allow them as much opportunity as possible to grow and develop.

Signed

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