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CIC REVIEW SUMMARY

DATE: 17 AUGUST 1995

VENUE: ST MATTHEW CHILD & FAMILY CENTRE

NAME: WILLIAM TARBETT

DOB: 09.07.91

PLACEMENT
ADDRESS:

c/o [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

DATE OF
PLACEMENT: 22.9.94

PARTICIPANTS:

Ms M Selfridge	Social Worker	SWD, Whitfield, Dundee
Ms L Archer	Mother	c/o SWD, Dundee
Mr D Tarbett	Father	7D Bonneathill Court, Dundee
Ms S Smillie	Family Counsellor	Polepark Family Counselling Centre
Ms F Sinclair	Family Counsellor	Polepark Family Counselling Centre

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Ms K Dorward	Centre Manager	Lilybank Child & Family Centre
Ms M Gilmour	Centre Worker	Lilybank Child & Family Centre
Mrs S Webster	Resource Worker	SWD, Kirkton Road, Dundee
Ms J Gall	Resource Worker	SWD, Kirkton Road, Dundee
Mr W Chalmers (Chair)	Community Assessment & Review Officer	SWD, Balmerino Road, Dundee
Ms L Stewart	Minute Taker	SWD, Balmerino Road, Dundee

APOLOGIES:

Mr G Bowie	Senior Social Worker	SWD, Whitfield, Dundee
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REPORTS AVAILABLE TO THE MEETING:

AO16 Social Worker's Report.

DATE OF RIC AND REASON:

22.9.94: Continuing concerns for the safety of the children. Behaviour problems of children at school, family centre and at home and Mr Tarbett's refusal to co-operate with the Social Work Department. Children's involvement in ongoing acrimony between parents.

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LEGAL FRAMEWORK/DATE OF HEARING: (any other legal processes contemplated or pending)

44(1)(a) Named Place with the condition that Ms Archer has supervised access at the discretion of the Social Work Department and Mr Tarbett has supervised access for one hour per month.

REASONS FOR AND DATES OF RIC/PREVIOUS PLACEMENTS:

21.1.94 - 7.2.94 - [REDACTED] Invergowrie.

PROGRESS SINCE LAST REVIEW HELD ON 19 JANUARY 1995

1 Previous plan and outcomes of tasks set (and other developments since the last review)

- 1 Foster carers will continue to monitor William's asthma. (This has taken place).
- 2 William's stutter will be monitored in foster home and Family Centre. (This has taken place).
- 3 William to attend Monifieth Health Centre for 3¹/₂ year screening. Examining doctor to be made aware of his stutter. (This took place).
- 4 Access will continue at the same level and will continued to be supervised.
In relation to above Mr Bowie will take up with Manager of Douglas Child and Family Centre what happened at Christmas. (This took place. See under 'Access' for fuller details).
- 5 Mr Tarbett has indicated that he has talked to his solicitor in terms of a review of the Children's Hearing re requirement for supervised access. (This took place. Children's Hearing made the decision that Mr Tarbett has supervised access once per month for an hour).
- 6 In respect of rehabilitation plan, there will be a meeting between Ms Selfridge, Mr Strathie, Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer to detail programme for joint sessions and come to an agreement on what this is to consist of. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 6 sessions. (Joint sessions took place commencing in February, however in March it was decided not to continue them - see main body of minute for fuller details).
- 7 Polepark Family Counselling Centre have been asked to do individual sessions with [REDACTED] re the sexualised behaviour which was apparent in November. [REDACTED] and his siblings, [REDACTED] and William were referred to Polepark on 8.12.94 in relation to this matter and have attended on a weekly basis).

2 Placement (include Foster Parents - enhanced allowances, equipment, views, sports/leisure activities/interests)

Mrs [REDACTED] reported that there has been no substantial change in William since the last review. He continues to enjoy attending nursery and looks forward to it. His sexualised behaviour is increasing, along with [REDACTED]

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3 Nursery/Education/Employment (Give information regarding Record of Needs where appropriate)

William attends Lilybank Child & Family Centre. Ms Gilmour, keyworker, reported that William's sexualised behaviour within the centre has now stopped. More recently, William has been saying to other members of staff, 'she hit me' (meaning Ms Gilmour). He will also speak about other members of staff, saying 'I'm not speaking to her, she hit me' or he will say 'how dare you speak to me like that'. Ms Dorward noted that staff are becoming quite concerned about this recent behaviour. In relation to his development, Ms Dorward informed that William is achieving his milestones. Ms Gilmour added that William has been a lot happier overall than a few months ago. He looks forward to attending the centre and he has some 'special' friends. He is now taking part in a lot more activities and will now spend time playing.

Ms Dorward noted that William will be starting the school group in January 1996 prior to his attendance at primary school.

Ms Dorward raised the point that William was attending the centre over the holiday period and was only off for a couple of days. Ms Dorward felt that it would be beneficial for William to have a week off from the centre. Following some discussion, it was agreed that consideration would be given to having discussions about this matter with carers and keyworker.

4 Health (Give date of annual medical due/screening, immunisations, development, on-going handicap etc)

William has received check-ups for asthma but there have been no problems for some months. Mrs [REDACTED] noted that William has an inhaler for his asthma but he has never used it. In relation to his stutter which was discussed at the last review, Mrs [REDACTED] informed that this disappeared just as quickly as it started. Overall, William keeps fit and healthy and there are no health concerns.

5 Access (Parents/siblings/extended family, arrangements, CC2f, supervision, venue)

[REDACTED] and William have supervised access with their mother and sibling, [REDACTED], once a week for an hour. Ms Selfridge informed that the quality of access has improved and the children are now a bit more settled. Ms Archer still struggles to control the children's behaviour when the four of them are together and there tends to be some squabbling and fighting amongst them. Access will continue to take place at the current level.

A Children's Panel on 2 August 1995 determined Mr Tarbett's level of supervised access at once per month for an hour. Ms Selfridge informed that Mr Tarbett has made it clear that he is not going to attend these access sessions. Mr Tarbett is not happy with this level of access and has lodged an appeal in this respect. Mr Chalmers confirmed to Mr Tarbett that access will continue to be available at this level if he wishes to make the arrangement. Mr Chalmers explained to Mr Tarbett that it is important that the Department continues to reassure the children that he is still alive and remains interested in them.

Ms Selfridge noted that the children are quite confused about the above situation as previously access took place with both Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer on a twice weekly basis.

Ms Smillie commented that the children do want to see their mum and dad and show an interest in access.

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William and [REDACTED] wonder and ask about access to their dad but do not like the fighting and shouting that has happened during access in the past. [REDACTED] on the other hand, does not wish to see her father at present. Overall, access with mum seems to be going well.

Ms Archer stated that the children are feeling mixed up at present - one minute they want to see their dad and the next minute they do not.

6 Any Other Issues

Polepark Family Counselling Centre

William, [REDACTED] were referred to Polepark on 8.12.94 as a result of reports of ongoing sexualised behaviour displayed by [REDACTED] at the carer's home and also at school.

Ms Sinclair informed that two of the three children in a different combination attended Polepark on a weekly basis. During the summer holidays they attended on a fortnightly basis in order to accommodate holidays. Following the return to school, the children are again attending on a weekly basis. At the start of the sessions, the children were given time and space to allow them to explore their feelings and actions. Ms Sinclair noted that they have used these sessions well and have enjoyed them. Ms Smillie added that this work also involved how the children felt about being in care, what has happened in the past, what has worried them and their lives in general. The current focus of the work is for Ms Sinclair and Ms Smillie to begin to set boundaries for the children about what is acceptable and what is not. This work will continue on the same basis at the same level. Ms Sinclair added that there is some confusion/concern around for the children in relation to what is going on at present. For example, they will say that they are staying where they are, then they will say they are going to back to mum, or going back to dad.

Assessment/Rehabilitation Plans

Ms Selfridge informed that following joint sessions commencing in February 1995 with Ms Archer and Mr Tarbett, it was apparent that they found it difficult to make any commitment to a permanent relationship or to work with Ms Selfridge or Calum Strathie, Manager, St Matthews. Mr Tarbett refused to accept the reasons for the children being in care and felt there was nothing wrong with the way he looked after the children and felt he did not need to change. Ms Archer did not accept any responsibility for the children's reception into care as she had not been at home but she did acknowledge the need for change to meet the children's needs. There was no progress being made during these sessions and in March it was decided to stop them. At this time a decision was taken that the children would not be returning to the care of Mr Tarbett or Mr Tarbett and Ms Archer as a couple. It was also decided that should Ms Archer decide to live independently and was managing to cope independently, a further assessment of her ability to care one or more of the children would be made.

Ms Selfridge noted that a decision has been made to complete Form Es on all three children with a view to seeking alternative permanent homes for them. This decision was made subsequent to an incident in June which led to Ms Archer being detained in police custody, [REDACTED] being received into care and Ms Archer again having to move address. [REDACTED] has been returned to Ms Archer's care. Discussion regarding Ms Archer's ability to look after any of the children remains ongoing.

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LONG TERM AIM

Form Es will be completed on all three children with a view to seeking alternative permanent homes for them. Discussion regarding Ms Archer's ability to look after any of the children remains ongoing.

Child/Young Person's View (expressed or demonstrated - past/present/future)

William sometimes mentions going back to stay with parents after access sessions, but does not talk about this to carers.

Parents' Views (and changes planned)

Mr Tarbett does not accept the need for the children to be in care.
Ms Archer's abilities to care for the children are under assessment.

Social Work View

Form Es to be completed in respect of [REDACTED] and William and further discussion to take place regarding Ms Archer's position as carer to any of the children.

GOAL/ACTION PLAN

<u>TASKS</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE PERSON</u>	<u>TIMESCALE</u>
1 William will continue to attend Lilybank Child & Family Centre.	Mr & Mrs [REDACTED] Lilybank C&FC	Ongoing
2 Consideration will be given to discussions about the possibility of a break from the centre, eg for 1 week.	Mr & Mrs [REDACTED] Marion Gilmour	
3 Work with Polepark will continue on the basis of 2 of the 3 children in a different combination attending each week and the focus of the work is now more structured and will emerge as more structured in the future.	Sandra Smillie/ Fiona Sinclair	Weekly
4 Access to Ms Archer will continue at the present level with all 4 children being together at that time.	Ms Archer, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]/William/[REDACTED]	One hour per week
5 Access will continue to be offered to Mr Tarbett at the level of one hour per month as determined by the Children's Panel.	Marion Selfridge/ Mr Tarbett	Ongoing

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<u>TASKS</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE PERSON</u>	<u>TIMESCALE</u>
6 Social Worker will complete Form Es in respect of all three children.	Marion Selfridge	8.9.95
7 Discussions will continue with Ms Archer regarding her position as carer to any of the children.	Social Work Dept/ Ms Archer	Ongoing

DISSENT NOTED: N/A

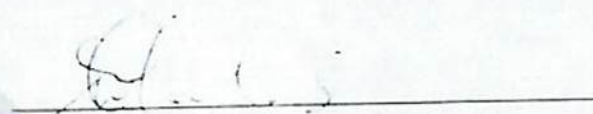
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TASK NO: N/A

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT REVIEW:

A provisional date was set for Tuesday 16 January 1996, 11.30 am at St Matthews Centre.

SIGNATURE


Mr W Chalmers, Community Assessment & Review Officer

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