

NCH STREETLEVEL
ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR LIAISON GROUP MEETING
14th December 2007

NAME: William Tarbett

DOB: 09.07.1991

CURRENT ADDRESS: Young Person's Unit
20 Strathcarron Place
Dundee
DD2 4BB

REFERRER: Gill McKenzie
Throughcare and Aftercare
Balmerino Road
Dundee

DATE OF REFERRAL: 15.08.2007

DATE OF REFERRAL MEETING: 1.11.2007 *Now saying no to phased move.*

NCH SUPPORT WORKER: John Kane

CASE MANAGER: Susan Lowe

DATE ASSESSMENT COMPLETED: 09.11.07

REASONS FOR REFERRAL

William is currently resident at Strathcarron Place Y.P.U. and needs to move on due to reaching 16 years of age. He has lived there under Section 25. After an assessment and discussion with William, TCAC felt that supported accommodation would be the best way forward for him before he obtains a tenancy of his own. He expresses this too. This would help him gain necessary independent skills and confidence for his future tenancy. It had been expected that William would go and live with dad at 16, but his dad was not keen on this.

BASIS OF REPORT

Compiled from Referral Information; Referral Meeting at Street Level with William, Gill McKenzie, (TCAC), Susan Lowe and John Kane of Street Level. William also attended three assessments meeting with John Kane. Additional information was sought from Gill McKenzie by John Kane.

PERSONAL HISTORY

William has been involved with Social Work since 1993 and had been placed in various foster placements and of recent, residential care at Strathcarron Place.

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FAMILY DETAILS / RELATIONSHIPS

William's mum and dad live near each other in Hilltown, Dundee. He visits his dad regularly and sees mum now and again. He has two younger brothers, aged 5 and eight years old. He also has several older brothers and two older sisters. His relationship with his brothers he says are good, though with his sisters this is not always the case.

PEER RELATIONSHIPS

William has friends which he sees mainly at the weekend. He gets along fine with his peers and has no record of being bullied or being a bully. William makes a point in saying that his friends are older than him. He knows two young people currently living in Street Level supported flats, and another who recently left; two of whom knows from growing up in care.

HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL

William says he does not drink often, but when he does he can get very drunk. This has led to him being involved in a potential fight and getting arrested. He says he does not take drugs, has no known medical conditions and is registered at Stobswell Medical Practice.

EDUCATION

William had a settled education, attending Monifieth High School with attendance being good. He achieved qualifications in Maths, English and history.

WORK /PLACEMENT/ TRAINING

William wants to learn painting and decorating and enrolled in Claverhouse with this in mind, but they moved him onto joinery and metal work and he did not like this, so he left. He had a job for a few months in construction at Henry Boot and then Andrew Shepherd, from which he was sacked. William says this was because of his lack of interest in the work. He is keen to get involved in work and training around what he wants to do and visits his Careers Advisor regularly.

OFFENDING BEHAVIOUR

William says he has been charge with three police assaults and is waiting for a court appearance. The incidents happened about five weeks ago after a drinking session with friends. Following this he went (with his sister) to Douglas to fight another youth. He says he was being taunted by this other boy on MSN Chat. It was a boy he has known since nursery. They had agreed to meet at the shops in Douglas. When he got there a large number of friends of the other lad had congregated. They were about to fight when the police arrived and arrested only William. He felt angry that only he got arrested and no one else. The Police said it was because he had come to look for trouble. The charges were accumulated at the same incident on that night. He looks back on this with the view that they were stupid things to do.

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William says he was picked up by police recently, on 5th November while attending a bonfire in a park. He was not charged with anything and asked to go home.

However, William's understanding of the police assault charges is unclear. The Y.P.U. says that Police correspondence do not mention assault. He says that he saw 'police assault' written down at the police while being detained. His dad has tried to get information on this from the Police station, he says, but they will not tell him anything. As of now, William has no criminal convictions.

FINANCES

William receives pocket money from TCAC. They will pay his accommodation when he gets his own tenancy. He has no debts.

VIEWS ON SELF

William feels quite good about him and does not see himself as having any issues. He gets along with most people. This view is consistent with TCAC. He sees himself as a good footballer.

RELIGIOUS / CULTURAL BELIEFS

William says he has no affiliation with any religion.

YOUNG PERSON RISK ASSESSMENT

As mentioned, William stated he had some charges for police assault, which happened under the influence of alcohol. This happened during a near fight in public with another young person. According to TCAC, he got involved in an incident with another young person while in the unit, but this was seen as being out of character for him and he does not have a history of aggression and violence in that context. When questioned about risk to himself, staff and others, he believes that even under the influence he is no threat to himself or others. He was asked specifically how he would react if being goaded by another young person, (including at Street Level) he said he would avoid that situation. When asked about friends who may visit him at a flat and could cause bother, he says all his friends are older and would leave if asked to do so.

ATTITUDE TO REFERRAL

William is happy to have the support offered. He engages with his TCAC resource worker regarding budgeting, cooking and career visits.

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IDENTIFIED NEEDS

William says he wants help with obtaining and maintaining a tenancy and moving to independence. This is in agreement with his assessment. A support plan will be delivered with the following:

- obtaining a tenancy
- sustaining a tenancy
- budgeting
- cooking
- accessing education, training or work
- building self-confidence and self-esteem to become more independent
- liaison and advocacy

OTHER SUPPORT / NETWORKS

Support from TCAC and an extended family, including mum and dad. His dad helps him with money. His Career Advisor provides support too.

RECOMMENDATION

William has been recommended for an Intensive support flat at 16 Arthurstone Terrace with the above mentioned support. There is a flat available to him and we are discussing a 'phased' move for him. However, this depends on whether the current dynamic mixture of young people resident at Arthurstone Terrace is in the best interest for him.

Have read this report and agree with its contents.

Signed _____ Young Person _____ Date

Signed *[Signature]* Support Worker 11/12/2007 Date

Signed *Arie Mandel* Case Manager 12/12/07 Date