

DETAILED RECORD

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CLIENTWilliam Tarbett**Date:** 20.11.02**Event:** Consultation with Janet Sherrard and Dr Esparon, C&FP

Attended by [REDACTED] carer, Brenda Kidd, resource worker and Ingrid von Arnim, social worker.

[REDACTED] quite distressed throughout the discussion, expressing the difficulties they were experiencing coping with William and her feelings of guilt that they might need to consider terminating the placement. She feels that the family has 'moved on and developed' and that William has failed to move on with them. [REDACTED] stated that she wanted practical and quick solutions. It became clear that the family were experiencing a 'different' William from the one I experience, and that there is a fundamental lack of communication and emotional ties between [REDACTED] and William.

Janet Sherrard's main concern was the perceived level of escalating violence the family was witnessing. Janet advised William's problems were long-term and that time and persistence would be required to improve William's functioning within the family. She did not feel that [REDACTED] now had the stamina to do this. She was concerned at the damage the current situation might be doing to the family, including the [REDACTED] children. She felt that the [REDACTED] and the Department should plan for an end to the placement as positively as possible.

Brenda Kidd advised that respite care was being arranged for William and [REDACTED] to help the family, but this could only be arranged on an adhoc basis because of limited resources within the Department.

Dr Esparon and Janet Sherrard advised that a psychological assessment was advisable to enable future planning for William to focus on his needs. They advised that this was currently not available within Tayside Health and that a referral to Edinburgh or Aberdeen via William's GP would be required.

Janet and Dr Esparon will write a short assessment for our use.

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CLIENTWilliam Tarbett**Date:** 18.12.02**Event:** Session with William

I took William out in the car to talk. William raised the subject of the allegations he has made against [REDACTED] immediately. I explained to William what can happen when a child makes allegations against people who are looking after him, whether this is parents or carers. I explained to William that if the police became involved he would probably have to be interviewed by them with a social worker present as well. I asked William what he thought should happen. He said that at the very least [REDACTED] should never again be allowed to foster children. I asked him if he thought anything more than that should happen. He said he was unsure and that he would like to think about it over the Christmas Holidays.

I asked William what had prompted him to talk about the [REDACTED] at this time. He made a reference to his knee. He said he had an injury to his knee which he incurred when [REDACTED] threw him off a chair, and from time to time it still hurt. It had been hurting when he made references to the [REDACTED] last week.

I also asked William whether he had been scared that the [REDACTED] might hurt him when he was placed there. He said he had been reassured during the introductions that this wouldn't happen, as they had made it very clear that they did not hit children.

I asked William how he felt now about his time at the [REDACTED]. He said he didn't really feel anything. It was over and in the past and could not happen now.

I told William that I would take his views back to my manager.

William told me that he had enjoyed his respite weekend with [REDACTED] and hoped that he would be able to go again.

I also discussed with William the continuing difficulties with the unreliable contact with his parents. I suggested to William that perhaps contact should be reduced, so that he saw each parent on a bi-monthly basis. William was adamant that he did not want the current arrangements to be changed. I informed William that his Review Children's Hearing was in January, and we would need to discuss this issue with the panel.

William said he wanted to focus on completing his lifestory book (captioning his photos on the computer) in the New Year.

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