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D. A. Stirling,
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Tel: [REDACTED]
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Peter Meaney
c/o Moore House School
Edinburgh Road
BATHGATE
West Lothian

Our reference [REDACTED]

Your reference [REDACTED]

Date
6th March 1995

Dear Peter

I have received a Police Report which alleges that on 14th December 1994 you assaulted [REDACTED] by headbutting him on the face. It is also said that on the same date you stole a rucksack from the boy which contained a calculator and some school work. I wrote to your [REDACTED] about this and I understand that he has discussed these incidents with you. He advises me that you admit to being involved in a fight with [REDACTED] although you deny the taking of the rucksack.

I understand that you are now fairly settled at Moore House and that there have been no further serious incidents. On that basis I do not see any need to call another Hearing and I shall therefore take no formal action on these referrals. Obviously should any new incidents occur then I will discuss these with [REDACTED] with a view to arranging a review Hearing. I shall send a copy of this letter to [REDACTED] for her information.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Reporter

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LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL



attended by [redacted]

CHILDREN'S PANEL

Lothian Regional Reporter
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Tel: [redacted]

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Our reference [redacted]

Your reference [redacted]

Date 17th January 1995

[redacted]
Principal
Moore House School
Edinburgh Road
BATHGATE

Dear Madam

Re: Peter Meaney (20.3.79)

I understand that Peter has been referred to the School and I am therefore writing to inform you that a Children's Hearing has been arranged for Peter and will take place on Friday 27th January 1995 at 10.00 a.m. at this office.

I would be grateful if you would confirm for Panel members the position for Peter vis a vis the school.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]
Divisional Reporter

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Date

9th May 1995

Principal
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West Lothian

Dear Madam

Re: Peter Meaney (20.3.79)

At Peter's last Hearing on 27th January 1995, his Supervision Requirement was varied to include a condition that he reside at your school. Another Hearing has been arranged to review his situation and this will be held on Thursday 18th May 1995 at 12.15 p.m. in this office. I would be grateful if you would provide a report in writing for that Hearing and you may also wish to send a representative.

Yours faithfully

Reporter

NOTE TIME

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Principal:

[REDACTED]

Headmaster:

[REDACTED]



Fax No. [REDACTED]

HEARING REPORT - 18 MAY 1995

PETER MEANEY (d.o.b. 20.3.79.)

Section 44.1(a) Social Work Scotland Act 1968

Family composition

[REDACTED]

Peter Meaney

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

15H Dougal Court, Mayfield

Subject of Report

[REDACTED]

24 Cockpen View, Bonnyrigg

Family Background

Peter lives with his [REDACTED] in Mayfield. His [REDACTED] separated when Peter was approx. two and a half years old. Peter has had irregular contact with his [REDACTED] throughout his life, but is particularly close to his paternal [REDACTED], who live in Bonnyrigg.

[REDACTED] family have also played an important part in Peter's life. [REDACTED] described her brothers as having "been like a Father to Peter". The house in which Peter lives was previously [REDACTED] family home and has been since [REDACTED] was seven. Her parents have separated. Her Father lives in Dougal Court, Mayfield and her Mother lives in Fife.

Placement at Moore House School

Peter was admitted to Moore House School on 19 January 1995 under Section 15, Social Work Scotland Act, 1968. Peter was at this time under Home Supervision Requirement, Section 44.1(a). On 27 January 1995 Peter attended a Children's Hearing at Dalkeith and it was the decision of the Panel members that his supervision order be varied to Section 44.1(a) with condition that he attend Moore House School on a Monday to Friday basis. Peter to spend weekends with his [REDACTED] and Moore House would initially provide mini bus escort both ways.

At the Children's Hearing on 27 January, which was attended by Unit Manager of Moore House School and [REDACTED] of Dalkeith Social Work, we reported that although Peter had settled into the routines of residential care, he had suffered from homesickness. On 24 January Peter had been very distressed and in tears and admitted to missing his [REDACTED] very much. [REDACTED] and I discussed the situation and agreed that Peter could stay with [REDACTED] on 25 and 26 January and attend Hearing on 27 January.

At/

Directors:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

At the Child Care Review held at Moore House on 2 February 1995 it was reported that although Peter had only been in Moore House a short period of time he had settled in and there had been no management problems. Due to his progress and his attitude within the school and unit settings it was agreed that Peter's timetable should incorporate work experience. Peter was placed with school Handyman as he had admitted he was interested in joinery. It was the plan to assess how Peter coped with his work experience within the school and if he proved satisfactory outside work experience would be sought.

On 27 February [redacted] reported that it had been alleged that on 14 October 1994 Peter had butted a [redacted] and stolen a rucksack containing school work and calculator. Later that day Peter informed [redacted] that he had been fighting at the weekend when he was on home leave.

On 28 February 1995 [redacted] (Dalkeith CID) telephoned to request an interview with Peter re recent alleged offences. [redacted] and [redacted] were informed and Police came out to Moore House School to interview Peter in the presence of a staff member.

On 15 March 1995 a Child Care Review was held and as it was agreed that Peter was making progress within school and unit setting and responding positively to care package offered by Moore House, he now to travel home at weekends using public transport. If Peter's progress continued the care plan was that Peter would work towards overnights midweek commencing with one overnight on 22 March.

During the Review however discussion focused on the behaviour of Peter when he at home at the weekends, and [redacted] admitted there had been some problems. Peter agreed to make a positive effort when at home and he, along with his [redacted] and [redacted] left the Review in a positive frame of mind. Peter was very much aware that all parties present were committed to working together to help Peter.

Recent Events

On 6 March 1995 Peter failed to return to Moore House School after weekend leave. This information was reported to [redacted] and appropriate agencies.

On 8 March Peter's [redacted] telephoned staff at Moore House. She thought Peter had returned to Moore House on 6 March. She explained that Peter late in rising for school on Monday and she had accompanied him to Princes Street, Edinburgh for the bus to Bathgate. During this conversation [redacted] requested that Peter use school mini bus transport again.

On 9 March [redacted] informed staff that he would be returning Peter to Moore House at 2.00 p.m. Later that day [redacted] telephoned to report that Peter was refusing to return. He maintained that as it would be late Thursday before he arrived at the school and he would be going home on the Friday at lunch time, it was a waste of time. [redacted] and Peter had agreed that he would return to school the following Monday, 13 March, and school transport would be provided.

On 13 March mini bus escort went to collect Peter but, on arrival at the family home, Peter's [redacted] said Peter was out. She explained that Peter had gone out the previous evening and had failed to return. This information was passed on to [redacted] by Peter [redacted]

Later on 13 March Peter's [redacted] telephoned to report she had found Peter in a friend's house. [redacted] agreed to give Peter money for bus fares and she said she would accompany him to Edinburgh, put him on the bus. She telephoned to say Peter on the way to Moore House but unfortunately Peter failed to return.

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On 14 March Peter had still not returned to Moore House. [REDACTED] was disappointed with her son's actions as she and [REDACTED] visibly witnessed Peter on the bus and asking for his bus fare.

On 15 March Peter continued to be missing and as his [REDACTED] was off sick [REDACTED], Practice Team Manager, decided the Child Care Review arranged for that day should be cancelled.

Later that afternoon Peter's [REDACTED] telephoned very distressed. [REDACTED] was crying over the phone. She had no idea where Peter was. She had searched everywhere and was gravely concerned. She admitted to Unit Manager that she was frightened in case he was found lying dead somewhere.

On Friday afternoon, 17 March, Dalkeith Police telephoned Moore House to report they had located Peter and he would be returned to his [REDACTED]. It was agreed that Peter would return to school on 20 March by school mini bus escort.

On 20 March the escort arrived at Peter's house at 8.50 am and waited until 9.15 am but, due to their time schedule, they were unable to wait any longer. Staff were again in contact with [REDACTED] and family. Peter's [REDACTED] thought Peter had boarded the mini bus.

On 22 March [REDACTED] arranged to visit family on 24 March. This outreach visit took place at [REDACTED] boyfriend's home at 50 Drum Street, Gilmerton, with Peter and his [REDACTED]. Peter agreed to return to school on 27 March via mini bus.

On 27 March mini bus escort called for Peter but his [REDACTED] said that Peter had gone somewhere to collect his bag and the mini bus escort waited 15 minutes but Peter failed to return to the family home or Moore House School.

On 28 March Peter's [REDACTED] phoned saying Peter was with her and she arranged to accompany Peter to Moore House School on 29 March at 10.00 a.m.

On 29 March Peter and his [REDACTED] arrived at Moore House School at 4.00 p.m. Peter remained at Moore House until 30 March when he left school for his Easter holidays. Peter left school in a positive frame of mind.

During Easter holidays, [REDACTED] visited Peter and his [REDACTED] to offer support during holiday period.

On 18 April the young people returned from Easter break. Peter, however, failed to return. Various explanations were given:-

- (a) 10.00 a.m. Peter's [REDACTED] telephoned to report mini bus escort had failed to arrive. Peter's [REDACTED] was informed by staff that mini bus had left Moore House and perhaps transport held up by traffic.
- (b) 2.40 p.m. Peter's [REDACTED] telephoned to report that whilst she was out at the shops Peter had put a note on the door to inform staff that he was staying at his [REDACTED]. Mini bus escort had travelled to Bonnyrigg but Peter was not there. Peter's [REDACTED] said she would try and obtain transport and return Peter to school.
- (c) At 4.00 p.m. telephone call from Peter's [REDACTED] to report that Peter was having his hair permed tonight and he would return to Moore House at 9.00 a.m. on 19 April.

On 19 April Peter returned to Moore House at 11.00 a.m. and went straight into classes at school. Peter remained in Moore House until 21 April when he left for weekend leave.

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On 24 April mini bus escort went to collect Peter but he was not there. Later, [REDACTED] telephoned to check if Peter had arrived at school. Apparently Peter had informed his [REDACTED] that school had phoned his [REDACTED] on 23 April to say we could not provide transport and he was to travel on public transport. Peter said he required bus fares. [REDACTED] had given Peter approx. £8 plus cigarettes and sweets. [REDACTED] expressed her concerns for Peter and said in her opinion he needs psychiatric help.

On 25 April telephone call from Gayfield Police Station to inform Peter at station with another person. Police unable to ascertain if Peter had committed any offences but where he was found and who he was with was suspicious. Unit Manager arranged for transport to collect Peter from the Police Station and advised [REDACTED] of his whereabouts. Initially Peter refused to enter the car and said he wanted to go home to collect his clothing and cigarettes from his [REDACTED]. Unit Manager was contacted re this request and gave Peter permission to do this and also benefit of the doubt. Unit Manager was of the opinion that once he returned to Mayfield he would abscond. However, as he refused to go into the car at Leith it was decided to take Peter to his home. At 4.15 p.m. staff member returned to Moore House. Peter had called to several addresses in Mayfield in an effort to find his [REDACTED] but without success. At the last address tried Peter failed to return to the car and staff.

On the evening of 25 April Peter's [REDACTED] telephoned to enquire as to how Peter was. Explained Peter's non return and [REDACTED] crying on the phone and again expressing their concerns.

On 26 April at 3.25 p.m. telephone call from Police reporting Peter at Dalkeith Police station. Discussed returning him to Moore House. Peter requested he have permission to go to [REDACTED] house for clothing etc. Request refused. Discussed possibility of Police returning Peter to Moore House as it was explained we had picked Peter up from Police Station the previous day but had not managed to return him to Moore House. Police said they would contact Social Work Department Emergency Duty Team and they would contact us later.

At 6.35 p.m. staff member from EDT telephoned requesting information. Peter was in Police Station and as the staff member had received no notification previously Unit Manager gave full details and update re Peter's difficulty in returning to school.

After discussion has taken place between EDT and Police it was decided EDT would send a car and driver to Moore House and the school would provide a staff member. Social Worker from EDT would be present at Police Station.

At 8.45 p.m. [REDACTED] telephoned to ask how Peter was and if he had returned to Moore House on time this morning. Peter had gone to his [REDACTED] home the previous evening and said he had been given an overnight from Moore House. [REDACTED] was given full information. She was extremely distressed and said she at the end of her tether. Peter, in her opinion, into drugs and requires help. [REDACTED] admitted that he taking money from her and always demanding money from her.

At 9.00 p.m. [REDACTED] from EDT telephone to report that Peter refusing to go into the car. This was not a surprise as staff at Moore House had been through the same scenario the previous day and that was the reason for the Police request to return him to Moore House. [REDACTED] and staff from Moore House spent a considerable amount of time counselling Peter on his present situation and future but Peter failed to respond and continued to refuse to enter the car. Later [REDACTED] from EDT phoned as Peter continuing to refuse to return to Moore House. Co-ordinator from EDT had discussed the possibility of Peter returning to [REDACTED]. This was agreed.

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On 27 April Unit Manager contacted Social Work Centre, Dalkeith to give update on situation. It was decided that Peter remain at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] visit Peter at their home on 3 May and [REDACTED] from Moore House also visit Peter and his [REDACTED] on 1 May. Peter and [REDACTED] were present when [REDACTED] visited on 1 May and time spent encouraging Peter to return to school etc.

On 3 May telephone call from [REDACTED] to report [REDACTED] had visited the family at Gilmerton. Apparently [REDACTED] father fed up with the situation and Peter and [REDACTED] have moved to [REDACTED] boyfriend's home in Gilmerton and Peter leaves Gilmerton every morning to remain with [REDACTED]

Assessment

Peter was admitted to Moore House School in January this year. Initially he appeared to settle into the routines and accept both education and care packages offered by the school.

Peter presented no major behaviour concerns or management problems within school or senior unit.

Initially Peter found it difficult to interact with residents but quickly was able to mix well with both staff and peers.

During the early part of the placement [REDACTED] was Peter's allocated [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was in regular contact with Peter at Moore House and Peter responded to [REDACTED] involvement.

As Peter was making progress within the school and senior unit at the Child Care Review it was decided that Peter travel to and from Moore House School using public transport and it was planned midweek overnights would commence.

Unfortunately Peter experienced difficulty in returning to Moore House via public transport and mini bus escort was reintroduced.

Unfortunately the situation has deteriorated and all involved with Peter have raised concerns regarding his well being when he is in the community. Peter's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are of the opinion that Peter is into the drug scene in Mayfield and they have requested the he be given "help".

Unfortunately, due to the staffing situation in Dalkeith Social Work Centre since [REDACTED] departure to another office, Peter has had no field work support.

Staff at Moore House School have tried to offer the family and Peter as much support as possible - in particular, the Key Worker has made several outreach visits to Peter and his family; and mini bus staff have attempted on numerous occasions to return Peter from home.

Recommendations

As previously detailed in this report, Peter has experienced difficulty in returning to Moore House School. This is extremely disappointing as when Peter managed to attend school he was no problem at all and appeared to respond to education and care packages on offer.

Due to Peter's difficulty in returning to the school, and the fact that Peter is now 16 years old, I recommend that Peter's supervision order to reside at Moore House School be discharged.

As/

As previously stated in this report concerns have been raised regarding Peter's behaviour in the community and the future of Peter gives cause for concern.

At the Children's Hearing in January 1995 Panel members stressed the implications to Peter if he failed to respond to the advice, guidance and support offered.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

22 MAY 1995

22.5.95
SCHOOL
Dalkeith

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

Name and Address	Date of Birth	School	Class
Peter Meaney 15H Dougal Court Mayfield Dalkeith	20.3.79	Moore House	

Grounds of Referral: Review SR at Request of Local Authority plus grounds of reset x 1

Reporter's Decision dated:

- 1) No formal Action ☐
2) No action current S.R. ☐
3) No action insufficient evidence ☐

- 4) Voluntary measures of care ☐
5) Police Warning recommended ☐
6) Juvenile liaison recommended ☐

Children's Hearing Decision dated: 18.5.95

- 7) Referral Discharged ☐
8) Continued to _____ /date to be fixed ☐
9) Supervision requirement ☐
Condition _____
10) Residential Supervision Requirement ☐
Place _____
Pending Placement (a) At Home
(b) Howdenhall Children's Unit
(c) _____
11) Supervision requirement dated _____ continued ☒
12) Supervision requirement terminated. ☐

NAME: PETER MEANEY (20.3.79)

DECISION OF CHILDREN'S HEARING HELD ON: 18th May 1995

THE CHILDREN'S HEARING REACHED THE FOREGOING DECISION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

The panel felt Peter should now take responsibility for himself and his actions.

It was stressed to him that if he needed support with housing, application for jobs or college and drugs he could use the Social Work Department on a voluntary basis.



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Principal:

Headmaster:



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19 May 1995

Acting Co-ordinator
Emergency Duty Team
Social Work Department
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EDINBURGH

Dear

Peter Meaney (20.3.79.), 154 Dougal Court, Mayfield, Midlothian

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Peter's placement at Moore House School officially finished on 18.5.95. and he no longer has an allocated Social Worker at Dalkeith Social Work Centre.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your assistance during the period Peter was a resident pupil at Moore House School.

Yours sincerely

Senior Unit Manager

Directors:



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[Redacted]

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[Redacted]
Police Station
Almondvale Centre
LIVINGSTON
EH54

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