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Mrs. Andrews, asked her mother to "accept" her boy-friend, David Bremner, and to invit him it. Mrs. Markie said she would not do this, and Mrs. Andrews left the house to where her co-habitee David Bremner was waiting in the street. As soon as the couple met up, they started arguing, and according to Mrs. Markie, [REDACTED] Mrs. Markie, on seeing what was happening, rounded up the children and took them to St. Francis' Home. Mrs. Norrie, the social worker, had told her to do this if there was any trouble said Mrs. Markie. I rang the police H.Q., and was put in touch with a policeman who had been summoned to the scene of the incident by [REDACTED] The policeman said that Mrs. Andrews had not required medical treatment and that she had left the scene of the incident to return home. She had refused to press charged against David Bremner. I told Mrs. Markie that, if Mrs. Andrews was in touch with her, she could tell her the children were in St. Francis Home. I telephoned St. Francis, and told Sister Andrea, that, if Mrs. Andrews was in touch, the children could be allowed to return home. I also advised her to get in touch with me if there were any problems, and that I would acquaint Mr. Gaston, Mrs. Norrie's senior, with the position in the morning.

A. Nicoll.

29.5.79 Visit to 43 Ballindean Road with Mrs. Norrie to meet Mrs. Markie and the three children before the Hearing.

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6.6.79 Called at 43 Ballindean Road for the family and took them to the Children's Hearing. All came happily until the children noticed their mother with Mr. Bremner waiting outside 93 Commercial St. The children immediately panicked and turned back, and Mrs. Markie even did not want to go near Mr. B. However, the matter solves itself by Mr. B. going away, then the girls ran to their mother [REDACTED] in particular was all over Mrs. Andrews. This continued in the waiting room, [REDACTED] was the one who would not go out of the Hearing when asked by the Panel members.

All 3 children were made subject to 44 (1) (a) Sub. Reg. with their grandmother at her usual place of residence.

Mr. Bremner was waiting outside when we reached the street and the children again became very anxious. Their mother wanted them to go and say hello to Mr. B. which they did, but David [REDACTED] came right back to their grandmother.

[REDACTED] torn between staying with her mother, but not wanting to be with Mr. B, however, she decided to stay with them over lunchtime, and Mrs. Andrews was to bring her back to school.

I went with Mrs. Markie to Housing Division and helped her to complete a transfer application form. She then came round to this office with D. & H. and I assisted her to write a letter to DHSS, which I said I would send on with one

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from this department - see file.

Took them to Balerno Primary, where Mrs. Markie went in to tell the headmaster the result of the Hearing. She is very happy, but anxious to get a bigger house and the finances sorted out.

D.F.

7.6.79 Mrs. Black DHSS, Lindsay House ext. 295, is dealing with the case. Mrs. Markie should now make a claim for child benefit in her own right, and her daughter's book will be recalled.

D.F.

13.6.79 Home visit at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Markie at home on her own. There has been no sign of Jeanette since the day of the Hearing.
Mrs. M. went to DHSS on 11.6.79 and handed back her benefit books (incl Jeanett's Child Benefit book) and made fresh claims. She is expecting her book back by Friday (5th at the latest). She is to get the extra £12 from the local office until Newcastle can make out a new Ch. Ben Book for her.
All going ok so far with the children. They come in when she asks them to in the evenings, and apart from the extra noise they make, there is no trouble in the neighbourhoods. Mrs. M. advised the others in the block that until she was rehoused, the children would also be staying with her and all were most understanding except the daughter of the lady upstairs. She said she would complain to Housing Mrs. M. told her just to go ahead (hoping it might speed up the transfer). David is due to start at Craigie High in August if they are still in the same area.

D.F.

18.6.79 Letter to Housing Division in support of Mrs. Markie's transfer application.

D.F.

At first during this period, the children continued to live with their grandmother Mrs. Markie. Social Work input was regular and consistent, a Family Helper being assigned in addition to the Social Worker. However, Mrs. Markie did not use this help very constructively and she kept the Department at arms length as much as possible. The condition of the house and the appearance of the children continued to cause problems. It is fair to state that the small two apartment house didn't help but even Mrs. Markie's standards left a lot to be desired.

At the beginning of March, Mrs. Markie injured her foot at home by spilling boiling water on it. She did not seek immediate treatment with the result that the burn turned septic and she had to be admitted to hospital. She spent two weeks in hospital and had to undergo skin grafting.

Initially, Mrs. Markie's daughter, Mrs. Margaret Khan looked after the children. However, due to her own family commitments, this was purely an emergency stop gap. As a result, the children were moved to reside with Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] Foster Parents, in Angus. They found the children a very big handful and were very thankful to return them to their grandmother when she came out of hospital.

After Mrs. Markie's return from hospital she was allocated a 3 bedroomed house in Pitkerro Drive. She moved there on 18.4.80. While Mrs. Markie was in hospital, Mrs. Khon had indicated that all was not well in the Markie household. Mrs. Andrews was according to Mrs. Khon, spending a lot of time with Mrs. Markie but was not helping out in any way Mrs. Khon was helping out by doing the washing etc. but her husband did not approve. Mrs. Khon stated quite categorically that Mrs. Markie was unable to cope with the work involved in looking after the children.

After Mrs. Markie's return from hospital, the children and her abilities to cope were discussed. She, with some reluctance, admitted she could not cope and agreed that they should return to care. Accordingly, the children were moved to Carolina House on 24th March, 1980.

From then until up-to-date contact was lost with Mrs. Markie as she had no settled abode and was staying at different addresses waiting to move into her new home.

H.M.Gaston.

30.4.80. CHILDREN'S HEARING:- Children stated Mrs. Markie has now moved into Pitkerro Drive and the children are having contact with her at the week-ends.

The Panel decided children to remain in Carolina House but to have as much contact with Granny as possible.

H.M.G.

David is now in second year at Craigie High and Helen has started first year. Sharon is at Glebelands. The first week of school term David [REDACTED] played truant from school and visited Grandmother.

26.8.80. Met at Carolina House with Mr. Nicoll, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Walker. The children are quite a handful but in general they are settling. They keep on saying they are going back to stay with Gran soon. This is unrealistic and the staff are going to work with the children in getting through to them that Carolina is now their permanent address but that they will have contact with Gran. Mrs. Markie is giving up her house and this is obviously upsetting the children. The staff of Carolina are also to be starting a scrap book for the children. Visited Mrs. Markie. Told her quite plainly that we do not visualise the children returning to her other than on a holiday or weekend even in the event of her acquiring another house. Spoke of the children truanting. She says this happened on one occasion and that she sent them back to school. Mrs. Markie is always so plausible but I am convinced she just says what she knows we would like to hear.

J.R.

9.9.80. Mr. Novak, Glebelands School telephoned regarding [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Apologised for the delay. [REDACTED] Mr. Walker is going along on Thursday of this week to discuss various items. I am going to go along at the same time and we can discuss [REDACTED]

J.P.

18.9.80 Spoke to Mr. Nicoll. Interested in having children for weekends etc. A home visit is to be made.

J. RENNIE

23.9.80 Mrs. Andrews came into office with someone else who was calling to see me. Approached her and asked to discuss the children with her. We spent quite a time discussing plans for her to visit children etc. Told her our plans would be to take parental rights. She seemed in favour of this and I arranged for her to come in next Wednesday 1st October at 11 a.m. to meet Mr. Nicoll.

J. RENNIE

1.10.80. Phone call from Mr. Walker, Carolina House. Can the children go to Mrs. Markie for the school autumn holiday (3rd to 12th October). I told him I would have to check to ascertain if Mrs. Markie still had her house.

Later. Mrs. Smith, Family Helper visited. Mrs. Markie not at home. She left a message asking Mrs. Markie to call at the office.

2.10.80. Office visit by Mrs. Markie. She has asked for a transfer of house, and has still not been given another allocation. Mrs. Markie said she was willing to have the children home during the holiday, but she hoped that she would receive a payment for this as she had done in the past. I said I would see if payment could be arranged. I asked Mrs. Markie if Jeannette was likely to want the children back, and she said no, Jeannette preferred to have her freedom.

Later F.24 visit to H.Q. for payment to Mrs. Markie.

A.N

31.10.80

Phone call from Mrs. Low, visiting officer, DHESS - 23211. She said she had visited Mrs. Jeanette Andrews at 287 Dunbar Crescent in connection with an application for a grant for furniture. Mrs. Andrews had told her that, if she got her home furnished, the children would be returning to live with her. I told Mrs. Low that it would be most unlikely this would happen for three reasons:-

31.10.80
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- (1) Mrs. Jeanette Andrews had not taken advantage of offers made to her to call at the office to discuss the children's future.
- (2) Mrs. Markie, the maternal grandmother had stated that she does not think her daughter was interested in taking the children back.
- (3) The children did not appear to want to return to their mother's care, as long as she was living with David Bremner. Mrs. Low said David Bremner was present when she (Mrs. Low) was interviewing Mrs. Andrews.

A. NICOLL

13.11.80.

Office visit by Mrs. Khan, natural aunt of the children. She confirmed what Mrs. Smith and I had suspected, namely that Mrs. Markie, her mother, was no longer able to cope with the children at weekends, and also that she (Mrs. Markie) was unable to convey this to the children. Mrs. Markie has given away nearly all her furniture said Mrs. Khan, and intends to move in with her brother Mr. David Ballantyne who lives nearby. Mr. Ballantyne is not too happy with this idea, said Mrs. Khan, and this may be why Mrs. Markie is taking so long to move. Mrs. Khan said she could not take the children herself, because of her own family commitments, and, while they could visit Mr. Ballantyne, there was no room for them to stay there. Mrs. Khan said that her sister Jeanette would most probably not have taken the children out of St. Francis, if it had not been for pressure from relatives. Mrs. Khan agreed to ask Mr. Ballantyne to speak to the children about their grandmother's inability to cope, because of her age, and to put it to them that, despite what granny said to them, they could not expect that Granny would take them out of Carolina House.

A. Nicoll.

1.12.80.

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Mrs. Markie - the children's grandmother called at the office today at the request of Helen Smith, Family Helper.

We ascertained that she is soon to move to live with her brother at Mrs. Markie - the children's grandmother called at the office today at the request of Helen Smith, Family Helper. We ascertained that she is soon to move to live with her brother at 68 North Court Street. She intends to have her furniture taken from the house by refuse collectors.. Apparently she has discussed the move with her grandchildren and says they are happy about it. Her reasons for giving up the house are (1) the children have never liked the house and (2) she does not like being on her own at nights. She seems to need to hang on to the children's dislike of the house, perhaps to cover her guilt about no longer being able to have them for weekends etc. Previous notes in the file suggest that she is unable to acknowledge her difficulties in coping with the children. She said she had assured them that they could visit her anytime. We went on to discuss the children's feelings re Carolina House. They have told her they are unhappy there and will not settle. I think some efforts have been made to help the children see Carolina House as some kind of permanent base.

Contact can be made with Mrs. Markie at the above address.

Later phoned Carolina House and made arrangements to call on Wednesday with Mrs. Smith to see the children.

3.12.80. Visited with Helen Smith, Family Helper to meet the children. We had a brief talk with Mr. Tosh and Mr. Walker. The children are currently very unsettled and unclear about future plans. Grandmother continues to give them conflicting messages. Specifically -

only attends this because another two girls from Carolina attend. All three children then came in and Mr. Tosh left us with them. They were all very talkative - in fact they all talked over each other. All three were very responsive to questions.

Information gained:

All three had some positive ideas re Carolina House. All three feel they have never had a settled home. They are confused by what their grandmother says but retain the fact that she says she wants to have them when she gets another house.

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David [REDACTED] in particular have a tremendous feeling of responsibility towards their grandmother and feel they must visit her often - lest she becomes ill etc. They remember their mother but made no particular comment about her.

All three are anxious for affection, attention and stability.

Unfortunately the children are split up in Carolina House. David is in a different house from the girls - Ogilvy and Scott houses.

We agreed that I will visit them weekly for the moment. Mr. Walker had asked if it would be possible to set up a case conference and I said I would discuss this with Mr. Gaston, Senior Social Worker.

4.12.80. Discussed possible dates for case conference - given that I wanted some time to get to know the children. However date suggested is 21st December - later discovered this would not be suitable for Mr. Walker.
M. Porter

9.12.81. Mrs. Markie the children's grandmother called at the office today as arranged. Apparently she has not yet given up her house but says that she will be there until Christmas time. Afterwards she will have the furniture removed, hand in the keys and move in with her brother. Previous discussions with Mrs. Smith Family Helper suggested that Mrs. Markie's brother was not particularly happy with the idea of his sister moving in with him but seemed unable to say this to her. I had already decided that continual clarification of Mrs Markie's intentions was desirable so I put it to her that her changing the date of her move was very confusing for the children. She agreed with this but said that this was now definite. She said that she would like to have the children home from Christmas Eve until Christmas night. I said I would talk with the people at Carolina House about this but again expressed my concern regarding the constant changes of dates for her removal. Again she said that she fully intended to have the children back with her when she gets another house. Further discussion on this point suggested that the children could very well be grown up before she in fact gets another house. Her reasons for giving up her present home are that (1) she feels lonely in the house and (2) she says that the children do not like the house. I suspect that she wants to believe that the children do not like the house because this helps her feel less guilty about giving it up. I put it to her that the children must be quite a handful for her and that perhaps she will not feel able to have them with her on a full time basis again. She was able to agree with this while at other times contradicting herself on this issue. I gather that Mrs. Markie has always been very involved in the upbringing of her grandchildren consequently she will have problems/

9.12.81.
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problems about admitting that they are too much for her. I suggested to her that I would like to come and meet with her and her brother. I said I thought it would be helpful to have a meeting with herself her brother and the children in order to clarify the future situation. I expressed concern at the confusion in the children and she agreed that this was so. She said that she felt a family meeting was a good idea and I said I would speak with the children about it on Wednesday evening. We arranged that I would call out on Friday afternoon to meet her brother and make final arrangements. I later visited Mrs. Khan the children's aunt with Mrs. Smith the Family Helper. Mrs. Khan is the children's maternal aunt. She is married with two sons. Her husband is Pakistani and in the second year of an electronics engineering degree year. Mrs. Khan appears to have a fairly good appreciation of how her mother operates. She has apparently tried on many occasions to help her mother accept that she is no longer fit to cope with the children on a full time basis. She has also put it to her mother that she is being unfair to the children by giving them false hopes. She said that her mother had always been very controlling within the family and that even when the children were with their parents she tended to take over their care. Mrs. Khan said that her mother would be very annoyed if she knew that I was visiting with her. I put it to her that if possible I would like her help in working with the family and that I would hope she could attend the family meeting which I proposed. She said that she would be happy to do this.

Mrs. Khan said that there are times when she would like to do more for the children but feels that for a variety of reasons that this is not possible. Her husband tends to think that the children's mother should be made to take more responsibility for her children. She also feels that her mother would continually interfere if she were more involved with them. Also Mrs. Khan has two sons of her own and must put their interests first. She has not seen the children's mother for several months and thinks it unlikely that she will see her in the near future.

to her mother suspected that her mother already knew something about it. I understand that Mrs. Andrews is cohabiting with a Mr. Bremner elsewhere in Dundee.

Mrs. Khan feels very sorry that the children are in care but at the same time is realistic enough to know that at the moment there is not a more suitable alternative. She feels that a family meeting would perhaps help her mother to be able to say to the children that it is likely/

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they will be remaining in Carolina House for some time.

We talked at some length about her decision to move house and Mrs. Khan expressed her uncle's concerns regarding this. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It seems likely that there will be problems regarding the children's visiting. Certainly they will be unable to stay overnight as the house only has 2 bedrooms. There is also the fact that Mr. Ballantine, Mrs. Markie's brother is used to having his house to himself.

I found this a very helpful interview and arranged to telephone Mrs. Khan at the end of the week after I have seen Mrs. Markie and her brother.

Wednesday
10.12.80.

I called at Carolina House this evening to see the children. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] David [REDACTED] were obviously both quite concerned about her. We spent some time in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] After some discussion about who I should go to tea with it was decided that I would go this week with David. [REDACTED] was very persuasive however and I think that he probably usually gives in to the girls. I feel that David carries a lot of responsibility for his sisters and his grandmother. After tea we spent some more [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Eventually David went off to play Pool with another boy who had asked him about it during tea. He seemed rather caught, not knowing whether to stay with the girls or to go.

We talked about the idea of having a family meeting with their grandmother and their Uncle David to try to sort out plans for their future. I said I felt this was particularly important as they seemed rather confused about what was happening with their grandmother. They agreed and were enthusiastic about a family meeting. I said I hoped to arrange it for next Wednesday evening but would confirm this with them. I said I was visiting their grandmother and their uncle on Friday afternoon.

The children seemed to think that they were spending only Christmas Day with their grandmother so I decided that this was another point that could be clarified at the meeting.

I later spoke to Mr. Tosh about the children. I asked if consideration was being given to them being in the same house rather than David being separate from the girls. He explained that as soon as a vacancy becomes available in the girls' house David will be moved.

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Andrews Family

At the time of their admission to care it was just not possible to put them all in one house.

M. Porter

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CLIENTS NAME: Andrews Children

SHEET No. _____

- 30.4.82 Visited Mrs. Marie with Bill Black for Carolin. Unfortunately she was out - we then called at her daughter's [REDACTED]. She is always very realistic about her mother's capabilities. Mrs. Marie is finding it difficult to cope with all 3 children. At New Year she had been for a short period and found it difficult to handle them - they are certainly boisterous, demanding children. After discussion we agreed to suggest to the children that Mrs. Marie that perhaps she could take David one night and the girls another. David particularly enjoys being alone or home with his Gran. Mrs. Marie to put self on Carolin so make arrangements.
- Lower from phone call for Bill Black - outcome of David's hospital app. & X-ray is that he must have an operation. Specialist would like to have him admitted to D.E.I. on Monday for several weeks - operative on his hip which hopefully will correct his walking difficulty. There has been some question of the leg being shorter than the other. David is not so good at school as he was at home and is to rest as much as possible. He has taken the news surprisingly well. Also arranged to see the girls on Thursday evening.
- 5.5.82 David has had his operation today and it is thought to have been successful. Gran has asked for afternoon visits to be rescheduled for her as she does not like going out in the evenings.

CLIENTS NAME: ANDREWS

David
Helen
Sharon

SHEET No. _____

12.11.82 Phoned Cawling - arranged to see the children on Wed 17th.

[REDACTED]
available until Tue.

17th Nov Miss Ballantyne did not come to the meeting - v. painful for the children but eventually they were able to see that their Gran really should have kept the appointment.

Before meeting took photos for Be My Parent Book.

Also gave up seat in house not including me as promised.

20th Nov Sent letter to Miss Ballantyne re her non-attendance and inviting her again on Wed 24th.

22nd Nov Phone call from Harry Tuck, Cawling. Kids had quite a difficult time - no doubt feeling they are being unjustly punished. David phoned Gran on Fri. - she said she thought the meeting was on Fri. - David pleased & excited but when he checked this with Harry put it to him that Gran had definitely known about the meeting. David phoned her back but Gran refused to speak to him.

3rd Received letter from Miss Ballantyne - looked like someone helped her to write it. Basically the letter was pushing the responsibility back to me. I've had several phone calls over the last 10 days with her daughter Meskham who agreed that her mother was relieved when I said the children should remain in China until we get the situation clarified. After I'd made the decision I realised I'd made a mistake in letting Miss Ballantyne have an easy way ^{out} - Now she'll be able again to say to the kids - I want you - S.W. says NO.

24th Nov Miss Ballantyne was not coming to the Meeting so rather than let the tension with the kids build up we ensured they were able to get involved in activities e.g. David wanted to go to the football.

Summary to November 1982

S.W. on sick leave mid Jan. to end of April & end of
9th Aug - 20th Oct.

All three Andrews children continue to reside in Carolina House. The only meaningful adults in their lives - ex care are Mrs Markie Ballentyne, their grandmother who lives at 11 Fleming Gdns, South and her brother David Ballentyne who lives in North Court Street. Their maternal aunt Mgr Khan and her family live at [REDACTED] but she is unable to offer any on-going commitment to the children. She is quite a caring sensible woman but I think she imagines the children are well provided for in care.

Over the last year all three children have become gradually more settled in Carolina.

David is very likeable with a good sense of fun but he can be extremely moody and does not like to be caught out in his misdeemeanors. He feels a strong sense of responsibility towards his grandmother and visits her frequently.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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is made to feel guilty about this.

Gwen

Miss Ballentyne is not easy to work with. She is unable to offer the children a home but on the other hand undermines S.W. attempts to a) helping them accept Carolina & b) find a reasonable alternative. I have tried individual sessions with her to help her understand and feel less guilty about what she can offer, family sessions with the children & Uncle David to confront her and enable the children to see that she could not cope with them (hurtful though this may be), and sessions involving Cathy Sidey, their 'special person' at Carolina. Both Cathy & I have been trying to encourage Gwen to visit Carolina regularly - acceptance of it. Currently she has David for one night per weekend & the girls for another - she is now able to accept that she cannot cope with all 3 at once.

Parental input

See attached list prepared by Cathy Sidey. I have never met either parent although I have tried to make contact with them. Neither appears to have a stable living situation. Mother lives here & Manchester for varying periods. Her only contact with the children is occasional letters & phone calls made from pubs when drunk. She makes the children all sorts of promises but never keeps them. Carolina staff try to monitor these contacts as much as possible to prevent stress to the children.

Father has 3 other children with another woman but this relationship is unstable. At one point there was talk of Mr & Mrs Andrews being reunited - this came to nothing.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] & David have been fighting
and on 27th Nov. when I saw them they were
unable to say how this came about. Overall the
children have coped better than expected

Future prospects

See Review report dated 9th Nov. 82.

For several months the children have been considering the idea of fostering. When I first met them nearly 2 years ago they were unwilling to even consider the idea. From time to time I have raised the topic but at the beginning of the summer they asked me to look at possibilities. Ann Gordon, homefinder, visited Caithness with me in July & we discussed with the children all the aspects of fostering - one major factor being the difficulty in getting f.p.s. for their age group. A subsequent ad. in the local press in respect of Stuart, Helen & David got some response - still being looked at. The children change their minds from time to time regarding who wants to be fostered. At their review [redacted] was the only one still keen - perhaps it's worth noting that [redacted]

[redacted] the enemy after [redacted]

fostering 'wifie' again.

David is much fitter following the operation to his hip last May. The operation appears to have been a complete success and he no longer suffers any discomfort. Efforts to encourage weight loss are largely unsuccessful but hopefully now that he is fitter he will get back to football etc.

CLIENTS NAME: Andrews Children

SHEET No. _____

Summary Nov. 1982 - March 1983.

Despite efforts to find foster parents we have so far been unsuccessful. It is difficult to know how realistic ^{the} these children are in this as they put all sorts of limitations on where they'd be prepared to stay. They want to remain at the same schools and think 'Clevedon Road near Granny's would be fine'. Following their mother's visit to Caroline House in November visits to Mrs Ballantyne were limited to day visits - no overnights. Staff at Caroline and myself felt strongly that Mrs Ballantyne knew of her daughter's work in advance and could have allowed us in order to allow time to set up a meeting with her. Consequently she presented herself at Caroline House, saw Harry Toth and after promising to contact me at the beginning of the week was allowed to see the children. Again she promised the children that she would get in touch with me. All 3 children were distressed and angry when she did not follow this through. We asked Mrs Ballantyne to meet with Kathy Sidey (then ran work at (H)) and myself to discuss this but despite having met us on several occasions before she refused to see us. The children held onto the situation quite well and could see that their grandfather should meet to discuss the situation.

David is due to leave school in May and his employment prospects are not good. I imagine

He will be placed in a YTS He is a well built, strong boy and would enjoy some kind of manual work.

The children's supervision requirement orders were renewed on 2.2.83 and continued without variation. As usual the children were very distressed and their grandmother did not attend the hearing - despite requests for the children, staff at Carlisle and myself that it would be beneficial for the children to have her there.

CLIENTS NAME: ANDREWS Children

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Summary March - May 1983.

All three children continue to reside in Caughia House. There has been no actual contact with their mother over the last few months - only the occasional letter. I understand that Mrs Andrews is still in the Macclesfield area and she has lived at various addresses there. The children continue to have contact with their grandmother and her brother, (Uncle David.)

I continue to see them on a regular basis and at times they have bits of 'I Hate Caughia House' and want to go to my gran's - mainly from David and Helen. No success at all on the fostering side and as the children get older this seems less likely. They have not really been very realistic - all wanting to remain at their same schools.

Possibly David will have to be tried out as a gran's when he is 16 - otherwise he may never work reasonably with the staff. There are already indications that he does not intend to co-operate with them - sneaking and shouting at staff and bullying some of the smaller ~~ones~~ children.

CLIENTS NAME: ANDREWS CHILDREN.

SHEET No. _____

Summary June - August 1983

In June the Board of Caring House suddenly announced that the home would be closing at the end of this year. Shortly before this there had been a rearrangement of the children's groups. Dale & Shawn were together and David was in a group with his age group.

The children were all very happy with this preferring to be with their age group and knowing they still had access to each other.

Visits to Gran's - mainly at weekends have continued. There is always a little jealousy between them about who is going to visit her and when. She cannot manage all of them at once. No actual contact now this period with mother but she sent birthday cards to them. Miss Ballantine (grandmother) I feel sure keeps in touch regularly with her daughter so no doubt Mrs Andrews knows the children are well and seems content to leave things as they are. I think the children very occasionally visit their father but again he makes little or no effort to see them.

After David's holiday with Caring in July we had a meeting with David, his grandmother, Dale and Shawn and staff for Caring House. At meetings with his grandmother prior to the holiday she had been saying that she wanted to get David to live with her. At the same time the girls were telling me that she did not want David. All along Miss Ballantine has given the children mixed messages about wanting them. At the meeting David was saying he wanted to stay in Caring until he was 18. Miss Ballantine

was saying that he wanted him to stay with her. It was difficult to work out whether David simply did not want to miss the activities surrounding the action to keep Cashia open or whether his gran was telling him privately that she did not want him. Given that David had all along said he wanted to move we decided that this should happen on a trial basis. Support was given in the form of his key worker Gus Fothergill and myself visiting Miss B. and David and encouraging contact with Cashia. On the whole this arrangement is working reasonably well. David started a Y.T.S. (based at the YMCA) in mid-August. He very much enjoys the work - painting and doing repairs. He is also going to Kingsway Tech. on 12.9.83 for 3 weeks as part of the course. I'm not calling a hearing re David's S.R.O. but feel we still need to keep him in care - given that the situation with grandmother would break down at any time.

The whole question of Canby's closing or remaining open is now very much up in the air. Certainly it seems that the building is closing. It is understandable that the children are feeling rather insecure and confused. Regardless of what happens when we go to continue at Carnegie High School and Shaw or Morgan Academy. Their behavior of late has reflected their uncertainties.

CLIENTS NAME: ANDREWS Child

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Summary June - Aug - continued

There is certainly a need for the girls to remain in care - preferably somewhere that David could join them if his return to residential care becomes necessary.

Because of all the anxiety I am having to spend the more time [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CLIENTS NAME: Andrew Family

SHEET No. _____

Summary June/July 1985

David, Helen and Sharon are continuing to live with their grandmother - Miss Helen Ballantyne, 15 Fleming Gardens South, Dundee.

David continues to work with the Community Industries, which he has done since 9th April. He says he enjoys this and he has developed into quite a couthy young man with a very dry sense of humour. He enjoys going out with his friends, plays a lot of football and generally lives his life at a slow and unhurried pace.

Generally speaking, the family atmosphere has always been a happy model - people are frequently coming and going in the house and tend to fall over each other, this accommodation is limited. On my home visit I have always found Miss Ballantyne almost sitting in state in the centre of the living room surrounded by the hum drum of having three active teenagers in the house. Privately, she's told me that she enjoys having the children there, although with her increasing age and her less than satisfactory health, she does feel a strain from time to time. Nevertheless she has assured me that they do live a happy life together although there is a degree of overcrowding in the house.

David, Helen and Sharon have all said that they are happy staying with their grandmother and that it is a great improvement over Carolina House although I suspect this is not entirely true because Sharon especially often talks about the happy days she had in Carolina. My feelings are that should this situation with Miss Ballantyne deteriorate,

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My future plans are to contain the situation and support it as and when necessary, this I expect to achieve by counselling and supporting Miss Ballantyne in her inenviable role of looking after three highly active and demanding teenagers in her own state of advancing years and less than perfect health.

Parallel work will also be done with the three children. For David, this is included recognising his 18th birthday on 18th July and preparing him for finally coming out of care.

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Oliver Fuller

Summary August/September 1985

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My future plan is:-

- (a) [REDACTED]
training and
- (b) [REDACTED]
- (c) [REDACTED]

Oliver Fuller

Note - Social Worker on sick leave for all of September 1985.

Summary for October 1985

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CLIENTS NAME: David Andrews, (13.7.67)

SHEET No. 1

I was introduced to David, along with his sisters Sharon and Helen in May, 1985 by Mrs Margaret Black, Social Worker. At that time all of them were staying care of their grandmother, Miss Helen Ballantyne at 11 Fleming Gardens South, Dundee. This was a foster placement arranged by a previous Social Worker.

Throughout my somewhat limited contact with David he has always presented as a slightly droll, easy going young man who in some respects gives a rather slow, almost agricultural impression. Throughout my contact he was working with Community Industries, which he had done since 9th April. He enjoys going out with his friends, plays a lot of football and generally lives life with a slow and unhurried pace.

About the time of his birthday in July, David and I had a long talk about what life had been like being in and out of care for years, having many Social Workers come and go. He was accepting of all the changes which had happened to him but obviously quite glad to have come of age and no longer be "in care". He said he couldn't see life changing very much. He intended staying with his grandmother. In general David seems to have suffered relatively little from his periods in care, the unsettlement and constant desertion by his mother. Although he is of limited ability I believe he will live life as full as possible and I suspect he would be well equipped to cope with any problems which come along. In any case I think he has sufficient trust and knowledge of the Social Work Department to approach us should problems arise. On the basis that David has come of age and no longer is in need of Social Work supervision, assistance or guidance I would suggest that this case could be closed. O. Fuller.

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*See also common case notes for David Andrews January 1985.
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