



Tayside Regional Council

Social Work Department

Dundee Division

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SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:—

Surname	MARTIN	Date of Birth	13.12.68
Christian Names or forenames	AUDRA	Religion	Protestant
Address	153 Thurso Crescent, Menzieshill, Dundee.	Occupation	Schoolgirl (Menzieshill)
		Marital State	-

is to appear on 27 January, 1982 at 3.15 at Dundee Children's Hearing Court in connection with the crime or offence of Outwith Parental Control

Previous Appearances as known to the Officer making the Report:

INTRODUCTION:

This report has been prepared from information obtained from interviews with Audra, her grandmother, Mr. Martin and her aunt, Helen Martin. I have also spoken to Miss Sturrock, Menzieshill High School.

The Martin family accept the statement of facts. At the time of writing the report Audra was missing from home having failed to return on Friday 22.1.82. The police have been advised that she is missing.

FAMILY DETAILS:

Grandmother - Letitia Martin (62)
Aunt - Helen Martin
Subject - Audra Martin (13) Menzieshill High School
All above residing at 153 Thurso Crescent, Dundee.

Father - John Martin (35) Labourer, 15 Forest Park Road.
Mother - Patricia Martin (33) Present address unknown.
Brother - Thomas Martin (15) } c/o Lawrie,
Sister - Angela Martin (10) } 11J Janica Tower, Dundee.

Audra stays with her grandmother during the week and with her father at weekends, this arrangement having been made due to Mr. Martin's work commitments. Mrs. Martin has recently moved from a 2 roomed house in Whitfield to her present 3 apartment flat; the move was on medical grounds as she suffers from bronchitis. The house is comfortable and well maintained. Audra shares a room with her aunt Helen.

Mr. Martin owns a flat in the Blackness area which is comfortable and well maintained. Audra stays with her father from Friday night until Sunday although on occasions Helen Martin 'babysits' when Mr. Martin is out for the evening.

Audra/...

FAMILY BACKGROUND:

Audra Martin appears to have ^{had} a rather unsettled early life due to the break-up of her parents marriage and the relationship her father had with [REDACTED] Brennan.

When Audra's parents married Mrs. Martin already had a son Thomas by a previous relationship; Thomas was later adopted by Mr. Martin. Audra and her sister Angela are the children of this marriage. The family lived in Whitfield until the parents separated when Audra was about 2 years old; Mr. & Mrs. Martin were divorced in 1973.

Following the separation Mrs. Martin cared for her three children, but when Audra was three her mother asked Mr. Martin to look after his daughter over the holiday period and arrangements were made for Audra to stay with her grandmother. She has not been looked after by her mother since; Mr. Martin and his mother both commented that 'it had been a long fortnight'.

Until Audra reached the age of five her care was shared between Mr. Martin and his mother, both of whom were living in Whitfield. Mr. Martin formed a relationship with [REDACTED] Brennan, who herself was separated, and her two children [REDACTED] and a 'new family' was formed which included Audra. Mr. Martin and [REDACTED] Brennan lived together for about five years; this appears to have been a relatively stable period as the family had their own house and were able to have holidays together including a trip to America. Audra appears to have had a close relationship with [REDACTED] Brennan and called her 'mum'. When Audra was about ten the couple separated in circumstances which came as a shock to Mr. Martin and in a matter of three weeks [REDACTED] Brennan remarried.

Since then Audra has lived with her grandmother in her flat at Whitfield and visited her father at weekends.

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

As Audra has been missing since the end of last week I have not had the opportunity to speak to her on her own. She broke down and cried during my first visit when her grandmother was giving details of her parents marriage.

Mrs. Martin described her grand-daughter as having been 'knocked from pillar to post' during her life. She has experienced the loss of two key figures in her life, her mother and [REDACTED] Brennan and the overall picture is one which lacks a permanent home base. This unsettled picture has effected her schooling as until recently Audra attended St. Saviours although from a protestant family due to a change she had made earlier in her life, to enable her to attend the same school as the Brennan children who were Catholics. Reports from school indicate that she has not posed any problems for staff.

Audra's difficulties at home appear to have developed during the last year. As she has become older she has gradually challenged her grandmother's control and authority which has led to tensions at home; Audra has given as a reason for her running away the fact that her grandmother shouts at her. Audra became involved with a group of young people in Whitfield whose family backgrounds and standards of behaviour/...

behaviour have been a growing concern for the Martin family and this group have been a growing influence on Audra and have provided her with the places to run off to.

The home picture is one of a growing tension between Audra and the adults who care for her - the more Audra runs off the more concerned, frustrated and despairing the Martins have become. Although in the past Audra appears to have a close relationship with her aunt Helen she seems to no longer be able to confide in her aunt and this change has taken place in the last year. The family are clearly concerned about the possible moral danger a girl of 13 is under when missing from home for long periods. Mrs. Martin now feels that she may be no longer able to care for Audra on a permanent basis; she feels that her son should accept more responsibility for his daughter.

During the past year the Martins have become aware that Audra has been seeing her mother and this has caused tension as her grandmother has a poor opinion of her mother. Audra's mother is described as a woman with no settled way of life and whose children Thomas and Angela are cared for by her sister Sally who lives in Jamaica Tower.

ASSESSMENT AND
RECOMMENDATION:

Audra is a young girl who has experienced an unsettled early life. Although there have been constant caring figures around during her formative years she has also lost two key figures in her mother and [REDACTED] Brennan. In recent years her care has been shared between her grandmother and her father. The pressure on this arrangement over the last year has exposed the limitations of this arrangement and the conflict that Mr. Martin has between his work commitments and his commitment to his daughter and that Mrs. Martin has between what she wants to do the best for Audra but feeling she is no longer able to cope with the worry particularly in view of her age and health. There are clear indications that Audra's grandmother may no longer be able to cope for her on a permanent basis.

I feel that the unsettled past that Audra has experienced and her uncertainty about where she belongs at present has contributed to her present difficulties. Her appearance at a Children's Hearing provides an opportunity for a careful assessment of Audra's situation and in view of her reported episodes of running away and the possible dangers this exposes her to I would recommend that she is placed in Burnside House Assessment Centre for a period of assessment to enable the Martin family and the caring agencies to take stock of the situation and plan how best to help Audra in her present difficulties.

Ian Dempster

Mr. Ian Dempster
Practice Teacher

26 January, 1982
ID/GF

SCHOOL REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

A. PERSONAL DETAILS

- Child's Name 2 Aisha Martin 28 Jan 82
- Age next birthday 14 years Date of Birth 13.12.81
- Address 153 Rhinns Crescent, Dundee
- School Marshallhill Year 12
- Probable leaving date : Left St. Saviour's Dec. '81 Type of Course being pursued Common Course
- Known truant YES / NO NO

B. EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

- | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Educational achievement | achieving to potential | <u>YES</u> |
| | significant underachieving | <u>NO</u> |
- | | | | |
|---|------------------|-----|-------------|
| Does the child require remedial education ? | <u>initially</u> | yes | <u>X</u> no |
| Is the child receiving remedial education ? | <u>"</u> | yes | <u>X</u> no |
- | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------|------------|
| Attendance Pattern | last session | from <u>14.8.80</u> | possible | <u>404</u> |
| | | to <u>3.7.81</u> | actual | <u>400</u> |
| | this session | from <u>17.8.81</u> | possible | <u>172</u> |
| | | to <u>23.12.81</u> | actual | <u>172</u> |
- | | | |
|---|-------------------------|----------|
| Other agencies to which the child has been referred by school | Attendance Section | <u>✓</u> |
| | Child Guidance Service | |
| | Educational Social Work | |
| | Police | |
| | School Medical Service | |
| | Other : please specify | |
- | | | |
|---|------------------------|-----------|
| Is the child known or believed to suffer from any physical handicap | sight | <u>NO</u> |
| | hearing | <u>NO</u> |
| | speech | <u>NO</u> |
| | Other : please specify | <u>NO</u> |

C. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT

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|---|------------------------|----------|
| Relationships with school staff : please tick all appropriate boxes | friendly | <u>✓</u> |
| | diffident | |
| | antagonistic | |
| | attention seeking | |
| | Other : please specify | |
- | | | |
|---|--------------|----------|
| Relationships with peers: please tick all appropriate boxes | dominant | |
| | co-operative | <u>✓</u> |
| | withdrawn | |
| | bullying | |
| | repressed | |
| Other : please specify | | |
- | | | |
|---|-----|--|
| Is the child known to be under any unusual stress? | yes | |
| | no | |
| If yes, please specify : <u>difficult Home Circumstances.</u> | | |
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|----------------------|--------------|----------|
| Appearance in school | well groomed | <u>✓</u> |
| | normal | |
| | untidy | |

5. What contact has parent had with school over last two sessions?	Last Session	none	
		once	
		twice	
		Other : please specify	
	This Session	none	
		once	
		twice	
		Other : please specify	

6. Other relevant information which school considers should be drawn to the Panel's attention. Use additional sheet if necessary.

During 81 (Session 80/81) Aime received lessons at Remedial level and was a member of an identified Remedial group. However, since she was consistently in the top five in this group in all subjects, she was promoted to the mainstream at the beginning of Session 81/82.

She has always been a polite and co-operative pupil, giving no cause for complaint as regards classroom behaviour, or general demeanour, apart from absconding for one afternoon with an older girl (10th Nov. '81) and then running away from home at the weekend (20th Dec. '81).

Her rather erratic behaviour in December appears to have been connected with her intended move to Perthshire, as although no details were made available to the school, we surmised that there were difficulties at home in her relationship with her parents.

7. Does the school intend to be represented at a Hearing, if convened?	yes ☒	
	no	

Signature of School Representative *P. Campbell* *H. Gordon (Mother)*
P.T. Guidance.

Date *24th January, 1982*

TAYSIDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
(DUNDEE DIVISION)

AREA 1

CHILDREN'S HEARING
INFORMATION SHEET

Name of child ANITA MARTIN
Address 153 TAPSCO COES.
..... DUNDEE
Date of Hearing 27/1/82
Time of Hearing 3.15. to
Reason for Hearing ORDER WITH PARENTAL CONTROL.
Name of Reporter MC. WILKIE.
Names of Panel Members

..... <u>WHITE</u>	Chairman
..... <u>ANDERSON.</u>	Member
..... <u>DOYBEN.</u>	Member

State grounds of referral accepted:

Comments:-

Disposal:

Warrant issued.

MC. MARTIN

MRS MARTIN.

MR J. WALLACE (STUDENT SW)

Ian Dempsey
.....
Social Worker

TAYSIDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
(DUNDEE DIVISION)

AREA 1.

CHILDREN'S HEARING
INFORMATION SHEET

Name of child ANDREA MARTILL

Address 153, THAKSO CREES

..... DUNDEE

Date of Hearing 28/11/82

Time of Hearing 8 pm. to

Reason for Hearing Out with Parental Control apprehension on 40(3)
..... Warrant

Name of Reporter MC MEER

Names of Panel Members

..... MC McCALLUM Chairman

..... MRS HOWE Member

..... MRS SKEATON Member

State grounds of referral accepted: Yes



40(7) + 43(4) at Broomside House.

MRS MARTILL

MR. MARTILL

2 POLICE OFFICERS

Ann Duncanson

Social Worker

Name of Child: Audra Martin, born 13.12.68.(13)
Admitted 28.1.82. - Outwith Parental Control
Next Hearing - 16.2.82.

Participants: Mr. Dempster, Practice Teacher, Area 1
Miss Hutchinson, Depute OIC Burnside House
Miss McConnachie, Care Officer, Burnside House
Mr. Doyle, Children's Panel Member (observing)
Rev. Paton, Children's Panel Member (observing)

Chairman: Mrs. Sethi, Principal Officer (Assessment & Review)

Apologies: Mrs. Erskine, Teacher in Charge of School Unit - Off Sick
Mr. Donnelly, Senior Psychologist to List 'D' Schools
Mr. Gethins, Principal Educational Social Worker

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Background:

Audra is the middle of three children. Mother and father separated when Audra was two years old and were divorced in 1973. Audra's older brother (by mother's previous relationship) and younger sister live with Mrs. Martin's sister.

Following her parents separation Audra stayed with her mother for one year, was placed with her grandmother for a "holiday" and never returned. When Audra was five her father set up home with a Mrs. Brennan and her two children and she remained with him until she was ten. This was a settled period in her life, she responded to Mrs. Brennan and referred to her as "mum". Mrs. Brennan's separation from her father was a shock and from that time she has lived with her grandmother during the week and stayed with her father at weekends.

Grandmother moved to a ground floor flat which was easier for her to manage in Menzieshill at the beginning of January and Audra's behaviour appears to have deteriorated significantly since this move. It is clear that she has missed her old friends in the Whitfield Area and also finds it difficult to settle into Menzieshill School. Grandmother does not approve of Audra running off to her old friends in Whitfield who have an increasing influence on her. She also disapproves of Audra seeing her natural mother.

It would appear from what staff in Burnside have observed and Mr. Dempster's own feelings that grandmother is rather Victorian in her attitude and neither she, Mr. Martin nor Aunt Helen are able to show Audra very much overt affection. Audra feels that she has been taken in by her grandmother "under sufferance", has referred to the importance her grandmother attaches to the £20 per week that her father pays for her keep and also to comments from her grandmother that her stay has been "a long fortnight" and her father should take on more responsibility for her.

Observations by staff at Burnside:

Audra presents as an immature girl for her age and is very sad. She has made it clear that she does not feel that she belongs to anyone and feels that her grandmother has taken care of her grudgingly. She still has some feelings of anger towards her father for not caring for her and towards her mother but has a realistic view of their capabilities of caring for her. Mother spends most of her time in the pub. She has made it clear to staff that she does not feel that things will work out if she is returned to her grandmother's care and would like to be placed with a family. She has clear ideas as to what family

life would be and sees the ideal as what she has experienced with a couple in [redacted] by the name of [redacted]. This couple have a [redacted] child and a [redacted] son, have shown her a great deal of warmth and according to Audra have indicated an interest in fostering her.

Within the group at Burnside she is rather passive, appears frightened of the older children who do tend to pick on her. She latches on to adult staff and clearly wants to be claimed and cared for.

Within the School Unit she is pleasant and well spoken and shows a child-like desire to achieve. Her achievements are below average for her age but within the normal range. She has received remedial education in the past but at Menzieshill was in normal classes. She was, however, very much happier in St. Saviours (a catholic school she originally attended because her father's co-habitee's children were catholic).

Conclusions

1. Audra is a pleasant, immature young girl who performs more like an 11 year old. She shows a need to be loved and cared for and it was agreed on the basis of what is known of the family that they are unlikely to provide what Audra is looking for, i.e. if she returns to her grandmother she is likely to continue to run off and might be led into delinquent pursuits.
2. It was felt that the ideal for Audra would be a foster home that could provide her with her needs. Mr. Dempster agreed to check out the couple that Audra has referred to in [redacted] and also discuss the matter with Dundee Homefinders.
3. It was acknowledged, however, that a fostering situation was likely to take sometime to arrange and that a major factor will be working with Audra's natural family to help them to accept her need to remain in care and move in with an alternative family. It is acknowledged that work will need to continue with Audra in preparing her for such a move as although she expresses the desire to live outside her family she still has strong feelings about her father.
4. In view of the amount of work that will need to be achieved between now and Audra's placement in a foster home an interim placement in a warm, accepting children's home will be necessary. Forres Crescent was considered the ideal within Dundee but Carolina was considered as a possibility if Forres Crescent do not have vacancies.
5. Choice of school will depend on Audra's placement.
6. It may well be that Audra will need to return to Burnside from her Panel until final plans are made for her future placement but it was agreed that this should be for a very short period of time as it would be counter-productive if she remains in Burnside for such a length of time that she becomes identified with the more delinquent element.

.....*Wendy Selts*.....
Principal Officer (Assessment & Review)

c.c. Area Controller, Area 1

Mr. Dempster ✓

Miss Hutchinson

Mrs. Erskine

Mr. Donnelly

Mr. Gethins

Reporter to Ch. Panel, 91 Commercial St

Regional Reporter (for information)

12/2/82

WS/LS

Burnside House,
Dundee.

The Reporter,
The Children's Panel,
Dundee.

13th February 1982.

Report on AUDRA MARTIN (d.o.b. 13.12.68)

Date of Admission: 28.1.82

Probably the most prominent feature in Audra's behaviour in the unit has been her need for attachment. But rather than impose herself on adults she discreetly seeks their protective presence and when the opportunity arises will make inconspicuous contact. A very likeable child, Audra has an open and pleasant personality, the occasional sparkle of inoffensive mischief highlighting her cheerfully co-operative and self-controlled behaviour. In our Assessment Unit group, staff have noted her vulnerability as a potential scapegoat for more powerful figures, and Audra has been dependent on adults at times of group prevalency. It is to her credit and advantage that she can maintain her friendly associations and social involvement without being drawn in or adversely affected by anti-authority processes.

During interview Audra was able to describe her feelings of unhappiness with her grandmother and her prolonged unfulfilled expectations of her father's support. She wept quietly and openly while speaking in a fairly objective manner about past events, and, most significantly, conveyed her sense of isolation which seemed to have become a defence - a fragile one, which, if breached by unaccustomed sympathy or warmth, would open painful wounds. Audra certainly impresses as a child who has harboured a great deal of sadness for a long time, and, not knowing to whom she belongs, waiting to be claimed, has learned to suppress troubled feelings and acquire social skills and controls to win approval.

At no time did Audra express resentment against any member of her family; rather, she seems to have experienced increasing perplexity at their lack of response. She has expected little of her mother, portrayed in passing as a relatively insubstantial and unreliable figure, while father emerged as a more important person, continuing to provide materially, but whose stronger commitments elsewhere had had to be acknowledged. Recognising herself as having been an unwelcome burden to her grandmother, Audra is very much disposed to finding alternative substitute-parents and a normal family structure. She has for some time, apparently, sought compensatory experience in

the families of her friends, and spoke of a couple with whom she has occasionally found refuge in [REDACTED]: [REDACTED], who have two children, were presented by Audra as kindly and concerned, offering her glimpses of a happy family life which she has missed.

Evidently Audra has already given some thought to being fostered, as she suggested this as the ideal solution to her predicament. Her adolescence has understandably been a worrying development for Audra's grandmother in terms of control and adjustment; but for Audra herself this period of transition to greater independence alongside a need for protection has been severely aggravated in a family which seems to operate on weak relationships and dispersal of responsibilities.

At some point in her early life, however, Audra must have had some good emotional experience as she is capable of deep feelings and warm responsiveness. We would consider her eminently suitable for fostering, but would emphasise that the establishment of the relationships would probably be an initially tentative and prolonged process in view of Audra's emotional defences and in spite of her obvious yearning.

If such an objective is acceptable, it would still seem to be necessary to find an interim homely environment as an alternative to Audra's present family setting. She is probably more eligible than many girls of her age for a Children's Home placement, and we would recommend that a place be pursued in one of the smaller Homes in Dundee, such as Forres Crescent, as soon as possible while the question of longer-term fostering is considered. At this juncture we would advise that Audra be made subject to a supervision requirement under Section 44(1)b whereby she might stay in Burnside until an alternative placement is secured.

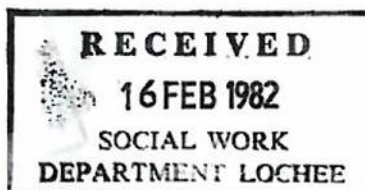


R. G. Hutchinson

Deputy Officer in Charge

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EDUCATIONAL REPORT



Teaching Unit,
Burnside House
Assessment Centre,
120 Harestane Road,
DUNDEE

15th February, 1982

Audra Martin (13.12.68)

Class Teacher's Report

Audra is an extremely pleasant girl. She is well spoken and polite in class and has an almost child-like desire to please. She is not affected by any rumpus in class but sits quietly doing her rather simple tasks. Her school achievements are below average for her age she has little originality b t seems adaptable and from any relatively short time with her, I get the impression that she would fit into a normal household very easily.

Test Results

Burt Vernon, Reading age	= 11.8 yrs
Burt Inglis, Spelling Age	= 10.2 yrs
Daniels & Diack (Test 12) Reading Experience Age	= 11.6 yrs
Vernon Miller Jun. Arith. Age	= 9.11 yrs

Further Comment:

Mrs Caird,
Class Teacher

I feel Audra will be able to return to school as soon as possible. She is a most pleasant attractive pupil who should be encouraged as much as possible. She copes well with others and can avoid disruptive situations. Previous school reports indicate that she enjoys school and tries her best.

Sheena C Erskine
Sheena Erskine (Mrs)
Teacher-in-Charge

Reporter to the Children's Panel, Dundee

Copy to:

Mr Dempster, Social Worker, Area 1, Dundee

Mr Robertson, Officer-in-Charge, Burnside House, Dundee



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FORM OF REPORT

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| 1. Home Background | 2. Settlement |
| 3. Progress | 4. Final |
| 5. Breakdown | 6. Deferred Sentence |
| 7. Means | 8. Supplementary *** |
| 9. | |

If phoning or calling please ask for:
Mr. I. Dempster - ext. 34

your ref
our ref ID/EG

date 16 February 1982

Dundee Children's Hearing - 16.2.82

REPORT:

on

Audra Martin (d/b. 13.12.68)
153, Thurso Crescent, Dundee

Present Address: Barnside House Assessment Centre

Audra appeared before a Children's Hearing on 22.1.82 when a decision was taken to place her in Barnside House for a period of assessment under Section 43(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

Since the last Hearing I have been off work with 'flu and this has limited my ability to make enquiries about Audra's family background; I have not yet been able to contact her father.

Audra appears to have settled down in Barnside House and given staff no cause for concern apart from one incident when she and another girl threatened to run away. Audra appears to have enjoyed her stay in Barnside particularly the contact she has had with other young people. She is still stating clearly that she does not wish to return to stay with her grandfather and it would seem over a period of time that the relationship between Audra and her grandfather has deteriorated due to differences about the freedom that Audra should be allowed. Audra feels that Mrs. Martin was too strict in comparisons with the parents of some of her friends. Audra's running away from home only helped to intensify the difficulties. Audra has indicated that she would like to remain in Barnside House or be fostered with [redacted] the woman she stayed with when she ran away from home.

Mrs. Martin now feels she is no longer able or willing to look after her granddaughter on a permanent basis. Mr. Martin feels he is not in a position to offer Audra a home at present due to his work commitments, as he works shifts. He needs to maintain his present income due to his financial commitments. As Mr. Martin has worked in his present job for approximately fourteen years it would take a major adjustment to his lifestyle to enable him to provide a more settled and permanent home for his daughter. He is unwilling to consider changing his work pattern at present and feels it is unlikely that he could obtain a day time job with his present firm.

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In the circumstances it would seem likely that the home situation would quickly break down if Andra were to return to stay with her grandmother. Her father is not in a position to offer Andra continuous supervision due to his work commitments if she was to live at her father's home on a permanent basis.

Andra has experienced a great deal of change in her life and has lacked a permanent home base in recent years as her care has been shared by her grandmother and father. She seems to be a young girl who is looking for stability and security in her life. I feel that Andra should remain in care at present and in the short term a place in a small family group home should be sought. This would enable Andra to build up relationships with those responsible for her care and would provide a period of stability in Andra's life when decisions can be taken about whether she is able to return to live with her own family or perhaps whether an alternative (foster) family situation can be found for her.

Mr. Demester
MR. IAN DEMESTER
Fieldwork Teacher.

16 February 1982
ID/MS.

TAYSIDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
(DUNDEE DIVISION)

AREA 1.

CHILDREN'S HEARING
INFORMATION SHEET

Name of child ANDREA MARTIN.
Address 153 THURSO CRESSENT, DUNDEE.
..... BELLISIDE HOUSE ASSESSMENT CENTRE.
Date of Hearing 16/2/82.
Time of Hearing 3.40. (4-) to
Reason for Hearing
Name of Reporter MR. THOMAS.
Names of Panel Members
..... MR. MCCALLUM. Chairman
..... MRS RITCHIE. Member
..... MRS. SMITH. Member

State grounds of referral accepted:

Comments: Dad feels Burnside Ho. like holiday camp. - worry about
education - unhappy about not getting what she
wanted - Dad visit regularly - no contact with Clanny.
Dad angry - walk out door - gave up career in Navy.
Helen wants names of Andrea - Andrea upset
throughout hearing - Clanny became angry at panel

Disposal: members when they suggested that sequel should be
made of [redacted] at [redacted] - walked out
of hearing - Dad followed - saying he would not be

MR. MARTIN. Dave - Andrea distraught.

MRS MARTIN. (GRAND MOTHER). 44/11/6) at Burnside House.
Kendall

MISS HITCHESON.

Social Worker

MR. GREEK. (TRAILER. PANEL MEMBER)

CASE REVIEWS — CHILDREN IN CARE

SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT

Please include comments under the following headings:—

Pen picture of the child (including interests as well as physical and emotional attributes);

Summary of Work done since last Review (including frequency of visits);

Suitability of Placement (does it meet the child's needs? What are his views);

School Report (facts about attainment and potential. Also any behavioural or relationship difficulties);

Health (date of last medical and details of any treatment in addition to description of health);

Contact with natural parents/current home situation/parents' views re future;

Parental Contributions: Has parental assessment form been submitted to HQ.?

Social Workers' views re future action (indicating why any change in direction has taken place since last review/initial assessment. Also indicate why particular goals are used and link with understanding of child's behaviour).

NAME

ADDRESS IN CARE

D.O.B.

Audra Martin

Burnside House Assessment Centre

13.12.68

Since the Assessment Meeting at Burnside House on 11.2.82 I have maintained regular contact with Audra and her family. The Children's Hearing on 16.2.82, when it was decided that Audra should remain in Burnside House while a vacancy was sought in a small family group home, was a rather angry and stormy affair which involved Audra's father and grandmother becoming very angry and storming out of the Hearing. Audra found this a very painful experience and since then has tended to shun any thought of contact with her father or grandmother.

A day or two after the Hearing Audra was introduced to Ella Christie, the Officer in Charge at Forres Crescent Children's Home. The idea of Audra moving to Forres Crescent was discussed with her and she had the opportunity of visiting the Children's Home on a couple of occasions. Although Audra appeared to enjoy these day visits she was not too enthusiastic about the idea of moving to Forres Crescent as there were no children of her own age and she was concerned about how she would make friends. It was generally recognised that Audra had a lack of commitment to the idea of moving to Forres Crescent and it was eventually felt that an alternative placement should be considered.

I reviewed Audra's situation informally with staff at Burnside House on 15.3.82 and it was decided that an approach should be made to Carolina House to see whether they would be prepared to offer Audra a place. I visited Carolina House on 24.3.82 with Bob Gilchrist to discuss Audra's situation with the Carolina House staff group and it was agreed that the staff should meet Audra to help them decide whether they could offer her a place in one of their units. Audra has now visited Carolina House on three occasions and appears to have enjoyed these visits although she has tended to have become a bit bored because there was no structured activity. She seemed more enthusiastic about the idea of moving to Carolina House but still showed a general ambivalence and I think given the choice she would probably prefer to remain in Burnside House with the group of children she knows and with whom she has made friends.

Following the Children's Hearing I was able to make contact with Audra's father and grandmother and I have had the opportunity to discuss Audra's situation with them on a number of occasions. Mr. Martin has visited Burnside House on two occasions since the Hearing/

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and Audra's grandmother keeps in touch with the situation by phoning me regularly to ask how Audra is doing. Since the Hearing Audra has been very reluctant to have contact with her father saying that she was too hurt by the things that were said at the Hearing and has given her father the cold shoulder when he visited. The Martins have found Audra's attitude difficult to cope with and they feel a bit indignant about the way she is behaving towards them. I have attempted to explain to them why Audra feels this way but there is no real understanding about her feelings in this matter and Audra's rejection of any possible contact with the family has resulted in Mr. Martin taking the attitude "why should I bother". The Martins would be prepared to have Audra back but feel the situation would be unworkable unless Audra showed a willingness to return home. I have discussed their thoughts about Audra's future with the Martins and they are agreeable to a move to Carolina House if this is thought to be in Audra's best interests.

Within the last couple of weeks Audra has had a visit from her Aunt Sally, her maternal aunt, who looks after her younger sister Angela. During her time in Burnside House Audra has made efforts to keep in touch with her Aunt Sally and has indicated that she would like to go and live with her aunt if this was possible. I have attempted to contact Audra's aunt but unfortunately was given the wrong address but I still intend to discuss Audra's situation with her. Mr. Martin discussed Audra's situation with his sister-in-law who has indicated that she would be unable to offer Audra a home.

Since the last Assessment Meeting the staff at Burnside House have had a longer opportunity of getting to know Audra and I think they have now changed their initial assessment of her. She is no longer seen as being quite the quiet, pleasant girl she appeared to be during the assessment period. Staff have had to cope with an occasional angry outburst/temper tantrum and on one occasion she was involved with a number of other children in an incident of glue sniffing. Overall Audra still appears confused and uncertain about her own situation and her future. She shows a great deal of ambivalence when plans for her future are discussed and given the choice would probably opt for remaining in Burnside House, a situation with which she has now grown familiar. As Audra's family situation seems no nearer to becoming resolved I feel a decision should now be taken about a longer term placement for her and I would suggest that we now consider a move to Carolina House if they are prepared to offer her a place. Carolina House appear to offer Audra the opportunity of developing relationships with children of her own age while she is given the opportunity to work within realistic boundaries of behaviour set by the caring staff. She would also have the opportunity to return to a normal day school situation to enable her to pick up on her earlier progress after her period of remedial education.

Signed

Jim Dempsey
(Social Worker)

Date

20 April 1982

CASE REVIEWS — CHILDREN IN CARE

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ADDRESS IN CARE

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AUDRA MARTIN

BURNSIDE HOUSE

13-12-68

FOCUS OF WORK WITH THE CHILD

At the Assessment meeting held on 11.2.68. it was felt that a foster home would be the ideal placement for Audra as this would take time to arrange an interim placement in a childrens home would be necessary. Farres Cresc. was considered as ideal but Carolina House to be thought of as an alternative.

TREATMENT

Audra was transferred to a post assessment unit and settled in fairly quickly. A visit was arranged for Sat 24th Feb. to Farres Cresc. The day was spent by Audra taking two of the younger children to a playpark which she enjoyed, later though she showed some embarrassment while relating the visit to the older kids in the unit, further visits on Sat & Sun following did not go well with Audra who admitted no longing to stay where "everyone was so young". Audra then spent some time with staff

from Carolina House on 11th April, a visit with Mr. Dwyer followed on 14th April at which time it was arranged that Audra spend the weekend following.

FAMILY PROCESS.

Audra's father has visited on 4 occasions one of which ended with her almost hysterical, the other visits were more subdued, a visit from an Aunt was enjoyed immensely by Audra to our knowledge there has been no contact with Gran though Audra claims to have visited her other Gran + Grandad. Audra is now talking about her aunt looking after her, she appears to be looking at alternatives to Carolina, staff feel however the move must be made as soon as possible as Audra will try every delaying tactic she can think of.

PERSONAL PROGRESS.

Audra appears to be holding her own in the unit but has made little or no progress, perhaps not as cheeky of late and still very immature.

PHYSICAL / MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Appetite fairly normal, hygiene good recently started using make up and spends a while in the morning titivating herself. Audra has a skin rash which is recurring though cream and special soap help clear it, wisdom teeth now making an appearance and causing some discomfort.

OTHER AGENCIES

If a place is made available at Carolina school would be decided there.

Staff Signature

R. Christ

Date

20-4-82.

Comment of Senior Officer

Signature

Date

CASE REVIEWS

Summary of Review Meeting and Recommendations for the Future

Date of Review.....20-4-82.....

Name	Present Address	D.O.B.
AUDRA MARTIN	Burnside House	13.12.68

Participants: Mr. Dempster, Fieldwork Teacher, Area 1
Mr. Nicoll, Assistant Area Controller, Area 1
Miss Gordon, Homefinder, Area 1
Miss Hutchinson, Acting OIC, Burnside
Mr. Gilchrist, Care Officer, Burnside
Mrs. Erskine, Teacher in Charge of School Unit, Burnside
Mr. Tosh, Depute OIC, Carolina House
Mrs. Sethi, Principal Officer (Assessment & Review)

Summary of Discussion + Goals/Tasks for the Future (Goals to be listed separately)

Following the assessment meeting, Audra had a very traumatic Hearing when a great deal of feeling was expressed by her grandmother and father. They said some very painful things to Audra and clearly felt rejected by the plan for Audra to remain in care. They were not prepared to act in a more rational adult fashion and understand some of her painful feelings.

As far as placements are concerned, Mr. Dempster had checked out the possibility of using Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] as foster parents. They indicated that they were not keen to offer this service and the Police also advised the Department not to continue with their investigations as the [REDACTED] have problems of their own. Audra was not keen on the idea of moving to Forres Crescent because of the lack of other children of her own age. She has since been introduced to Carolina House, spent a successful weekend with them and seemed to get on quite well with staff and children. It was agreed that she should move to Carolina House as quickly as possible before she again had second thoughts. After the initial trauma of being received into care, she naturally now feels more secure in Burnside House and is beginning to express her feelings of anger and defiance. This was anticipated at the assessment meeting but residential staff felt that Audra should not stay in Burnside for longer than necessary as she is clearly excited by the acting out behaviour of the other children and her own needs and immaturity might mean that she is adversely influenced.

Within the School Unit Audra is also asserting herself more than she was initially and is under pressure from the other girls to do so. She is very promising educationally (As, Bs and Cs in most subjects). She is very good in art subjects but her arithmetic and number work is poor. Mrs. Erskine felt that she should be choosing options this term for a certificate course and needs to be given a great deal of support and encouragement in doing so as she will ~~also~~ 'duck' out of the chance if allowed to do so.

Miss Gordon attended the meeting with a view to considering Audra in her next fostering campaign. It was agreed that although a permanent family placement might be the ultimate outcome for Audra and should be borne in mind, it would be too confusing to her to introduce the idea at the time of her admission to Carolina House.

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Conclusions/Goals/Tasks

1. Audra to move to Carolina House as soon as possible.
2. Mr. Dempster to call a Hearing.
3. Admission to Morgan Academy to be considered. Morgan is the school that will most adequately meet Audra's academic needs but the pressure of attending a school alongside her younger sister, who lives with Aunt Sally (maternal aunt) whom Audra currently wishes to live with, might prove rather painful for her. Her older half-brother is due to leave school but also attends Morgan at present and lives with Audra's maternal grandparents (Patersons).
4. Mr. Dempster agreed to check out with Aunt Sally and Mr. & Mrs. Paterson (maternal grandparents) their feelings about Audra and the possibility of her living with them in the future. Until now Audra has been cared for by her father's side of the family but their present reaction to her would indicate that other family members on her mother's side should not be left out in terms of planning the future.
5. Discussion with maternal grandparents and Aunt Sally and Audra depending on their reaction to her, will determine whether Morgan Academy is the best choice of school.
6. Fostering should be borne in mind for the future but should not be introduced to Audra at this point in time as it would be too confusing to her and various other avenues need to be explored first.

Copies to:- Area Controller, Area 1
Mr. Dempster, Area 1
Miss Hutchinson, Burnside
Mrs. Erskine, Burnside
Mr. Tosh, Carolina House
File

Signed

Signed

(Reviewing Consultant)

Date 29 April 1982

Feedback re Resources to Field Work Director via Area Controller

Burnside House,
120 Harestone Road,
Dundee.

The Reporter,
The Children's Panel
Dundee.

1st May 1982.

Report on AUDRA MARTIN (d.o.b. 13.12.68)

Date of Admission: 28.1.82

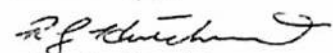
Following the last Hearing Audra was transferred to a small-group section of the Unit offering more stable and cohesive relationships in which Audra could establish a more distinct role and pattern of behaviour. Over the last two months she has secured a more tenable position in this group, but in the process has adopted the manner and accoutrements of the more mature and sophisticated members hardly in keeping with her own very immature emotional development. However, as Audra became more at ease and involved in this setting she has been able to give vent occasionally to her latent anger against her family, usually triggered by some reprimand or rule-enforcement, and concluding her angry display with tears of frustration.

A few visits from Mr Martin, negotiated by the Social Worker, have done little to mend the breach exposed at the last Hearing, and Audra has been less interested in having contact with him. She has been quite keen to maintain a relationship with her aunt but it seems likely that the latter could not offer Audra a place in her family.

Earlier plans to introduce Audra to Forres Crescent Children's Home were concluded after two visits, with Audra showing some resistance to that placement on account of the younger age-level of its residents. This feeling on her part was probably encouraged at that time by the attentions of an older boy in Burnside, but it would also have been realistic to expect Audra to seek friendships again outwith the home had she gone there. She has already been at some risk with older associates here, and it would seem important to provide her with a resident peer-group at least partly meeting her own level.

Towards the end of March, then, arrangements were made to introduce Audra to Carolina House and after a few visits and weekends she seems more prepared to accept a place there. The process of terminating any attachments she has in Burnside is probably being helped by one or two other members of the group preparing for their own departures.

We are aware that the question of future fostering is still a valid issue, but would be better resolved one way or another after Audra has reached a level of stability in a more appropriate social environment and normal educational setting. In that context we would advise that Audra be placed in Carolina House as soon as possible and that the supervision requirement be varied accordingly.


R. G. Hutchinson

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CHILDREN'S HEARING
INFORMATION SHEET

Name of child ANITA MARTIN
 Address 153 THURSO CRESCENT.
 DUNDEE
 Date of Hearing 5/5/82.
 Time of Hearing 3pm. to
 Reason for Hearing Review.
 Name of Reporter John Farnon
 Names of Panel Members
 Mr. Wright. Chairman
 Mrs. Henry. Member
 Mr. Dugan. Member

State grounds of referral accepted:

MR. MARTIN.

MR. CHAIRMAN, BIRLSIDE HOUSE

Comments:

Anita ambivalent about move to Calverton House she mentions she likes the place over the people but has some feelings about moving from Birkside.

Disposal:

44/111(B) annexes: condition of agreement at Calverton House.

..... Ian Simpson
 Social Worker



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date 30 April 1982

Dundee Children's Hearing - 5.5.82

REPORT:

on

Audra Martin (d/b. 13.12.68)
Burnside House Assessment Centre, Dundee

Audra last appeared before a Children's Hearing on 16.2.82 when it was decided that she should be placed on a 44(1)(b) Supervision Order with a condition that she should stay at Burnside House Assessment Centre until a suitable placement was found for her.

The last Hearing was a particularly angry and stormy affair as both Audra's father and grandmother became angry during the course of the Hearing and walked out of the Hearing room. This experience was very painful for Audra and she is still upset about the things which her father and grandmother said.

Following the Hearing Audra was introduced to the Officer in Charge of Forres Crescent Children's Home and had the opportunity to visit Forres Crescent. She appeared to enjoy her visits there but showed a reluctance to the idea of moving there partly due to her growing attachment to Burnside House and partly as the group of children at Forres Crescent were much younger than herself and she worried about the problem of making friends. In view of Audra's resistance to the idea of a move to Forres Crescent alternatives were considered and Carolina House were approached. Audra's situation was discussed with the Carolina House staff and they were able to offer the possibility of a vacancy in one of their units where Audra would share with three other teenage girls. Audra has now paid four visits to Carolina House including two weekend stays. These visits appear to have been successful and although Audra still shows some reluctance to leaving Burnside House she has enjoyed her visits to Carolina House and seems to be thinking positively of moving there. Carolina House are prepared to offer Audra a place.

There has only been limited contact between Audra and her family since the last Hearing. Mr. Martin has visited on occasions but has been put off maintaining contact as Audra has been unwilling to talk very much. Audra is still angry about the events of the last Hearing and is tending to shun the idea of any contact with her father and grandmother. She seems to particularly blame her grandmother for what happened at the last Hearing.

Audra/

Audra has had a visit from her Aunt Sally (maternal aunt) who cares for her younger sister Angela, and Audra seems keen to have contact with her aunt. I have written to Mrs. Lonie and intend visiting her to discuss Audra's situation.

I have also visited Mrs. Nancy Mitchell whose house Audra stayed in when she ran away from home. Audra indicated a wish to stay with Mrs. Mitchell but in view of the difficulties Mrs. Mitchell is herself experiencing, it is not considered suitable for Audra to be placed with this family.

RECOMMENDATION

I would recommend that Audra's supervision order is amended to allow her to move permanently to Carolina House which will allow her to benefit from the care provided in a more permanent placement and would give her the opportunity to attend normal day school. It would also provide a stable base from which plans for Audra's future can be considered and where Audra could be helped to decide the best arrangements for her future care.



MR. IAN DEMPSTER
Practice Teacher.

30 April 1982
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24/6/82.

Meeting between Audra Martin, Morag Japp and Ian Dempster at Carolina House

During this meeting it was decided that:-

1. Audra would not make any further visits to Burnside House as the visits she had made there recently had not worked out because she felt the place was not the same as it was when she lived there.
2. Audra would be allowed to arrange future visits to Burnside if she changed her mind and decided she wanted to visit there again but she should first discuss this with Morag.
3. Any future visits to Burnside would be arranged by Morag, who would telephone Burnside to organise the visit with Burnside Staff.
4. Ian agreed to write to Burnside House to inform them of the above arrangement.
5. Audra now wished to visit Haring House as her friend [REDACTED] was now staying there. As there had been some misunderstanding about the details of a visit Audra had made to Haring House this week, it was agreed that Ian should contact the staff at Haring House to arrange for Morag and Ian to meet with Haring House staff to discuss the details of Audra's visits.



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date 10 March 1983

REPORT:

on

Audra Martin (d/b 13.12.68)
c/o Carolina House, 133 Broughty Ferry Road, Dundee

The Reporter requested a preliminary report on Audra Martin following an alleged report of solvent abuse on 16.1.83. On that day, Audra and two other residents of Carolina House were returned there by the Police and left in the care of Mr. Tosh, deputy officer-in-charge. The Police had responded to a call and found Audra and the two other residents under the influence of solvent fumes in the grounds of Craigie High School, Dundee.

Audra is presently the subject of a 44(1)(b) supervision order and has resided at Carolina House since 7 May 1982.

Although Audra was dubious about her move to Carolina House after she had settled at Burnside Assessment Centre she now appears to have settled well and be making progress. In view of this I would not recommend that a Hearing be called on account of this incident.

It will be noted that a review Hearing is scheduled for 6 April 1983 for which a fuller social report will be submitted.

Janice S. Turnbull

Miss J. S. Turnbull
Social Worker in Training

S. Manknell

Miss S. Manknell
Fieldwork Teacher

CASE REVIEWS – CHILDREN IN CARE

SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT

Please include comments under the following headings:—

Pen picture of the child (including interests as well as physical and emotional attributes);

Summary of Work done since last Review (including frequency of visits):

Suitability of Placement (does it meet the child's needs? What are his views);

School Report (facts about attainment and potential. Also any behavioural or relationship difficulties);

Health (date of last medical and details of any treatment in addition to description of health);

Contact with natural parents/current home situation/parents' views re future;

Parental Contributions: Has parental assessment form been submitted to HQ.?

Social Workers's views re future action (indicating why any change in direction has taken place since last review/initial assessment.
Also indicate why particular goals are used and link with understanding of child's behaviour).

NAME	ADDRESS IN CARE	D.O.B.
Audra MARTIN	Carolina House 133 Broughty Ferry Road DUNDEE	13.12.68

Introduction:

I took over Audra's case at the beginning of February and as I am a student will only be working with Audra until the end of March. The staff at Carolina House did show some concern over the fact that it was a student that was taking over: they were worried that Audra could be passed on to students every three months. Miss Manknell, Fieldwork Teacher, and myself reassured them that this was not to be and it was anticipated that Miss Manknell would take over the case as a long term worker after I left the department. Audra herself has also been made aware of this fact and has already met Miss Manknell. I have been visiting her weekly.

Audra and Carolina House:

Audra has now resided at Carolina House for eight months after being moved there from Burnside. On first moving there she did take a few months to settle down and break away from Burnside. Also, since moving to Carolina House, Audra has had two previous social workers. She also lost her "special person" at Carolina House when she left suddenly.

At present, Audra does not have a "special person". A new member of staff has started at Carolina House so arrangements are being made for the allocation of "special persons". Audra herself says she is looking forward to having another "special person".

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Since moving to Carolina House, Audra does not seem to have posed any major behavioural problems. In January, however, she was involved with two other residents of Carolina House in a glue sniffing incident when the three involved were returned to Carolina House by the police. At that time, Audra took the restrictions placed upon her, because of this, well and abided by them.

A preliminary report was requested by the Reporter because of this incident and when I spoke about it to Audra, she seemed genuinely upset about it and regretful of her solvent abuse. However, Mr. Harry Tosh, deputy officer in charge, informed me that on 26 February 1983 Audra and two other girls from Carolina House locked themselves in a bathroom and when they came out there were signs that they had been glue sniffing. Audra has denied this point blank.

School:

Audra is attending Morgan Academy and has settled well there. She is intending to sit 'O' levels in fourth year. She does show some concern about the progress she has made there and feels that her last report card was not as good as it could have been. I feel that Audra needs a lot of support and encouragement in her attempt and ability to improve her school performance.

Leisure Time:

Audra herself spends most of her leisure time with two other girls from Carolina House. At times, however, she seems to be in a bit of a "pig-in-the-middle" situation with these girls.

A new girl, Audra's age, has recently moved to Carolina House and is sharing a room with Audra. Audra knew this girl previous to her moving to Carolina House from Burnside and Morgan Academy and it appears that they could strike up quite a close friendship.

Family Relationships:

Since I have been working with Audra, I have not met with her father or paternal grandmother. I have, however, spoken with Mrs. Martin over the telephone and she does seem to care about the welfare of her grand-daughter. Audra and I have spoken many times about her family. She sees her young sister, Angela, at school and occasionally meets up with her brother, Tom, who is on a Y.O.P. scheme.

Contact with her father and paternal grandmother has been virtually non-existent since Christmas. I get the impression that communication before then had been on a very superficial level. Audra has met her father in the town but this was by chance rather than a planned meeting.

At times she does not show much willingness to build up a relationship with either, yet at other times I am given the impression that Audra misses them, especially her father. I feel that Audra suppresses these feelings as she is frightened about the consequences of possible rejection and further hurt by her family.

Audra does seem to have a very deep wish to meet with her mother who, according to Audra, is due to be in Dundee in April. I do not know if it would be beneficial to Audra to try and arrange a meeting between them or indeed if her mother would be willing to respond to such a request. I feel at times that Audra has put her mother on a pedestal and that mother can do no wrong in Audra's eyes.

Conclusion:/

Signed Janice A. Dunbail
(Social Worker) in Training

Date 15-3-83

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Conclusion:

Audra herself sees her future at Carolina House until she leaves school (probably at 16) and possibly beyond that. As she has settled well there and appears to be content staying there, I can see no point in considering another placement for her. At present, it seems apparent that Audra will be unable to return home on a permanent basis. I do feel, however, that Audra could be linked back to her family but this will be a slow process which would need to be carefully monitored.

Audra has appeared to me as a pleasant girl who speaks openly but always on a rather superficial level. I often get the impression that she is either unable or unwilling to speak on an emotional level especially around the subject of her family.

I would suggest that conjoint work between social worker, residential social worker, Audra and her family could be a possible way of approaching this situation.

CASE REVIEWS – CHILDREN IN CARE

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NAME

ADDRESS IN CARE

D.O.B.

Audra Martin, Carolina House, 133 Ferry Road, Dundee 13.12.68

Focus of work with the child: Audra was admitted to Carolina House on 8.5.82. After initial difficulties she settled into Barrie House, and through time has broken all contact with Kirkton and Burnside. She now attends Morgan Accademy where she seems to be getting on well. She has been encouraged to make contact with her Father and Grandmother, but is still wary to do so.

Treatment: Generally Audra is a well behaved, happy and helpful girl. Not long after being admitted to Carolina House Audra along with two other girls were apprehended by police for writing on Kirkton High school walls. They were given a warning by the police, and for this the girls were put on restrictions. Two nights later (29.6.82) Audra asked if she could go to a party up at Kirkton. When staff refused her permission to go, she later that evening ran away with another girl [redacted], who was also involved in the previously mentioned incident. They were brought back in the early hours of the morning by police. They were both put on restrictions, the restrictions which meant they were confined to the grounds of Carolina House, unless they were on a supervised outing with staff. There has been an incident recently where Audra along with two other residents of Carolina House were involved with "glue sniffing". They were brought back by police, they again were put on restrictions. Audra has through time handled her restrictions more responsibly and recently, has taken advantage by using this time to talk to staff on subjects such as "glue sniffing" family ect. Audra is becoming more open with staff although she still doesn't like speaking in large groups.

Family Process: Initially when Audra was asked to put down her thoughts and feelings re. the family situations in the form of Lifeskills questionnaire it caused her to be emotionally upset. Audra has since met her Father in the town and has phoned her gran a couple of times. She is still very resentful towards her Father and Grandmother. She often speaks about her brother and sister, who she sees often. In the last few weeks she has talked a lot about her Mum, she often

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says she would love to see Mum again. Audra has no homeleave, apart from the night she stayed with her Aunt at Christmas time.

Personal Progress: Audra is a follower within her peer group, ~~this is perhaps~~ one reason for this is due to her being younger than the rest. She often adopts "child Play". She has made a lot of progress in the way she has accepted Carolina House as her home, as when she came to Carolina House at first she couldn't break away from Burnside or Kirkton.

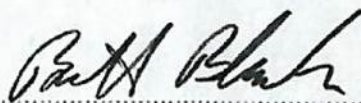
Physical/Medical Condition: At the moment Audra is enjoying good health, and is on no medication. Audra is very particular towards personal hygiene and self presentation. She also spends a great time in the laundry room - washing and ironing clothes.

Other Agencies: As mentioned previously Audra appears to have settled at Morgan School, and at the last P.T.A. meeting all teachers gave good reports of Audra; although could work more to her full capacity. Audra goes to the Junction 9 Disco each weekend which she enjoys. This is where she often meets her sister.

Prognosis: During Audra's settling in period the subject of fostering was discussed with her, this raised her hopes initially but she now states clearly that she does not wish fostering to be considered for her future.

Audra has stated that she envisages herself residing at Carolina House until at least the age of 16yrs. Staff also feel that Audra has benefited from moving to Carolina House and feel it appropriate she remain here and to continue to help her work through problems re adolescence and her family situation.

Staff Signature



Date

16-3-83

Comment of Senior Officer

Signature

Date

CASE REVIEWS

Summary of Review Meeting and Recommendations for the Future

Date of Review.....16.3.83.....

Name	Present Address	D.O.B.
Audra MARTIN	Carolina House	13.12.68

Participants: Miss Audra Martin
 Miss Janice Turnbull, Student Social Worker
 Mr. Gus Fotheringham, Carolina House Staff
 Mr. W. Black, Supt. Carolina House
 Miss A. Gordon, Social Worker
 Miss S. Manknell, Fieldwork Teacher
 Mr. A. Nicoll, Asst. Area Controller

Summary of Discussion + Goals/Tasks for the Future (Goals to be listed separately)

AO 16 report prepared for the review by Miss Turnbull, and RDC 45 prepared by Carolina House Staff. Audra was aware of the content of both reports.

Mr. Nicoll introduced the members to Audra, and explained that it was normal practice in the Social Work Department to have reviews on children to ascertain how they were getting on. He said that the reports indicated that Audra seemed to be settling down at Carolina, and Mr. Black said she was a helpful girl, whom it was a pleasure to have in the establishment.

When asked about her present school, Audra said she had made more friends there than she had at Menzieshill High. She hoped to sit 'O' level exams in Biology, Geography and Home Economics.

Mr. Nicoll asked Audra about contacts she had with family members, and said she sometimes visited an aunt in Maxwelltown Tower. When the question of how long it was since she had seen her mother was raised, Audra became tearful. She said there was a possibility she would see her mother at her aunt's home at Easter.

Miss Turnbull mentioned that she would be interviewing Audra's father on 17.3.83, and Miss Manknell asked Audra if Miss Turnbull should talk to him about the glue-sniffing incidents in which Audra has been involved. Audra seemed troubled at the idea of her father being told of the glue-sniffing, but accepted that it would be better for him to hear about it now, as ^{reference} would be made to it at the Children's Panel in April 1983. Miss Turnbull agreed to phone Audra, after interviewing her father, to let her know Mr. Martin's reaction to the glue sniffing incidents.

Since she has become more settled at Carolina, Audra has assumed she will stay there until she is 16 years old, and has no wish to consider the idea of fostering. Miss Gordon, while reassuring Audra that no pressure would be put on her to be fostered against her will, suggested that she (Audra) should have a talk with children who have had a good experience of fostering. It might be that she might change her opinions about fostering, said Miss Gordon.

Decisions Taken/

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Decisions Taken

- 1) Miss Manknell to become Audra's social worker, when Miss Turnball leaves the Department.
- 2) A "special person" to be allocated to Audra from the Carolina House Staff, when the staffing situation makes this possible.
- 3) The social worker to keep looking at the possibility of conjoint work with Audra, the residential staff, and members of Audra's family.

Mr. A.J. Nicoll
Asst. Area Controller

Copies to:—

Signed

Signed *A.J. Nicoll*

(Reviewing Consultant)

Date 12-3-83

Feedback re Resources to Field Work Director via Area Controller

TAYSIDE REGIONAL COUNCIL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Dundee Division

SCHOOL REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

CONFIDENTIAL

28 MAR 1983

SOCIAL WORK
DEPARTMENT (1)

A. PERSONAL DETAILS

1. Child's Name Audra MARTIN2. Age next birthday 15 Date of Birth 13.12.683. Address c/o Carolina House, 133 Broughty Ferry Road, Dundee.4. School Morgan Academy Year S.3.5. Probable leaving date: May. 1984 Type of Course being pursued Limited 'O' grade6. Known truant ~~YES~~ / ~~NO~~ NO

B. EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

1. Educational achievement	achieving to potential	x
	significant underachieving	

2. Does the child require remedial education ?	yes	no
Is the child receiving remedial education ?	yes	no

3. Attendance Pattern	last session	from 10.5.82	possible	76
		to 30.6.82	actual	72
	this session	from Aug. 1982	possible	286
		to Mar. 1983	actual	261

4. Other agencies to which the child has been referred by school	Attendance Section	
	Child Guidance Service	
	Educational Social Work	
	Police	
	School Medical Service	
	Other : please specify	Social Work Dept.

5. Is the child known or believed to suffer from any physical handicap	sight	
	hearing	
	speech	
	Other : please specify	

C. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT

1. Relationships with school staff : please tick all appropriate boxes	friendly	x
	diffident	
	antagonistic	
	attention seeking	
	Other : please specify	

2. Relationships with peers: please tick all appropriate boxes	dominant	
	co-operative	x
	withdrawn	
	bullying	
	repressed	
	Other : please specify	

3. Is the child known to be under any unusual stress?	yes	
	no	x
If yes, please specify :		

4. Appearance in school	well groomed	
	normal	x
	untidy	

5. What contact has parent had with school over last two sessions?	Last Session	none	x
		once	
		twice	
		Other : please specify	
	This Session	none	x
		once	
		twice	
		Other : please specify	

6. Other relevant information which school considers should be drawn to the Panel's attention. Use additional sheet if necessary.

Audra has settled in at this school very well. She is a quiet, pleasant girl who copes very well with her peer group.

She is well behaved, polite and attentive in class although she can be distracted by others.

Audra works well in class and tries very hard although her ability is limited.

7. Does the school intend to be represented at a Hearing, if convened?	yes	
	no	x

Signature of School Representative 

Date 25.3.83

Deputy Director of Social Work
Mark Rogers Mr. S. J. Moxley



Tayside Regional Council

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FORM OF REPORT

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If phoning or calling please ask for:
Miss Manknell - Ext. 3497

your ref 6051
our ref JT/IS

date 1 April 1983

Dundee Children's Hearing on 6 April 1983

REPORT:

on

Audra MARTIN (d/b 13.12.68)
c/o Carolina House, 133 Broughty Ferry Road, Dundee

Referral:

The Reporter requested a formal report on Audra for an Annual Review Hearing. Audra is presently the subject of a 44 (1)(b) supervision order.

Introduction:

As a student on placement, I have been working with Audra since February 1983. Although the placement officially finished at the end of March, it was agreed that I would continue with Audra until after this present Hearing. Miss Manknell, Area 1 Field Work Teacher, is now the long-term worker for this case, however, she is to be on holiday when this Hearing takes place.

Family Details:

Grandmother - Letitia Martin (63) 153 Thurso Crescent, Dundee.
Paternal Aunt - Helen Martin " " " "
Father - John Martin (36) " " " "
Mother - Patricia Martin (34) Address Unknown.
Subject - Audra Martin (14) c/o Carolina House.
Brother - Thomas Martin (16) c/o Lawrie, 11J Jamaica Tower. (Maternal aunt)
Sister - Angela Martin (11) " " " " " "

Personal History:

Audra was first placed in care on 28.1.82 at Burnside Assessment Centre. She was moved to Carolina House on 7.5.82. Audra has now resided there for the past nine months. On first moving there she did take a few months to settle down and break away from Burnside. Also, since moving to Carolina House, Audra has had two previous social workers. She also lost her "special person" at Carolina House when she left suddenly in December 1982.

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Personal History: (contd.)

At present, Audra does not have a "special person". A new member of staff has been appointed at Carolina House so arrangements are being made for the allocation of "special persons". Audra herself says she is looking forward to having another "special person".

Since moving to Carolina House, Audra does not seem to have posed any major behavioural problems and the staff seem very pleased with her general progress.

In January 1983, however, she was involved with two other residents of Carolina House in a glue sniffing incident when the three involved were returned to Carolina House by the police. At that time, Audra took the restrictions placed upon her, because of this, well and abided by them.

A preliminary report was requested by the Reporter because of this incident and when I spoke to Audra about it, she seemed genuinely upset about it and regretful of her solvent abuse. However, Mr. Harry Tosh, Deputy Officer-in-Charge, informed me that on 26 February 1983 Audra and two other girls from Carolina House locked themselves in a bathroom and when they came out there were signs that they had been glue sniffing. Audra has denied this point blank.

School:

Audra is attending Morgan Academy and has settled well there. She is intending to sit 'O' levels in her fourth year. She does show some concern about the progress she has made there and feels that her last report card was not as good as it could have been. I feel that Audra needs a lot of support and encouragement in her attempt and ability to improve her school performance.

Leisure Time:

Audra spends most of her leisure time with two other girls from Carolina House. At times, however, she seems to be in a bit of a "pig-in-the-middle" situation with these girls.

A new girl, Audra's age, has recently moved to Carolina House and is sharing a room with Audra. Audra knew this girl previous to her moving to Carolina House from Burnside and Morgan Academy and it appears that they could strike up quite a close friendship.

Family Relationships:

Contact between Audra, her father and paternal grandmother has been virtually non-existent since Christmas. I get the impression that communication before then had been on a very superficial and casual level. Audra has met with her father in town but this was by chance rather than a planned meeting. Audra and I have spoken many times about her family. She meets up with her younger sister at school and occasionally with her brother Tom, who is currently on a Y.O.P. scheme.

Father:

Mr. Martin is employed with a local firm as a fork-lift driver. This means that he works a system of shifts. He is presently residing with his mother and sister at 153 Thurso Crescent after being forced to give up his own flat at [REDACTED] for financial reasons. He admits that tempers within that house are beginning to fray and he is being pressurised into getting a house of his own. The areas he is being offered are Whitfield, Beechwood or Charleston and he says he/

Father: (contd.)

he would prefer Whitfield. He is, however, concerned, that in taking Whitfield, if Audra ever returns to stay with him she would meet up with old acquaintances with whom she was in trouble previously.

Audra herself was very worried about her father's reaction to her glue-sniffing incident. Mr. Martin, however, although concerned, stated that he was not angry with Audra about it and said he was willing to put it down to Audra testing it out as long as she did not become addicted to it.

Since my involvement with Audra, I have only met with Mr. Martin once. Mr. Martin did speak quite fondly of his daughter and would, one day, like to see her back staying at home with him. He does realise that she is settled at Carolina House and I explained to him that this will probably be until she is 16 plus. Mr. Martin accepted this and is glad to hear that she is happy.

Paternal Grandmother:

I have never met with Mrs. Martin(Senior) although have spoken to her over the 'phone. She appears to have a genuine concern about the welfare of her granddaughter.

At times Audra does not show much willingness to build up a relationship with either father or grandmother yet at other times I am given the impression that Audra misses them, especially her father. I feel that Audra suppresses these feelings as she is frightened about the consequences of possible rejection and further hurt by them.

Mother:

Audra has never had any real contact with her mother since she was two-years-old. We do not know Audra's mother's present address but believe she is now living in London. She visits Dundee but does not make any attempt to contact her children. Audra does appear to have a very deep wish to meet with her mother who, according to Audra, is due to visit Dundee in April. I do not know if it would be beneficial to Audra to try and arrange a meeting between them or if indeed her mother would be willing to respond to such a request. I feel at times that Audra has put her mother on a pedestal and that mother can do no wrong in Audra's eyes. Meeting with mother might confront Audra with the reality of her mother's lack of interest which in a way could prove pretty traumatic.

Conclusion:

Audra has appeared to me as a pleasant girl who speaks openly but, I feel, always on a rather superficial level. I often get the impression that she is, as yet, either unable or unwilling to speak on an emotional level especially around the subject of her family.

Audra herself sees her future at Carolina House until she leaves school (probably at 16) and possibly beyond that. As she has settled well and appears to be content staying there, I can see no point in considering another placement for her. Fostering has been discussed with Audra but she has no wish to consider this idea at present. It also seems apparent that, in the near future, Audra will be unable to return home on a permanent basis. I do feel, however, that Audra/

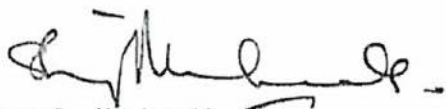
Conclusion: (contd.)

Audra could possibly be linked back to her family but this will be a slow process which would need to be carefully monitored. It has been suggested at a recent internal case review that conjoint family work could be a possible way of approaching this situation.



+ Miss J. S. Turnbull
Social Worker in Training

1 April 1983
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Miss S. Manknell
Field Work Teacher

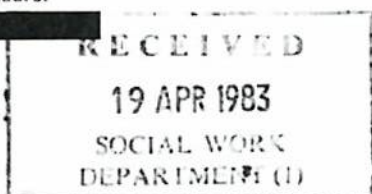
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CAROLINA HOUSE

Secretary and Treasurer

April 4, 1983



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AUDRA MARTIN - DATE OF BIRTH 13.12.68

Audra was admitted to Carolina House in 8.5.82 from Burnside House. Following initial settling in difficulties Audra now seems to have broken most of her contact with the Kirkton area and with Burnside itself.

Generally, Audra is a well behaved, happy and helpful girl who is able to take a fair amount of responsibility for herself in respect of personal hygiene, laundry, etc. Her general health is good.

Since coming to Carolina House, Audra has attended Morgan Academy where, although it is stated that she could probably work harder, she received good reports from her teachers at a fairly recent "Parents Evening".

Not long after being admitted to Carolina House, Audra, along with two other girls, received a police warning for writing on a wall at Kirkton High School. Two nights later, in the company of another girl, she ran away, but was returned by police in the early hours of the morning.

More recently, Audra was involved with two other children from here in a glue sniffing incident discovered by the police who returned them to Carolina House, following which they were all put on restrictions for a time.

Family contact

This gives Audra a lot of problems and there appears to be a strong ambivalence in her about contact with her grandmother and father. Audra still has much to "work through" regarding her relationship with her family and this is obviously a sensitive and painful area for her. Encouragement is given to her in an attempt to help her come to terms with the family situation but I feel that Audra will take her own time over this and will not be rushed. It is, however, important that she is helped and encouraged to sort out in her own mind what this is about.

General progress

Although there have been the aforementioned problems, Audra has settled into Carolina House well. Within the particular group of girls to which Audra is attached there has recently been problems. There are three girls of similar age, and at times Audra has been "odd one out", and this has been unpleasant for her. Recently another girl was admitted and this, after a dubious start, seems to have resolved the problem to a large extent.

Audra is well liked by staff and, the above mentioned problem apart, gets on well with the other residents. She has stated that she sees herself being in Carolina House until she is at least 16 years of age, and I would suggest that this would be appropriate

Bill Black,
Office in Charge



Rector J.T. BEWICK, M.A.

MORGAN ACADEMY DUNDEE DD4 7AX

Telephone 453805

21st. November, 1983.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Report on Audra Martin, d.o.b. 13.12.68, Class 402

Guidance - Audra has settled in very well at this school. She is a quiet, pleasant girl who copes very well with her peer group. She is well behaved, polite and usually attentive in class although she can be distracted by others. Audra works well in class and tries very hard although her ability is limited. Her attendance and timekeeping are very good, 85 attendances out of a possible 108.

Geography - Audra works to the limit of her ability in the Geography class doing all that is asked of her but unfortunately it is not up to the standard required for the SCE 'O' grade course which she has no prospect of passing (D or E grades even doubtful). Her diligence and conduct are both highly satisfactory.

English - Audra is in a foundation class. She is reasonably good when compared with some others in her class. She is quiet and causes no trouble, has a friendly attitude. She does what is asked, willingly, and will write at length if interested. I would not mind having more like her!

Arithmetic - No problems as far as behaviour is concerned - work output, however, is minimal - absolutely no possibility of passing 'O' grade arithmetic - just beyond her capabilities and she seems to have (not unreasonably) given up.

Biology - Progress very limited, D for November assessment. Probably no chance of passing 'O' grade Biology. Homework can be reasonable. Effort borderline between satisfactory/unsatisfactory. Behaviour in class very good. A well mannered pupil with little ability.

Home Economics - She has missed a lot of work due to her broken wrist, practical has suffered. She has been given extra written work to catch up. Not a lot of bother in class but does not seem interested in subject. Marks are very low.

CASE REVIEWS – CHILDREN IN CARE

SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT

Please include comments under the following headings:—

Pen picture of the child (including interests as well as physical and emotional attributes);

Summary of Work done since last Review (including frequency of visits);

Suitability of Placement (does it meet the child's needs? What are his views);

School Report (facts about attainment and potential. Also any behavioural or relationship difficulties);

Health (date of last medical and details of any treatment in addition to description of health);

Contact with natural parents/current home situation/parents' views re future;

Parental Contributions: Has parental assessment form been submitted to HQ?

Social Workers's views re future action (indicating why any change in direction has taken place since last review/initial assessment. Also indicate why particular goals are used and link with understanding of child's behaviour).

NAME	ADDRESS IN CARE	D.O.B.
Audra MARTIN	Admitted to Carolina House 7.5.82	13.12.68

INTRODUCTION

Audra can present as a very sophisticated young lady, an image which is belied by her occasionally very immature behaviour and some quite violent outbursts of temper.

CONTACT WITH THE FAMILY:

Mother: Contact with her mother has been welcomed but not sought by Audra. It has been limited to I think two visits by her mother and a few phone contacts. These contacts have become not I think less painful to Audra but she now has a ^{less} idealised picture of her mother.

Siblings: Contact with Tom and Angie has been maintained although on a rather adhoc basis I think. Tom is said to have gone off to London, Angie was the apparent cause of a recent fight in that Audra intervened in a fight between Angie and another girl and this resulted in a broken nose for Angie's opponent.

Father: Contact with him has consisted of "bumping into him" in Dundee. He usually gives Audra some money on those occasions. He himself has not initiated any contact with her though he had previously said that he would try to send occasional postcards. He is said to be seeking independent accommodation once more.

Paternal Grandmother: Contact with her has been nil, any offer from the grandmother would probably be rejected by Audra and she is not prepared to accept this.

Aunt Sally: ^{home} Audra's contact here seems to have been increasing a little and though Audra's present relationship with Angie is at least tenuous, Sally is apparently encouraging Audra to keep in touch and there is word that she might be there at the New Year.

SCHOOL: /

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SCHOOL:

Mrs. Beatt, Audra's guidance teacher has reported positively on how Audra has been getting on at school. She is regarded as co-operative, polite and academically she can appear discouraged but may none-the-less be achieving a realistic level. Audra herself gets a much blacker picture of herself in school, referring to swearing at teachers and being excluded from classes.

Note: Report from Mrs. Beatt will be available to review.

CAROLINA HOUSE:

Audra has shown a developing sense of belonging to Carolina House after a very disrupted period during the early summer.

As with the changes of social worker, changes of staff at Carolina House have not helped Audra. In particular the general upset and confusion about the future of Carolina House. undermined her brittle, but growing sense of security and value.

Despite the fact that she is now more rooted in Carolina, from what the staff say, I sense that Audra accepts Carolina mostly on her terms. She can be warmly responsive to all members of staff, "talks" to them on occasion, this however can be very changeable and similarly with all staff, she can be blunt and resistant. She accepts the restraint imposed from time to time by Carolina with remarkable equanimity but copes with bad and upset patches by walking out of Carolina House and rejecting offers to talk out what is upsetting her.

The move of House which has resulted in her being with a younger age group has seen to help Audra in general, though it has put her in a position where she can dominate some of the younger children.

OUTSIDE CAROLINA HOUSE:

Contact with her cousin Tracy seems to have virtually ceased, although this was of paramount importance earlier in the year.

Audra has been involved in and seems to enjoy "Who Cares" activities at weekends. She has had a number of different boyfriends.

More recently she has joined Badminton/Netball Clubs after school.

Audra is invited to a Birthday Party on the 16th December at Artillery Lane Hall and also mentioned possibilities of spending New Year with mother's sister, Sally. Carolina House staff are exploring the details here.

SOCIAL WORK CONTACT:

Since the last review, social work supervision has remained with Shirley Manknell although contact has been disrupted on my part by leave and periods of hospitalisation.

The relationship has not been easy. Contact over the period in which Audra centred herself from Carolina House on two weekends and thereafter was characterised by Audra being very withdrawn and uncommunicative. This eased out gradually as she settled back in Carolina House. She demanded to go to Burnside but accepted without comment when it was explained that this was not possible or desirable.

She/ Signed
(Social Worker)

Date

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Re: Audra Martin - Case Review (Cont'd)

SOCIAL WORK CONTACT: (Cont'd)

She eventually managed her return to school at the assistance of Mr. Black.

Despite the necessarily difficult "discussions" with Audra over the episodes with her boyfriend from Whitfield, contact with Audra had progressed in that we had two to three easy and enjoyable outings. In the early Autumn however, transactions became very stormy, expressed by Audra as my being interested only in the bad things that had happened and that I was asking too many questions. She preferred to tackle her problems in her own way. This phase coincided I think with the departure from Carolina House of the member of staff recently designated her special person.

I have attempted to maintain a regular fortnightly contact and have been prepared to keep this as superficial as Audra would wish. This has not, however, worked out as planned, and what has happened is that instead of going out on a jaunt we have stayed in Carolina House either in the general office with its frequent interruptions or in a small office in a situation which can only be described as "confrontation" with another member of staff present. Interchanges have been characterised by vociferous lambasting of me and all social workers by Audra and apparent misunderstandings of what has been said or not said. These encounters seem to have hardened somehow into a difficult situation, not helped for me by meeting, and subsequently sharing the interview with, a different member of staff each time.

ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATION:

1. Audra seems to be benefitting from a sense of belonging in Carolina House and to be doing reasonably well at school.

Recommendation: Audra should certainly not be removed from the context of Carolina House.

2. Family Contact still pretty unsatisfactory but Audra's view of the family appears to be more realistic than it was and she is also more aware of her own feelings about them how-be-it conflicting and painful.

Recommendation: Maintain and promote whatever contact between Audra and different members of the family seems tolerable to her and them.

3. Audra still experiences anger which she can mostly contain but which can also erupt inappropriately in ways which could endanger others and also adversely affect her own future. She recently acknowledged in tearful anger the mixture of anger and hurt that she feels about the family. She seeks to handle this herself by way of denial and suppression and resents feeling that she is pushed into confronting this hurt.

Perhaps significantly she seems to paint a blacker than necessary picture of herself at school and seems to be provoking the social worker into rejecting her while involving her in skirmishes and testing out whether a social worker can tolerate her aggression.

Recommendation: That consideration should be given in, say, six weeks time of a possible change of social worker when Miss Crawford, Area Controller can be involved in the discussion.

Meantime/

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Re: Audra Martin - Case Review (Cont'd)

ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATION: (Cont'd)

Meantime staff concerned could perhaps consider whether Audra's current apparent rejection of me as social worker reflects the diffuse anger she feels focussed on social worker role or does it reflect a genuine personality clash? Also, is the continuity here overridingly important in relation to Audra in providing a focus for anger etc than giving in to her expressed wish for a different social worker? It seems to me that while I certainly do not enjoy feeling that my visits may distress Audra (nor do I particularly enjoy being sworn at!) it may well be that Audra who has experienced so many people disappearing out of her life, like many children in her situation, needs to reject offers of relationship which might become significant. If this is so, then it is obviously of paramount importance that she is not presented with yet another experience of what she may feel as having driven someone away.

4. I feel that Audra still needs the opportunity to confront her own conflicting feelings as and when she is ready to do so. This however may be much more profitable for her within a group context rather than one of seeming confrontation and yet possibly outside the caring context of Carolina House.

Recommendation: That consideration be given to linking her with the I.T. Group.



Miss S. Manknell
Fieldwork Teacher

SM/LDM
16th December, 1983

AUDRA MARTIN

133 BROUGHTON FERRY RD

D.O.B. 13.12.6

FOCUS OF WORK WITH THE CHILD

The aims agreed to at the last review were that Audra should remain at Carolina House at least until the age of sixteen and that she should be helped and encouraged to "work through" the problems concerning her relationship and contact with father and grandmother, whilst at the same time not being pushed unnecessarily hard into what remains for Audra, a very sensitive area. These aims have been fulfilled but since the last review there have been a few changes within Carolina House.

TREATMENT

On 1st June, 1983, the three existing house groups were rearranged according to age. Audra had previously been experiencing problems within her house group due to friction between herself and the other girls in the group. Audra was often the "odd-one-out" and used as a scapegoat in the group. A new girl, whom Audra had previously known at Burnside House, was introduced into the group and to a small extent the problem was alleviated as Audra befriended this girl. However, due to the increasing pressure upon Audra, the situation came to a head with her absconding from Carolina House on two occasions. In the first instance she was returned after a two day absence. On the second occasion she was missing for five days. It is believed that she had been living with a friend in the Whitfield area of Dundee. There were some concerns around what had happened with Audra and a boyfriend at this time and a police doctor was involved. On her return to Carolina, it was decided that an immediate change of house group for Audra was necessary and on May 23rd Audra moved into Ogilvie House. Thus, after a particularly unsettled period, enhanced by lack of contact with her social worker, who was ill at the time, Audra appears to have settled fairly well into Ogilvie House. This is a group of

13-15 year olds where each member is encouraged to take more responsibility for budgeting, laundry and personal hygiene. Audra copes well with the day-to-day routine of the group and needs no prompting in areas of personal hygiene or laundry. In this respect, she is fairly mature. One area of slight concern with Audra is her habit of coming home late, despite frequent reminders of timekeeping. Persistent lateness usually results in one or two nights of restrictions for Audra, and she handles these restrictions quite well, accepting that she has to stay indoors. Apart from occasional outbursts of temper when under some pressure, Audra presents no serious behavioural problems.

FAMILY PROCESS

Audra continues to be very wary of making contact with father or grandmother and it is felt that she has much to "work through" concerning her relationship with them. Meetings with dad are few and far between and usually contrived by Audra on the basis of obtaining money, from dad. It is felt that Audra would perhaps enjoy regular contact with dad but that she is afraid of the consequences of possible rejection by him. Her feelings towards gran and dad are a mixture of bitterness and sadness and Audra finds it particularly difficult to talk about dad without crying. She finds it very difficult to discuss her feelings openly and prefers to bottle up her emotions. It is felt that Audra needs someone special with whom to discuss her feelings and it was rather difficult for Audra when her "special person" from Carolina left earlier this year. However, a member of staff has become Audra's new "special person" and it is hoped that a degree of trust and confidence can be reached with Audra, thus enabling her to discuss her problems. There have also been some communication problems between Audra and her social worker but it is felt that a change of

social worker would not necessarily be a good idea, as a degree of continuity and stability with individuals is thought to be important for Andra at the moment. Andra often visits her aunt in the Hilltown area and she has recently been talking about spending some time over the New Year with her aunt. Andra also sees her younger sister Angie quite often.

PERSONAL PROGRESS

Andra now enjoys a powerful position within Ogilvie House and she may be seen as the leader amongst her peers. In this respect she has regained some of her lost self-esteem and has become more self-confident. Andra is generally well-liked by staff and popular amongst her peers, although a rather domineering streak in her nature enables her to use people to her own advantage. Staff feel that Andra, perhaps subconsciously in an attempt to gain admiration and respect from her family, has a "tough" image to live up to. On more than one occasion she has been involved in fighting incidents outside Carolina House. On 2nd October this year, Andra was formally charged by the police, with assault. Andra is still awaiting the outcome of this incident and the uncertainty around the charge appears to be putting pressure upon Andra who has blown up on occasion over somewhat trivial matters. Staff feel that there is a definite conflict between the reputation Andra seeks to live up to and the cheery, caring girl she presents herself as being at other times. There are some concerns about the company Andra keeps outside Carolina House as she is known to be friendly with members of a gang known as the "Hilltown Huns". Andra recently had a party to celebrate her birthday at Carolina House and some of these people turned up and caused bother. The police were involved to remove them from the premises. Andra herself did not cause

trouble.

PHYSICAL / MEDICAL

Apart from minor ailments, Audra maintains good health. She eats and sleeps well and continues to be very fastidious in areas of personal hygiene and laundry.

OTHER AGENCIES

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PROGNOSIS

Audra appears to accept that she will remain in care at present and she sees Carolina House as her home. We would hope that, in time, Audra could build up a relationship with her father and grandmother but the situation at present is still very tense and staff feel that Audra will go at her own pace in these matters. We feel too, that Audra will have to begin to think of her future after she leaves school, and consider what she would like to do.

AUDRA MARTIN

133 Broughty Ferry Road,

D.O.B. 13.12.68

Focus of work with the child.

The aims agreed to at the last review were that Audra should remain at Carolina House at least until the age of sixteen and that she should be helped and encouraged to "work through" the problems concerning her relationship and contact with father and grandmother whilst at the same time not being pushed unnecessarily hard into what remains for Audra, a very sensitive area. These aims have been fulfilled but since the last review there have been a few changes within Carolina House.

Treatment.

On 1st June, 1983, the three existing house groups were rearranged according to age. Audra had previously been experiencing problems within her house group due to friction between herself and the other girls in the group. Audra was often the "odd-one-out" and used as a scapegoat in the group. A new girl, whom Audra had previously known at Burnside House, was introduced into the group and to a small extent the problem was alleviated as Audra befriended this girl. However, due to the increasing pressure upon Audra, the situation came to a head with her absconding from Carolina House on two occasions. In the first instance she was returned after a two day absence. On the second occasion she was missing for five days. It is believed that she had been living with a friend in the Whitfield area of Dundee. There were some concerns around what had happened with Audra and a boyfriend at this time and a police doctor was involved. On her return to Carolina it was decided that an immediate change of house group for Audra was necessary and on May 23rd Audra moved into Ogilvie House. Thus, after a particularly unsettled period, enhanced by lack of contact with her social worker who was ill at the time, Audra appears to have settled fairly well into Ogilvie House. This is a group of 13-15 year olds where each member is encouraged to take more responsibility for budgeting, laundry and personal hygiene. Audra copes well with the day-to-day routine of the group and needs no prompting in areas of personal hygiene or laundry. In this respect, she is fairly mature. One area of slight concern with Audra is her habit of coming home late, despite frequent reminders of timekeeping. Persistent lateness usually results in one or two nights of restrictions for Audra, and she handles these restrictions quite well, accepting that she has to stay indoors. Apart from occasional outbursts of temper when under some pressure, Audra presents no serious behavioural problems.

Family Process.

Audra continues to be very wary of making contact with father or grandmother and it is felt that she has much to "work through" concerning her relationship with them. Meetings with dad are few and far between and usually contrived by Audra on the basis of obtaining money, from dad. It is felt that Audra would perhaps enjoy regular contact with dad but that she is afraid of the consequences of possible rejection by him. Her feelings towards gran and dad are a mixture of bitterness and sadness and Audra finds it particularly difficult to talk about dad without crying. She finds it very difficult to discuss her feelings openly and prefers to bottle up her emotions. It is felt that Audra needs someone special with whom to discuss her feelings and it was rather difficult for Audra when her "special person" from Carolina left earlier this year. However, a member of staff has become Audra's new "special person" and it is hoped that a degree of trust and confidence can be reached with Audra, thus enabling her to discuss her problems. There have also been some communication problems between Audra and her social worker but it is felt that a change of social worker would not necessarily be a good idea, as/

Audra Martin

as a degree of continuity and stability with individuals is thought to be important for Audra at the moment. Audra often visits her aunt in the Hilltown area and she has recently been talking about spending some time over the New Year with her aunt. Audra also sees her younger sister Angie quite often.

Personal Progress.

Audra now enjoys a powerful position within Ogilvie House and she may be seen as the leader amongst her peers. In this respect she has regained some of her lost self-esteem and has become more self-confident. Audra is generally well-liked by staff and popular amongst her peers, although a rather domineering streak in her nature enables her to use people to her own advantage. Staff feel that Audra, perhaps subconsciously in an attempt to gain admiration and respect from her family, has a "tough" image to live up to. On more than one occasion she has been involved in fighting incidents outwith Carolina House. On 2nd October this year, Audra was formally charged by the police, with assault, Audra is still awaiting the outcome of this incident and the uncertainty around the charge appears to be putting pressure upon Audra who has blown up on occasion over somewhat trivial matters. Staff feel that there is a definite conflict between the reputation Audra seeks to live up to and the cheery, caring girl she presents herself as being at other times. There are some concerns about the company Audra keeps outside Carolina House as she is known to be friendly with members of a gang known as the "Hilltown Huns". Audra recently had a party to celebrate her birthday at Carolina House and some of these people turned up and caused bother. The police were involved to remove them from the premises. Audra herself did not cause trouble.

Physical/Medical.

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AUDRA MARTIN - 133 Broughty Ferry Road - DOB 13.12.68

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Audra's contact with Mum has been limited to two meetings when Mum has been in Dundee visiting Audra's aunt. Audra enjoyed and looked forward to this. Audra often visits her aunt in the Hilltown area and has just recently spent two weeks holidays with her over the festive period.

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Audra had recently had good reports from school concerning both her attitude and performance. She was rather upset by her grades and felt it wasn't a fair reflection of her work. She does not appear to have any behavioural problems at school and is working to her capacity. Audra's interests and friends lie outwith Carolina House. She attends Grey Lodge Community Centre and has recently joined the netball club there.

Audra appears to accept that she will remain in care at present and sees Carolina House as her home. Of late she has talked of joining the WRAC which would offer her the security she appears to be seeking.

Generally Audra does not present any real behavioural problems within the group. However, since the time elapsing from the charge, Audra's concern re this has been reflected in her appearing to be more tense and sensitive over trivial matters. Audra now realises that she reacted wrongly re the incident in question, but maintains she became over involved in an effort to protect her sister.

CASE REVIEWS

Summary of Review Meeting and Recommendations for the Future

Date of Review.....20.12.83.....

Name	Present Address	D.O.B.
AUDRA MARTIN	Carolina House	13.12.68.

Participants:

Miss S. Manknell, Social Worker
 Mr. A. Clark, Senior Social Worker
 Mr. H. Tosh)
 Ms. A. McDonald) Carolina House Staff
 Miss J. Harvey)
 Mr. A. Nicoll, Assistant Area Controller, Area One.
 Mrs. Beatt, Morgan Academy, was invited but did not attend.

A.O.16 prepared for the review by Miss Manknell.

A handwritten report was prepared for the review by Carolina House Staff.

Summary of Discussion + Goals/ Tasks for the Future (Goals to be listed separately)

In the discussion reference was frequently made to the fact that Audra sometimes puts on a tough girl image, and the question was asked as to why she feels the necessity to do this. The general opinion seemed to be that Audra still cannot bear to examine certain matters about her family, and anyone who appears likely to delve into such matters is shown the tough image. She was given the opportunity to attend the review, and the fact that she did not do so, may be due to a fear that she will have to talk, with a group, about sensitive areas of her life.

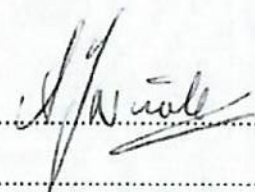
Audra has shown that she can, when relaxed, and in a time of her own choosing talk about her past life, and about her family, to younger member of staff. Staff at Carolina reported that she is now more interested in feminine matters, such as dresses and make-up, and she responds to praise. There was evidence that Audra has moved some way toward maturity, and part of this may be due to the fact that she has a lot of responsibility for her own care in Carolina. The question as to whether another social worker should take over supervision was raised, and it was felt that it was not an appropriate time to introduce another worker. Audra has had many changes of relationship in her life, and it seems desirable that the present worker should continue, to demonstrate to Audra that there are consistent people. If a change of social worker does take place, this must be done carefully, so that Audra should not feel she had the power to get rid of people who said no to her. It was also suggested that the present worker should show Audra that she (Audra) cannot get rid of people simply by being unpleasant to them.

Decisions taken.

- (1) Audra to remain in Carolina House.
- (2) Staff at Carolina to talk to Audra about the possibility of Audra attending an I.T. group.
- (3) Social Worker to keep visits to Audra to pre-arranged times, to avoid being viewed as someone who came only when there was trouble. Social Worker to write to let Audra know when she is to visit.
- (4) Social Worker to visit Aunt Sally, with Audra, to assess situation regarding an overnight stay during the New Year period.

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(Reviewing Consultant)

Date 6th January 1984.

Feedback re Resources to Field Work Director via Area Controller

SCHOOL REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

A. PERSONAL DETAILS

1. Child's Name MARTIN, Andra
2. Age next birthday 16 Date of Birth 13.12.68
3. Address c/o Carolina House, Broughty Ferry Road, Dundee.
4. School Morgan Academy Year S.4.
5. Probable leaving date ; December, 1984 Type of Course being pursued Limited 'O' grade
6. Known truant YES / ~~NO~~

B. EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

1. Educational achievement
- | | |
|----------------------------|---|
| achieving to potential | X |
| significant underachieving | |
2. Does the child require remedial education ? ~~yes~~ no
Is the child receiving remedial education ? ~~yes~~ no
3. Attendance Pattern
- | | | | |
|--------------|----------------------|----------|-----|
| last session | from to | possible | 396 |
| | | actual | 317 |
| this session | from to | possible | 176 |
| | 16. 8.83 to 23.12.83 | actual | 159 |
4. Other agencies to which the child has been referred by school
- | | |
|---|--|
| Attendance Section | |
| Child Guidance Service | |
| Educational Social Work | |
| Police | |
| School Medical Service | |
| Other : please specify Social Work Dept. Area 1 | |
5. Is the child known or believed to suffer from any physical handicap
- | | |
|------------------------|--|
| sight | |
| hearing | |
| speech | |
| Other : please specify | |

C. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT

1. Relationships with school staff : please tick all appropriate boxes
- | | |
|------------------------|---|
| friendly | X |
| diffident | |
| antagonistic | |
| attention seeking | |
| Other : please specify | |
2. Relationships with peers: please tick all appropriate boxes
- | | |
|------------------------|---|
| dominant | |
| co-operative | X |
| withdrawn | |
| bullying | |
| repressed | |
| Other : please specify | |
3. Is the child known to be under any unusual stress?
- | | |
|-----|---|
| yes | |
| no | X |
- If yes, please specify :
4. Appearance in school
- | | |
|--------------|---|
| well groomed | |
| normal | X |
| untidy | |

5. What contact has parent had with school over last two sessions?	Last Session	none	☒
		once	
		twice	
		Other : please specify	
	This Session	none	☒
		once	
		twice	
		Other : please specify	

6. Other relevant information which school considers should be drawn to the Panel's attention. Use additional sheet if necessary.

Audra has settled in very well at this school. She is a quiet, pleasant girl who copes very well with her peer group. She is well-behaved, polite and usually attentive in class, although she can be distracted by others. Audra works well in class and tries very hard although her ability is limited. Her prospects for 'O' grades are not good, possible D or E passes in two of the four she is sitting.

There was a problem with truancy in Summer Term 1983 but this has been resolved satisfactorily and Audra's attendance this session is excellent.

7. Does the school intend to be represented at a Hearing, if convened?	yes	☒
	no	

Signature of School Representative

Date 11. 1.84

Director of Social Work
Mr. S. J. Moxley

Tayside Regional Council

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT



Office Area 1
22 Crichton Street,
Dundee.
Tel. No. 23281
Social Worker Miss S. Manknell
preparing report

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT
CHILDREN'S HEARING

The following child:—

Surname MARTIN Date of Birth 13.12.68
Christian Names Audra Religion
or Forenames
School Morgan Academy
Address c/o Carolina House Occupation
Broughty Ferry Road,
Dundee.
is to appear on 18th January, 1984 at Dundee Children's Hearing
in connection with Alleged incident on 28.10.83.

INFORMATION.

Information is based on contact with Audra since the last Review Hearing on 6.4.83, consultation with Carolina House Staff, Guidance Teacher and limited contact with members of the family.

See also previous reports prepared for Reporter.

CURRENT SITUATION.

Audra was first placed in care on 28.1.82 at Burnside Assessment Centre. She was moved to Carolina House on 7.5.82. and has been there since.

There have unfortunately been several changes of social worker and "special person" at Carolina House.

FAMILY.

Father: John Martin (37) 153 Thurso Crescent, Dundee.
Forklift Truck Driver.
Paternal Grandmother: Letitia Martin (64) 153 Thurso Crescent
Mother: Patricia Martin (34) Lives in London *Mexwell Park Tower.*
Maternal Aunt: Sally Lonie, 11J ~~Jamaica~~ Jamaica Tower. Dundee
Brother: Thomas Martin (17) ? In London near Mother
Sister: Angela Martin (12) c/o Lonie, 11J Jamaica Tower.

CONTACT WITH FAMILY.

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CONTACT WITH FAMILY.

Mother.

Contact with her mother has been welcomed but not sought by Audra. It has been limited to some two visits by her mother and a few 'phone contacts. These contacts have become not less painful to Audra but she now has a less idealised picture of her mother.

Siblings.

Audra's contact with Tom, until he went to London, and Angela has been maintained though on a rather haphazard basis.

Father:

Audra's contact with him has consisted of "bumping into him" in Dundee. He usually gives Audra money on these occasions. He himself has not initiated any contact with her though he had previously agreed to try to send occasional postcards. He is said to be seeking independent accommodation once more.

Paternal Grandmother:

Contact with her has been nil. She feels that any offer from her would be rejected by Audra and finds this very difficult to accept.

Maternal Aunt:- Sally Lonie:

Audra's contact here seems to have been increasing recently. She has encouraged Audra to keep in contact and Audra stayed there over Christmas and the New Year.

CAROLINA HOUSE.

Audra has shown a developing sense of belonging to Carolina House after a rather disrupted period in the early Summer. She now has a brittle but growing sense of security and self-esteem.

Despite the fact that she is now more settled in Carolina, from what the staff say, I sense that Audra accepts Carolina mostly on her own terms. She can be warmly responsive to all members of staff but similarly can be blunt and resistant. She accepts the restraint imposed from time to time by staff with remarkable equanimity and tends to cope with upset patches by walking out of Carolina and rejecting offers to talk out what has been upsetting her.

The move of House which has resulted in her being with a younger age group has seemed to help Audra in general, though it has put her in a position where she tends to "organise" some of the younger children.

Carolina House recently commented :

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Audra is an attractive young lady who shows a not unusual mix of sophistication and some rather immature behaviour. She is still vulnerable and trying to come to terms with her family situation. She attempts to cope with the effective loss of the most important members of her family by putting on a brave, tough, face. She still experiences anger which she can now mostly contain, as can be evidenced by the School report. This can still however erupt rather quickly.

RECENT INCIDENT.

Audra explained that the girl [REDACTED] was fighting with her young sister Angela. Audra has always placed much store on being confident that her brother Tom would unquestioningly defend her against all comers and she in turn feels a similar responsibility towards her sister Angela.

While not actually expressing remorse for the hurt inflicted on [REDACTED] Audra seems somewhat shaken by the evidence of her own violent behaviour and is making apparent efforts to control the anger and frustration in her which boils over from time to time.

Audra finds it very difficult to talk about her feelings about her family and resists pressure to do so. She is determined to solve her problems in her own way and for this reason and because she associates social workers with being in trouble she finds it difficult to have anything to do with me as social worker. She is however finding the Carolina House environment supportive and despite painting an unduly black picture of herself, has made some real gains over the past year.

I consider that a move from Carolina House would be detrimental to Audra.



Miss S. Manknell
Practice Teacher.

SM/KM
13.1.84.



MORGAN ACADEMY

PUPIL'S REPORT

SENIOR SCHOOL

NAME MARTIN AUDRA

CLASS 4C2

DATE 2/ 3/84

SUBJECT	course	mark	average	effort	prospect for SCE
ENGLISH	F	50	47	1	
GEOGRAPHY	O	16	44	2	C
ARITHMETIC	O	8	50	2	C
BIOLOGY	O	29	51	2	C
FOOD AND NUT'N	O	38	45	3	C
BUSINESS STUDIES	F	52	60		

COURSE

- S - Sixth Year Studies
- H - Higher
- O - Ordinary
- I - Intermediate
- G - General
- R - Remedial

EFFORT

- 1 - } Satisfactory
- 2 - }
- 3 - } Unsatisfactory
- 4 - }

PROSPECT FOR SCE

- A - Good
- B - Average
- C - Poor

Comment Audra's 'O' grade results are just not good enough.

TIMES ABSENT 19

This part should be returned to the Register Teacher

PUPIL'S NAME MARTIN AUDRA

CLASS 4C2

I have received my son's/daughter's Report (Parent or Guardian)

REVIEW PROCEDURE FOR CHILDREN IN CARE

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT (end of May each Year)

Name of Child: Audra Martin

Date of Birth: 13.12.68

School Attended: Morgan Academy

Date of Commencement at School: 11.5.82

Class: 4C2

Education Performance: (Please attach copy of School Report)

Relationship with Peers: Audra mixes well with all the girls and has a large group of friends. Usually friendly and pleasant in this group.

Relationship with Staff: Audra gets on well with most staff. She has a friendly, polite attitude in the classroom.

Areas of Difficulty, Concern or Special Treatment:

Continued...

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REVIEW PROCEDURE FOR CHILDREN IN CARE

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT continued (Confidential)

Possible areas of development in relationship between School and Social Work Department which would assist the child.

I have had a lot of contact with Carolina House and with Miss Manknell, Audra's Social Worker, over the past session. We have been working together to help Audra overcome any difficulties she faces.

Further comments or information to be considered by the Review Panel:

Audra is a very pleasant young lady whose behaviour gives no cause for concern. She works hard in the classroom although her ability is limited. Her attendance and timekeeping have been very good all session.

Name of Staff Member who would be able to discuss this report with the Social Worker and might be able to attend Departmental Reviews.

Mrs. M. Beat, A.P.T. Guidance.



Signed.....*J.D. Bewick*.....
Designation.....*Rector*.....
Date.....14.6.84.....

CASE REVIEWS – CHILDREN IN CARE **SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT**

Please include comments under the following headings:—

Review
21.6.88

Pen picture of the child (including interests as well as physical and emotional attributes);

Summary of Work done since last Review (including frequency of visits);

Suitability of Placement (does it meet the child's needs? What are his views);

School Report (facts about attainment and potential. Also any behavioural or relationship difficulties);

Health (date of last medical and details of any treatment in addition to description of health);

Contact with natural parents/current home situation/parents' views re future;

Parental Contributions: Has parental assessment form been submitted to HQ.?

Social Workers's views re future action (indicating why any change in direction has taken place since last review/initial assessment. Also indicate why particular goals are used and link with understanding of child's behaviour).

NAME	ADDRESS IN CARE	D.O.B.
Audra MARTIN	Carolina House	13.12.68

Audra is a trim young lady who dresses well and immaculately. She has been developing steadily and is regarded by both school and Carolina House as pleasant and co-operative. She is now much more in control of her rather ready temper.

Audra still has rather a low opinion of herself and is dismissive of the progress she has made over the past year. Notably she has enjoyed contact with Gray Lodge and the activities there, perhaps especially the five-a-side football. She has dropped contact with the Who Cares Group meantime.

Since the last review Audra was offered in March the opportunity to negotiate a switch to another social worker when the departmental reorganisation was taking place. Rather to my surprise she agreed to renew more regular contact with me and we have been meeting approximately fortnightly usually having a meal somewhere in Dundee.

Much as anticipated Audra has decided for herself when she was ready to make changes. She has recently made more contact with her father and he has visited Carolina House. This represents a major move for Audra who was found it very difficult to reconcile her need and want for her family and their apparent lack of interest in her. Her father has not kept in touch with the department as requested but seems pleased to have more contact with Audra.

Audra has negotiated to stay for a weekend with a friend with a young baby. This was initially discouraged but a recent weekend there presented no problems.

Placement:

No move from Carolina House is suggested. Audra is in general well settled and identified with everybody there. She accepts what is offered still rather on her own terms but is also recognised as exercising some responsibility towards younger children. She is making moves towards greater independence but accepts the/

the constraints which are applied. She is looking forward to the move which will mean she has a room of her own and she has commented that those who have left school have the possibility of living there and paying board.

School:

Up to date school report is available and is much as anticipated. Audra did not sit her Arithmetic 'O' grade as she felt she would inevitably do badly in this. She has spoken enthusiastically of learning to ride a moped at school and will I think enjoy work experience which she expects to be offered in the Autumn.

Her previous ideas of joining the services after leaving school seems to have faded meantime.

Health:

The annual medical examination was made recently. Audra herself asked about being put on a contraceptive pill and this was agreed by the G.P. This decision has I think been taken responsibly by Audra.

Contact with Parents:

Contact between Audra and her parents has continued to be sparse though she has spoken to her mother from time to time on the telephone. Audra has been pleased that her mother has, howbeit belatedly, now mentioned her to her partner in London but she has been disappointed that two planned visits have not materialised.

However, contact with her father as mentioned above has become more positive. He is still staying with his mother in Menzieshill but as before speaks of a move back to the centre of Dundee to a flat of his own.

Audra's paternal grandmother is now speaking rather wistfully of Audra's contact with her father but she has not made any attempt to contact Audra herself.

Audra continues to visit her aunt, Mrs. Paterson, but rather less frequently of late.

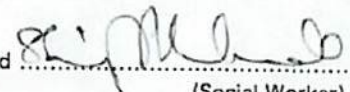
Future:

Audra continues to make general progress and has grown up a good deal. It seemed a right decision to continue to let her move at her own speed. Since the episode in the Autumn which took her to a Children's Hearing she has been behaving in a general responsible manner. In relation to the incident when she was assaulted she showed some courage in pursuing her charge and in facing appearing in Court on this account.

Audra gives vent periodically to her hurt in relation to the family and though she still does not want to discuss this the opportunity for discussion should be and is kept open by both Carolina House staff and social worker.

Copies to:-

Miss A. Crawford, Fieldwork Manager.
Officer-in-Charge, Carolina House.
Mr. A. J. Nicoll, Asst. Fieldwork Manager.

Signed  (Miss S. Marknell)
(Social Worker)

Date 20 June 1984

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CASE REVIEWS – CHILDREN IN CARE
RESIDENTIAL STAFF REPORT

Please include comments under the following headings:—

- Focus of Work with the Child (aims agreed on admission or at last Review);
- Treatment (e.g. approaches which effect positive reponses in areas of control, responsibility, communications);
- Family Process (e.g. perceived position in structure; pattern of relationship/roles; commitment/attachment; home-leave; visits, etc);
- Personal progress (e.g. development of insight, self esteem, autonomy, maturation etc.);
- Physical/Medical Condition (e.g. hygiene; diet; medication; eneuresis; sleep; handicap; etc.);
- Other Agencies Response to School (if applicable); Intermediate Treatment; Clubs etc.;
- Prognosis (e.g. child's aspirations; capacity for change; suggestions of alternative treatment in view of increased understanding of child's behaviour).

NAME	ADDRESS IN CARE	D.O.B.
AUDRA MARTIN	133 Broughty Ferry Road	13.12.68

Focus of Work with the Child

The aims agreed to at the last review were that Audra should remain at Carolina House, using this as a secure home base, and that she should be encouraged to "work through" the problems concerning the relationship and contact with her father and grandmother. These aims have been fulfilled and there has recently been some progress in re-establishing contact with father.

Treatment

Carolina House is sub-divided into three house groups. Audra is in a group of 13-15 year olds where the emphasis is upon encouraging group members to take more responsibility for budgetting, laundry and personal hygiene as well as having shared responsibility for household chores. Audra responds very well to such encouragement and copes well with the day-to-day routine of the house. She requires no prompting in areas of personal hygiene. Apart from occasional temper outburts, Audra presents no serious behavioural problems and is generally seen as a reasonably mature girl. Audra spends most evenings outwith Carolina House and continues to require frequent reminding regarding her timekeeping. Apart from this, which staff do not see as a particularly serious problem, there are no areas of great concern.

Family Process

Since the last review there has been a greater degree of contact between Audra and her father. Audra made contact with her father by telephone inviting him to tea at Carolina House. The visit went very well with Audra obviously pleased to have/

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have her dad to tea. Since then he has visited again for tea and Audra has met him in town. The indications at the moment are that Audra is fairly keen to have regular contact with Dad and it would appear that Mr. Martin reciprocates these feelings. Again, it is felt by staff that the best way to approach the situation is by allowing Audra and her father to work at their own pace in re-building a relationship. Audra continues to see her aunt and her sister on a fairly regular basis and she occasionally writes to her brother. Since her mother's visit in May this year, there has been no communication between Audra and Mrs. Martin. Also there has, as yet, been no contact with grandmother.

Personal Progress

Audra continues to be well-liked amongst staff and peers. She is a popular, friendly girl and continues to be a powerful figure within the group. Audra has recently had a change of "special person" due to the re-arrangement of staff within Carolina House. Audra is now involved with a member of staff whom she has known for several years and, at present, this arrangement appears to be working out well. Audra has also had more contact recently with her Social Worker. After going through a rather difficult time, where Audra was unable to communicate with her social worker, the difficulties appear to have been somewhat resolved and Audra has been out to lunch on several occasions and appears more relaxed. Audra requested a weekend stay with her friend [REDACTED] and after discussion with her social worker, Audra spent a weekend with [REDACTED]. The weekend went well, and although it was explained to Audra that this was not going to be a regular occurrence, the possibility of another weekend has not been dismissed.

Physical/Medical

Audra continues to keep good health. She recently attended her annual medical review and prior to this she had talked to staff about going on the birth control pill. The implications of this were discussed with Audra and it was felt that this was a sensible step to take. The doctor had no objections, neither had her social worker. Audra continues to eat and sleep well and apart from minor ailments/

Staff Signature

Review 21.6.86

Date

Comment of Senior Officer

Signature

Date

Physical/Medical

ailments, is in good physical condition.

Audra recently completed four 'O' grade examinations, the result of which will not be known until July. It is not expected that Audra will achieve high grades in these examinations but nevertheless Audra continues to work fairly well at school and reports have been favourable. Audra now spends a great deal of time outside Carolina House, usually at the Grey Lodge Youth Club of which she is a member. In this respect, Audra is not dependent on any particular individual within Carolina House for friendship. Audra has many friends outside Carolina House. It is of some concern to staff here and subsequently she is occasionally encouraged to spend some time in Carolina House.

Prognosis

Audra appears to accept that she will remain in care at present and she sees Carolina House as her home. Staff have been discussing, with Audra, her future when she leaves school in December. Audra still has to decide what she would like to do and there will be discussions between Audra and staff concerning this. It is hoped that the contact recently established with Dad will continue to build up and that Audra and her father might reach a good working relationship. This, however, is not expected to be achieved in a short period of time and Audra will be given space to work on it in her own time.

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CASE REVIEW ON AUDRA MARTIN HELD ON 21.6.84

Present: Bill Black
Alistair Clark (Chairman) ✓
Morag Japp
Shirley Manknell
Angie McDonald

Apologies: Mr. A. Nicoll

Reports were submitted to the group by the residential staff and Miss Manknell. These reports indicated a general improvement in Audra's development since the last review. There are clear signs that Audra has matured emotionally though it was also recognised that when she is threatened by a breakdown in her relationships with staff she can feel very vulnerable and on occasion has been slightly hysterical. These episodes are very exceptional. Socially Audra has many friends and is very popular. She occupies her time well participating in the various chores, etc., but this is not excessive and it was not felt in any way compulsive nor that it had a depressive basis.

Audra was reported to have had some contact with her mother at Easter but this contact was not reliable nor does it provide any basis for the future of Audra. It was also disappointing for Audra that her mother did not find herself able to tell her boyfriend that Audra was her daughter. Audra has some contact with Aunt Sally and there has been a building on the relationship with her father since the last review. He has been to tea at Carolina House and Audra was extremely happy about this and quite proud of her father. Audra has formed a friendship with a young girl called [redacted] who has a young child and is made very welcome at her home. The group felt there are a number of positive aspects about what Dot can offer and that as this relationship is important to Audra permission would be given for her to spend more time there in the future months.

No plans are yet established for Audra's future employment but it is anticipated that school has looked into the possibility of work experience.

It was felt that the G.P.'s decision to put Audra on the pill was a sensible one. Audra is not felt to be promiscuous and reaction to the discussion with the G.P. was a sensible one.

Looking to the future it was felt Audra could cope with additional responsibilities provided by the move to Haring House and this would enable her to further mature.

Decisions:

- see if contact with [redacted] would be helpful.*
- (i) Miss Manknell to visit the maternal grandmother *would be helpful.*
 - (ii) Audra to be allowed to have weekend with [redacted] once per month but Dot should telephone to confirm the arrangements each time. This will be reviewed in 3 months.
 - (iii) Miss Manknell to continue as Audra's social worker.
 - (iv) Father to be encouraged to have contact with Audra.

Alistair Clark

MR. ALISTAIR H. CLARK
Senior Social Worker.

27 June 1984
AWV/EG.

CASE REVIEWS — CHILDREN IN CARE

SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT

Please include comments under the following headings:—

Pen picture of the child (including interests as well as physical and emotional attributes);

Summary of Work done since last Review (including frequency of visits):

Suitability of Placement (does it meet the child's needs? What are his views);

School Report (facts about attainment and potential. Also any behavioural or relationship difficulties);

Health (date of last medical and details of any treatment in addition to description of health);

Contact with natural parents/current home situation/parents' views re future;

Parental Contributions: Has parental assessment form been submitted to HQ.?

Social Workers's views re future action (indicating why any change in direction has taken place since last review/initial assessment. Also indicate why particular goals are used and link with understanding of child's behaviour).

NAME	ADDRESS IN CARE	D.O.B.
Audra Martin	c/o Carolina House, Dundee	13.12.68

Audra has not changed significantly since the last review in June 1984. She still presents herself with apparent assurance and is always well turned out. She still exercises a dominant role within the Ogilvie House group and excessive emotional outbursts are reported as rare. Nonetheless Audra usually appears pretty tense and still operates on a short fuse, becoming verbally abusive readily when she feels challenged or obstructed.

Grey Lodge activities feature less although she went camping with them in Arran in the summer and enjoyed this. She is now involved with the C.B. Club.

Contact: Social Work contact with Audra has as before been uneven, with attempts to be sufficiently available without undue pressure on Audra to respond. Little evidence of achievement here is apparent. Audra's response has varied from cautious acceptance through defensive resistance to a torrent of scathing remarks about, e.g. her work experience placement, the others in Carolina House, etc. which effectively precludes her 'hearing' anything which is said to her. Thus Audra still seems to see me as representing a critical authority which puts "old-fashioned" restrictions on her disco activities etc.

School: No adverse reports have been received from the school. Mr. McLaren her new Guidance Teacher says she is quiet and obedient. He was rather surprised that she had truanted for a while from the work experience Day Nursery placement before being persuaded to return to school. Audra's absence was not immediately reported by the Nursery as they understood that Audra was not well. Audra now reports that she is 'doing nothing' since her return to school. Attempts are being made to remedy this although she is due to leave school at Christmas. No guidance is offered about her job prospects.

Health: No significant problems are reported here although there has been mention recently of recurrent tummy pains. She was to see G.P. in this connection.

Placement: Audra would certainly seem to be best placed at Carolina House at present. She has benefitted from the move to the new premises in that she now has a room of her own which has removed some of the stress of sharing. Though Audra is tending increasingly

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to treat Carolina House as a Hostel, being out as much as she can, she still seems to regard it as her 'home base'.

Audra now feels that as she is now nearly 16 she should be able to please herself without restrictions. Recently she has tended to come in at night later than agreed and has on three occasions gone out when told to stay in. Usually however she has accepted restrictions imposed by the staff without objection, though she tends to prefer her friends to think she is ill rather than on 'restriction'. What she is able to accept from Carolina House is still very much on her own terms. Certainly she is pushing hard to see how much independence she can gain and seems to need some persuasion to fulfil her agreed tasks of washing up and preparing supper. She seems to relate fairly equally to all staff - having unfortunately lost her last two key workers since the last review.

Other Relationships -Parents, Etc.: Audra seems to control the amount of contact with her father; still seeing him from time to time in the town. He has now visited Carolina House several times and this has gone well. He still takes no initiative himself.

Audra has on various occasions told staff that her mother was planning to visit Dundee but I think only once has this actually happened. It was important to her to discover that her mother had at least acknowledged her existence to her boyfriend.

Contact with Mrs. Sally Paterson, her aunt, has diminished unfortunately, and her relationship with [redacted] ceased abruptly when [redacted] left her flat. Currently Audra's main friend seems to be [redacted] at whose home she has spent several weekends and with whom she shares an interest in the "C.B.'s Club".

Audra also has a new boyfriend who has visited Carolina, currently unemployed and with whom she has probably been when not attending school.

Maternal Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. S. Paterson, 21 Hepburn Street, Dundee.

Mention of this grandmother has been made increasingly of late by Audra and she has indicated to Carolina House staff that she wanted me to explore the possibility of her staying there after she is 16.

The grandparents are in their 60's, both still working. They have a comfortable flat and a room which they would make available to Audra, saying that they have "always told her she would be welcome there". They have had 5 children of their own and also looked after Thomas, Audra's brother until he left school and went to London.

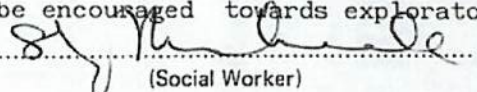
The area is very quiet with no young people and they think Audra, like Thomas, would spend most of her time in the Hilltown.

Clearly this is a possible placement for Audra here. However neither Audra nor the grandparents have made any move to bring this about. Audra used to visit her grandmother at her work but has not visited the house while she has been off sick for the past few weeks. It would be necessary therefore to approach this suggestion with some caution, encouraging weekend stays in the first instance.

In view of the previous history of brittle relationships one could not be confident of this providing a stable base for Audra though definitely should be tested out. It remains unlikely that Audra would continue to accept the constraints of staying at Carolina House for very long unless this were being enforced by the Children's Panel on review in January 1985.

Future Plans: Meantime Audra and her grandparents will be encouraged towards exploratory weekends.

Audra has not discussed her ideas for what she might seek to do on leaving school. One possibility is that she might consider an approach to the C.S.V. Children in Care Scheme for a placement. Failing this a place with Community Opportunities should be considered.

Signed  (Social Worker)

Date 23.11.85

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Our ref: WB/KG

Date: 26th November, 1984

Audra Martin, D.O.B. 13.12.68

Focus of Work

The aims agreed at the last review were that Audra remain at Carolina House, using this as a secure home base. Audra to be allowed to stay one weekend every month with her friend Dorothy Martin. Also contact with Dad to be encouraged.

Treatment

On 15th September, 1984 Carolina House moved to new premises. It is split into three age-related groups as previously, where emphasis is upon encouraging members to take more responsibility for budgeting, laundry, cooking and personal hygiene as well as having shared responsibilities for household chores. Audra remains in the same house group where the age range is from 13 - 16 years. Audra responds well to such encouragement and copes well with the day to day routines of the house. She requires no prompting in areas of personal hygiene.

Audra presents no serious behavioural problems and is generally seen as a reasonably mature girl. Audra spends most evenings outwith Carolina House and continues to require frequent reminding regards her time keeping which is becoming more serious. Apart from this there are no great areas of concern.

Family Process

Since the last review Audra has invited Dad to tea on several occasions. These visits seem to go well with Audra obviously pleased to see him. Audra also has contact with Dad weekly when she meets him in town on Saturday afternoons. Audra has contact with her maternal Grandparents at their home and visits her Grandmother at her work in the Wellgate Centre. It is with these Grandparents that Audra has expressed a wish to live when she reaches sixteen. Audra's contact with her Aunt and her sister Angie has become less regular over the past months.

Personal Progress

Audra continues to be well liked among staff and her peer group. She is a popular, friendly girl and continues to be a powerful figure within the house group. Recently Audra's Special Person has left on maternity leave, this seems to have had no adverse effect on Audra and she often shows keen interest

as to how Morag is keeping. Audra has continued to be able to communicate to her social worker on most occasions and has been no real re-occurrence of earlier difficulties.

During the summer months Audra became more involved with the Grey Lodge Settlement, with whom she was on holiday with to the Island of Arran for one week. The night prior to this it was agreed that Audra could stay overnight at her friends [REDACTED] before leaving for Arran. This experience went well for Audra having thoroughly enjoyed herself. Since then Audra's contact with the Grey Lodge has slipped, mainly due to an apparent change of focus by the settlement. However, Audra continued to use this excuse to stay out later at nights sometimes not returning until 11.30 p.m. and seldom before 10.45 p.m. Her excuse is always different but it is felt she spends most of her time with her boyfriend Stephen. This is the only real concern for Audra as there is always an uncertainty of where she has been and what she has been doing.

Physical and Medical

Audra continues to keep good health. Following the decision for Audra to take the Pill, there were some concerns about the regularity of taking the Pill. However, Audra seems able now to take the responsibility on her own. Audra continues to eat and sleep well and apart from minor ailments is in good physical condition.

Audra is in 5th year at Morgan Academy and is on a non-certificate course, she is due to leave at Christmas. Audra expressed a wish to try to work experience, which was arranged for her at Linlathen Nursery. This commenced after the mid-term holidays, 10.10.84. Unfortunately Audra did not see her future in this form of work and soon lost interest after a short period of time. It was discovered on the 31.10.84 that Audra had not been to work since the 15.10.84. Following this Audra returned to school but has truanted on several occasions, she feels there is no incentive to stay as she is taught no lessons and would seem that there is little interest taken in her at school. It was decided that following a meeting of care staff and her social worker that Audra's guidance teacher be met to discuss Audra's future at school. The outcome of that meeting was Audra commences work experience at St. Michael's Secondary on the catering side. This is due to start on the 28.11.84.

Prognosis

As Audra approaches her sixteenth birthday she has been able to think towards her future, which she sees as being outwith Carolina House. Following discussions with staff, Audra expressed a wish to stay with her Grandparents who have also said to Audra that there is a place for her in their home. As previously mentioned Audra has contact with her Grandparents but it is felt by staff that this would need to be increased to build a more stable relationship.

It is felt that Carolina still has a lot to offer Audra in terms as a home base, it is also recognised that Audra desires to be outwith Carolina House would hamper this relationship. It is therefore felt that a structure plan is necessary to help Audra make these tentative steps that Audra would have to offer Carolina House some commitments in following the guidelines that exist at present, namely timekeeping.

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MINUTES

Minutes of Meeting of Case Review on Audra Martin held at Carolina House on Monday 26th November, 1984.

Present

Mr. A. Nicoll CHAIR	Mr. R. Brodie
Mr. M. Murphy	Mr. H. Tosh
Mr. W. Black	Mrs. Paterson
Miss S. Manknell	Miss Audra Martin

Review Reports were presented by Miss Manknell, Social Worker and the House Staff from Carolina House.

Mr. Nicoll began by introducing those present to Audra and Grandmother (Mrs. Paterson). He then went on to ask about the current situation with Audra and school. Miss Manknell explained that following discussion with Mr. McLaren at Morgan Academy it was agreed that Audra go on a work experience placement with the school meals service. This placement would be in St. Michael's School, beginning on Wednesday 28th November, 1984 until Audra leaves school on December 21st.

Audra had felt during a previous work experience placement in a nursery that there had been too much domestic work and not enough contact with the children. Mr. Nicoll explained that there could be quite a bit of mundane work involved in the catering industry ie. food preparation, dish washing etc., and he hoped Audra would be able to cope with the less glamorous side of this work.

Mr. Nicoll asked Audra about school attendance which Audra didn't really answer. It was, however, acknowledged that there has been some truancy of late. Mr. Nicoll asked Mr. Black if Audra was required to do any chores in the house and how she coped with them. Mr. Black explained that Audra is required to wash up tea dishes and help cook and prepare meals for her group and that she handles these well and in a responsible manner. He felt that we have no real problems concerning Audra in her day to day management and that she seems to be quite independent. However, he did feel that Audra's time-keeping was not good and, perhaps because of the stories Audra has related about her group of friends being involved in fighting etc., this was a cause for us to show concern for Audra's safety and wellbeing.

Mr. Nicoll asked Mrs. Paterson about her contact with Audra. She said that Audra often visits her at her place of work in the Wellgate Centre. She also visits the house at Hepburn Street where she can also visit a great Grandmother who lives near. Mrs. Paterson said she and her husband have never had any problems with Audra and enjoy her visits.

There was some discussion around Audra going to stay with Mrs. Paterson when she turned sixteen. The consensus was that Audra should build up contact with Granny by spending weekends etc. at Grandmother's home. Mr. Black felt there would be no problem for Audra staying weekends as long as they were arranged in advance.

The group agreed that Audra go to Granny's for the next two weekends from Friday to Sunday evening then, if things were going well, this could be extended so that Audra could go to work experience from Granny's house on Mondays. She will

go to stay with Granny on a trial basis at the end of school term. It was also stated that arrangements about Audra staying with Granny on a permanent basis would have to go before the childrens panel which at that time was thought to be in January.

Mr. Murphy wanted to clarify contact with Granny and it was explained that although Audra had not stayed overnight at Granny's she had visited during the day. Plans to go to live permanently with Gran had only recently been thought about and explored.

Mr. Nicoll asked Audra about her future career plans. Audra said she would like to work with the elderly or in the catering industry. She felt that this may only be on a Youth Opportunity Scheme basis, but had been discussing this with careers teacher at school. There was some discussion about a new C.S.V. scheme for the 15 to 18 year age group which gave special consideration to people in care. It was felt Audra should discuss this with Miss Manknell. Miss Manknell said that the scheme cost £450 and Mr. Nicoll felt that this money could be available if this scheme proved to meet Audra's needs.

Mr. Nicoll felt that Audra should have some form of employment as he thought it would be difficult for Audra to be on her own at home all day. Mr. Black felt that this should also be the case if Audra remained at Carolins House.

The financial side of Audra leaving school was discussed, when she could claim money from the Department of Health and Social Security, the amount she could expect etc. and how much she would be able to pay Granny for board and lodgings. Mr. Nicoll felt it was important that some form of finance be paid to Granny until Audra has an income. Mr. Black said that D.H.S.S. have helped out in similar cases and perhaps this should be considered. The D.H.S.S. have required dates on previous occasions and if this was presented as a plan then perhaps it would be easier to arrange. There was discussion about amounts Audra would be expected to make to Gran, but no decision could be made. This could not be calculated until Audra is aware of the amount she will receive.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Audra to begin work experience on Wednesday 28.11.84 which will last until 21.12.84 - her school leaving date.
2. Audra to go to Grandmothers for two weekends from Friday to Sunday - if going well then these weekends extended to include Monday mornings until end of school term, when Audra would go to Grandmothers on a full time trial basis. Progress or otherwise to be discussed at forthcoming review panel.
3. Miss Manknell to investigate and discuss C.S.V. scheme with Audra.
4. Miss Manknell to contact reporter regarding timing of Annual Review and if not in January then to request a hearing.
5. Miss Manknell to approach D.H.S.S. regarding payment for Mrs. Paterson while Audra has no income.

St
J. Manknell

SCHOOL REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

A. PERSONAL DETAILS

1. Child's Name..... Audra Martin
2. Age next birthday Sixteen Date of Birth 13.12.68
3. Address c/o Carolina House, 281, Strathmore Avenue, Dundee.
4. School Morgan Academy, Dundee Year Fifth Year
5. Probable leaving date ; 21.12.84 Type of Course being pursued General
6. Known truant YES / NO

B. EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

1.	Educational achievement	achieving to potential		✓		
		significant underachieving				
2.	Does the child require remedial education ?		yes	no ✓		
	Is the child receiving remedial education ?		yes	no ✓		
3.	Attendance Pattern	last session	from to	Aug. '83	possible	392
				June '84	actual	354
		this session	from to		possible	144
					actual	128
4.	Other agencies to which the child has been referred by school	Attendance Section				
		Child Guidance Service				
		Educational Social Work				
		Police				
		School Medical Service				
		Other : please specify				
5.	Is the child known or believed to suffer from any physical handicap	sight				
		hearing				
		speech				
		Other : please specify				

C. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT

1.	Relationships with school staff : please tick all appropriate boxes	friendly	✓	
		diffident		
		antagonistic		
		attention seeking		
		Other : please specify		
2.	Relationships with peers: please tick all appropriate boxes	dominant		
		co-operative	✓	
		withdrawn		
		bullying		
		repressed		
		Other : please specify		
3.	Is the child known to be under any unusual stress?		yes	
	If yes, please specify :		no	✓
4.	Appearance in school	well groomed	✓	
		normal		
		untidy		

5. What contact has parent had with school over last two sessions?	Last Session	none	✓
		once	
		twice	
		Other : please specify	
	This Session	none	✓
		once	
		twice	
		Other : please specify	

6. Other relevant information which school considers should be drawn to the Panel's attention. Use additional sheet if necessary.

Audra has been a member of the year group for which I have had responsibility over the course of the last two sessions. I summarise her behaviour and progress below.

Relationship with Staff: Very good. There have been no problems reported by teaching staff. Audra has been friendly and co-operative.

Relationship with peers: Very good. Audra seems to get along well with other pupils in school and adopts a friendly and cheerful attitude towards them.

Attendance: There have been some cases of truancy which have arisen because of a lapse of interest in school and external distractions. These have been dealt with and Audra has responded to efforts to provide her with alternative educational experiences.

Punctuality: Very good.

Academic Achievement: Audra sat the S.C.E. 'O' grade examinations in Food and Nutrition and Biology in June but gained 'F' grades only. Audra's maximum level of achievement is below the ordinary grade standard but the experience of competing at this level was considered worthwhile

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7. Does the school intend to be represented at a Hearing, if convened?	yes	✓
	no	

Signature of School Representative

Date 6th December 1984

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CHILDREN'S HEARING

INFORMATION SHEET

Name of child AUDRA MARTIN

Address C/O CAROLINA HOUSE
 281 STRATHMORE AVE

Date of Hearing 19.12.86

Time of Hearing 2.15 PM to 3 PM

Reason for Hearing ANNUAL REVIEW

Name of Reporter J FALLON

Names of Panel Members

..... <u>D SGLER</u>	Chairman
..... <u>J BRUNTON</u>	Member
..... <u>L GUNN</u>	Member

State grounds of referral accepted:

ANNUAL REVIEW

Comments:

Panel un willing to discharge
order as to girl.

Disposal:

change of statute from 44(1) b
to 44(1) a. i case
of m.g.m. Mrs. Paterson as requested.

..... [Signature]

Social Worker

Director of Social Work

S.J. Moxley

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Social Worker preparing report Shirley Manknell

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT CHILDREN'S HEARING

The following child

Surname MARTIN Date of Birth 13.12.68

Christian name or Forename Audra Religion

School Morgan Academy

Address c/o Carolina House Occupation Schoolgirl
Strathmore Avenue,
Dundee.

is to report to 19th. December 1984 at Dundee Children's Hearing
in connection with Review Hearing

INFORMATION: The information in this report is based on contact with Audra since the last Hearing in January 1984, frequent consultation with staff of Carolina House and contact with friends and/or their families, Guidance Teacher and discussion with maternal grandparents. Two Departmental reviews have also been held during this period.

See also previous reports prepared for the Children's Panel.

INTRODUCTION: Audra was first taken into care on 28.1.82 at Burnside Assessment Centre. She was subsequently placed in Carolina House 7.5.82 and has remained there since. From the Spring of 1984 Audra has been staying for weekends about once a month with friends and has recently started staying with her maternal grandparents with a view to a more permanent arrangement. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. S. Paterson of 21 Hepburn Street, Dundee.

CONTACT WITH THE FAMILY:

Mother - contact here still being very limited. Audra has become a little more philosophic about this and has spoken less about the possibility of going to stay in London.

Father - Audra has had a little more contact with her father, mostly bumping into him in the town. He has also, however, visited Carolina House on a few occasions and these visits have gone well.

Mrs. Sally Paterson - The contact with her maternal aunt has been maintained but not developed, as has her contact with her sister Angela who stays with the aunt.

Maternal Grandmother, Mrs. Paterson - Audra has built up contact with this grandmother over the past months and has spontaneously requested if she could go to stay there when she is sixteen - see below.

SCHOOL: The school reports that Audra's relationship with staff and peers has been very good and she has been friendly and co-operative. Her academic achievement has not been great but it is to her credit that she sat two 'O' grades in the Summer. She is due to leave school on the 21st. December 1984.

WORK PROSPECTS: Audra was not happy with her first work experience placement but this was recently changed to working with the Schools Meals Service and she has got on well here and has been encouraged to apply for a part-time post which is soon to become vacant.

CAROLINA HOUSE: (Carolina House staff are preparing a separate report). Audra has continued to regard Carolina House as her home base though increasingly she has been feeling that she is ready to move on. She is well liked by staff and other youngsters and in general has been co-operative and helpful and taking her allocated share of responsibility. There have been reports of poor time-keeping at night but it is hoped that with increasing independence Audra will treat this responsibly.

SOCIAL WORK: Contact has been maintained with Audra although she has continued to wish to sort out her problems in her own way.

CURRENT PLANNING: Audra is sixteen on 13.12.84 and leaves school on 21.12.84 and although she intends to keep contact with Carolina House she now wishes to stay with her maternal grandparents. The previous relationship with the maternal grandmother has not been close but Audra has kept in regular contact with her for some months now.

The grandparents are both working, they have a comfortable flat and a room which they would make available to Audra, saying that they have always told her she would be welcome there. They had five children of their own and also looked after Thomas, Audra's brother until he left school and went to London.

Following the Social Work Department review of 26.11.84 Audra has stayed at the weekends with her grandparents. Both Audra and the grandparents report that these weekends have gone well and it is now planned that on leaving school Audra would move there on a more permanent basis.

Clearly it is too early to say what the outcome of this will be but the indicators are that it could become a settled and satisfactory arrangement.

ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

Audra has continued to make progress over the past year and we feel that nothing is to be gained by insisting that she stays at Carolina House if other arrangements prove happy and supportive. We would recommend that the plan outlined above be implemented and that as from 7.1.85 the supervision requirement be changed from 44(1)(b) to 44(1)(a) and that it be made clear to Audra and her grandmother that they are free to apply to the Panel for the discharge of this order as soon as they feel that this is appropriate. - *after 3/12 for Hearing*


MS. SHIRLEY MANKNELL
Practice Teacher.

13 December 1984

TAYSIDE REGIONAL COUNCILSOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT(DUNDEE DIVISION)AREA DUNDEE WEST - LOCHEECHILDREN'S HEARINGINFORMATION SHEETName of child Audra MartinAddress c/o Paterson, 21 Hepburn Street, DundeeDate of Hearing 27th. November 1985Time of Hearing 2.20 pm to 2.45 pmReason for Hearing Annual ReviewName of Reporter Mr A.M. Sanderson Mr Burns

Names of Panel Members

..... Mr A.M. Sanderson Chairman..... Mr I. Innes Member..... Mrs Proctor Member

State grounds of referral accepted:

Comments:

Disposal:

Terminate order as from now.

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SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT
CHILDREN'S HEARING

The following child

Surname MARTIN

Date of Birth 13.12.68

Christian Name
or Forename Audra

Religion

School Morgan Academy to December 1984

Address c/o Paterson
21 Hepburn Street
Dundee

Occupation Y.T.S. Trainee

is to appear on 27 November 1985

Dundee

Children's Hearing

in connection with Annual Review Hearing

INFORMATION

The information for this report is based on contact with Audra and her maternal grandparents and consultation with Youth Training Scheme Supervisors.

See also report prepared for Hearing of 19.12.84.

Contact With Parents

Mother - Audra's contact with her mother has been extremely limited. Audra seems resigned to this and has made no attempts to visit her mother in London.

Father - Regrettably Audra's father has, as he indicated at the previous Review, ceased to have any contact with her since she went to live with her grandparents. Again Audra has apparently accepted this with resignation although it inevitably constitutes yet another hurtful rejection for her.

Living Situation

The arrangement of Audra staying with her maternal grandparents has worked very well, especially considering the brittle relationships which she had previously experienced. She contributes to the housekeeping and treated the arrangement responsibly. Her brother Tom who previously stayed in the house is still a fairly frequent visitor and they continue to get on well together.

Youth Training Scheme

Audra completed the negotiations for entering the scheme on her own initiative and started her traineeship in January 1985 with Community Contact. She has related well to the old people she has been visiting in this connection and to the other trainees and supervisors. She is regarded as reliable and her time-keeping excellent. Characteristically she prefers to feel she is working on her own initiative rather than under any instruction.

Audra has been less enthusiastic about attendance at college and is glad that this requirement ceases at the end of November. There is a possibility that, at her own suggestion, she might then be able to spend one day per week with mentally handicapped children at Coldside School until she finishes with the scheme.

Audra intends to seek work when her Y.T.S. year finishes but has not as yet actively sought information about particular jobs. Although still interested in Catering she is resistant to the idea of undertaking a training course.

Use of Social Work Contact

Audra has continued to avoid contact with the Social Work Department as far as possible except when she was needing financial help with clothes, still taking as she does a great pride in her appearance. As expected she has maintained a determined and fierce independence. Both she and her grandmother declined the offer that she should remain in the care of the Local Authority in order to receive a maintenance supplement.

Progress During the Year

Audra has made steady if undramatic gains over the year and this is much to her credit. She has maintained a steady relationship with her boyfriend and steered clear of any major upsets. She acknowledges that she is still pretty much short-tempered but also recognises that she can use her relationship with her boyfriend to defuse this; thus she has not allowed bad temper adversely to affect her work or her relationship with her grandparents.

Audra has grown in confidence and has recently started to talk of having a flat of her own. While I hope she will not hurry into this, I can now see her moving on to this next stage possibly during the coming year and I would be reasonably confident that she could handle this satisfactorily. Support from the Independent Living Unit would be made available to her when the time was appropriate.

Recommendation

I would recommend that discharge of the supervision order under Section 44(1)(a) (place) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

MS. SHIRLEY MANKNELL
Area Fieldwork Teacher.

21 November 1985
SM/EG.