

18 JUL 1980

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date)

Old Gala House
Glasgow

16th July 1980

A children's hearing for

Borders Region

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated 19.3.80 to which

Craig Walker MEIN

is subject, hereby require him/her* to reside in

The Priority
Children's Home SELKIRK

[to be under the supervision of]

Borders Region Social Work Department

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated

19.3.80

is hereby revoked.

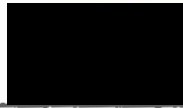

 Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

11. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.
12. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.
3.
etc.

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 Reporter


 Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

*Delete as appropriate

BORDERS REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Social Enquiry Report

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

The following person:-

Surname Mein Christian Names Craig Walter
or Forenames
Address c/o Regional Assessment Centre
Howdenhall Date of Birth 26.06.67
Liberton, Edinburgh
Religion _____ School _____

Referred to Children's Hearing:

at: Peebles on: Wednesday 27 January 1982

Grounds of Referral For the purpose of reviewing the Supervision Requirement made by a Children's Hearing on 21 December 1981, following the emergency transfer from the Priory Children's Home, Selkirk to the Regional Assessment Centre, Edinburgh on 21 January 1982, in terms of Section 44(6) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

This is a Supplementary Social Enquiry Report outlining developments since Craig's last hearing on Monday 21 December 1981. At this hearing, it was felt in view of Craig's repeated criminal offending, that he should be admitted to the Priory Children's Home in Selkirk. Such admission would have the advantage over a List D School, of offering him residential care in the local community with adults and children he already had knowledge of as a result of his previous admission. The children's hearing also felt that the above would break Craig's pattern of offending, but enable him to maintain contact with his home. Craig was admitted to the Priory on 6 January 1982. The following day, he was enrolled at Selkirk High School. Initial impressions of Craig, at the Priory, were favourable and he appeared to be settling down as well as could be expected. He attended school regularly for the first week and a half and voiced no resentment at having to leave Galashiels Academy.

It had always been our hope, as expressed at the previous Children's Hearing, that Craig should be allowed weekend contact with his home. Because Craig seemed to be responding well to the regime in the Priory, he was allowed to attend the "Roller" Disco on Wednesday 13 January. In allowing him to do this, Craig gave various assurances regarding his behaviour and at what time he would return to the Children's Home.

Craig/

Craig was allowed home on the weekend of Friday 15 January to Sunday 17 January.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Craig returned to the Priory the following day,
on time. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

It became apparent, at this point, that Craig was totally unable to control the pattern of his criminal offending and as such, the freedom allowed him at the Priory was inappropriate. With this in mind, he was transferred to the Regional Assessment Centre.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

GERRY PARKINSON
Social Worker
12 Gala Park
GALASHIELS

27 January 1982
GP/JS

BORDERS REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

From: Mrs J Moutrie, Divisional Officer, Child Care
To:
Date: 21 January 1982

Your Ref:
Our Ref:

RE: CRAIG MEIN, 26/6/67, C/O THE PRIORY CHILDREN'S HOME, SELKIRK
D.O.B., 26/6/67
HOME ADDRESS: 22 FOREST HILL, GALASHIELS

This boy, whose name is still on the 'At Risk' Register, was in care at The Priory between 20/6/80 and 17/2/81 under a Compulsory Supervision Order. After a period at home still on a supervision order between 17/2/81 and 21/12/81, he returned to the care of The Priory Children's Home, following a Children's Hearing. He was transferred to the Regional Assessment Centre, Edinburgh, on 20/1/82. In view of Craig's age, the fact that he has returned to residential care and regular reviews are held of all children in care, I feel that his name can now be removed from the 'At Risk' Register.

c.c. Chief Supt. [REDACTED] - f.a.o. Inspector [REDACTED]
Mr G Parkinson, Social Worker, Galashiels;
Dr L I S Mitchell, Senior Clinical Medical Officer;

WORKLOAD REVIEW

CRAIG MEIN

Craig is the youngest member of a large, Galashiels family, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Craig has been involved in committing offences since his primary school days. Over the past six years, he has been involved in excess of twenty offences which have come to the attention of the Children's Reporter. He has been the subject of a Supervision Requirement for many years. Most of his offences involve theft of one kind or another.

Craig's offences seem to be the result of poor parenting and anxiety-provoking family experiences. Another facet of this has been [REDACTED] often excessive disciplining of Craig which became the focus of attention during 1980 when Craig was admitted to the Priory following an instance [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Craig was admitted to the Priory on an emergency basis and this decision was later confirmed by a Children's Hearing. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Craig remained in the Priory until January 1981 when he was returned home to live with his parents following another Children's Hearing. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

My feeling is that it is now inevitable that Craig will have to leave home. I also feel that a placement at the Priory would be more 'appropriate' than an admission to a List D School outwith the Borders. I feel that, if possible, we should offer Craig the experience of residential care locally with adults and children he already has some knowledge of. If he were to come to live in the Priory, I would also recommend that he should return to Selkirk High School. I would also feel, if the choice is available, that Craig's needs would be better met amongst his peer group in the Coach House than in the main building.

A children's hearing will take place on Monday 21 December when it will be recommended that Craig should move to "The Priory" Children's Home, this placement having already been agreed within the department.

JOHN DALRYMPLE
Social Worker

16 December 1981
JD/JS

22 DEC 1981

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SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision requirement varying existing supervision requirement

(Place and date)

The Referee's Office

SELKIRK

A children's hearing for *Border Region*

21st December 1981

by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated

to which

Craig Walter HEIN

is subject, hereby require him/her* [to reside in *The Prey Children's Home SELKIRK as from 6th January 1982.*]†

[to be under the supervision of

a social worker to be nominated by the Director of Social Work

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated

is hereby revoked.

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Reporter

*Chairman of
the Children's Hearing*

Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

- †1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.
- †2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.
3.
etc.

*Chairman of
the Children's Hearing*

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*Delete as appropriate

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

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Galashiels ~~XXXXXXX~~ STD Code 0896

If phoning or calling ask for Mr Dalrymple

Our Ref: JD/JS Your Ref:

Report for pre-admission discussion on
Craig Walter Mein, 22 Forest Hill, Galashiels
Discussion to be held at the Priory on Friday 4 December 1981

Craig is the youngest member of a large, Galashiels family, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Craig has been involved in committing offences since his primary school days. Over the past six years, he has been involved in excess of twenty offences which have come to the attention of the Children's Reporter. He has been the subject of a Supervision Requirement for many years. Most of his offences involve theft of one kind or another.

Craig's offences seem to be the result of poor parenting and anxiety-provoking family experiences. Another facet of this has been [REDACTED] often excessive disciplining of Craig which became the focus of attention during 1980 when Craig was admitted to the Priory following an instance in which his [REDACTED] parental disciplining went beyond acceptable limits. Craig was admitted to the Priory on an emergency basis and this decision was later confirmed by a children's hearing. Following an appeal to the Sheriff by [REDACTED], the decision was further confirmed at that level. Craig remained in the Priory until January 1981 when he was returned home to live with his parents following another Children's Hearing. Craig has remained at home since then - a period of approximately eleven months. Since April of this year, Craig's behaviour at home has deteriorated with his involvement in a number of offences of theft.

Craig last appeared at a Children's Hearing on 3 November when the decision was taken to continue his existing Supervision Requirement after two offences of theft had been considered. The Hearing did, however, record its view that "if the Social Worker detects a further deterioration in Craig's behaviour, then, if thought appropriate, a List D place should be investigated before the next Hearing." On Sunday 8 November, only five days after the Hearing, Craig committed a further offence - theft of a quantity of alcohol from licensed premises in Galashiels. Then, on Saturday 28 November, Craig was charged with offences of Breach of the Peace and police assault. These offences occurred at a time when Craig was very clearly under the influence of a large quantity of alcohol.

My feeling is that it is now inevitable that Craig will have to leave home. I also feel that a placement at the Priory would be more "appropriate" than an admission to a List D School outwith the Borders. I feel that, if possible, we should offer Craig the experience of residential care locally with adults and children he already has some knowledge of. If he were to come to live in the Priory, I would also recommend that he should return to Selkirk High School. I would also feel, if the choice is available, that Craig's needs would be better met amongst his peer group in the Coach House than in the main building.

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A Children's Hearing has been provisionally arranged for Monday 21 December. By this time, it will be necessary to have identified a residential placement for Craig which a Children's Hearing can make use of. I would be obliged if the meeting could attempt to establish whether or not such a placement can be made available for Craig at the Priory.

JOHN DALRYMPLE
Social Worker

3 December 1981
JD/JS

BORDERS REGIONAL COUNCILSOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENTSocial Enquiry Report

The following person:-

Surname MEIN Date of Birth 26.06.67
 Christian names or forenames CRAIG Religion _____
 Address c/o THE PRIORY CHILDREN'S HOME
SELKIRK School/
XXXXXXXXXX GALASHIELS ACADEMY
 is to appear on TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 1981 ~~XXXXXX~~ Hearing
 in connection with ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ a review of his Supervision Requirement
requested by the Local Authority.

1. Craig Mein is 13 years old and is currently the subject of a Residential Supervision Requirement under the terms of Section 44 (1)(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. This Supervision Requirement was made at a Hearing on 16 July 1980. This followed Craig's detention in the Priory Children's Home, Selkirk, on 20 June 1980 under a place of safety order, and the subsequent decision, taken at a Hearing on 26 June 1980, to detain Craig for a further period of 21 days in order that a full assessment of the situation could take place. Craig's parents appealed against the decision to create a Residential Supervision Requirement and this appeal was heard in Selkirk Sheriff Court on 19 August 1980 when the Sheriff upheld the decision of the Children's Hearing, thereby deciding that Craig should remain in Residential Care. It is therefore the case that since his emergency admission to care on 20 June 1980, Craig has been resident at the Priory Children's Home in Selkirk, with the exception of the periods of time (weekends, holidays, and the current trial period) which he has spent with his parents in Galashiels.
2. Craig's behaviour during his time in The Priory has been highly satisfactory. Within the children's home he was, with rare exceptions, polite and helpful in his dealings with other children and staff members. His attendance at Selkirk High School has been very good indeed. In addition, Craig has not been charged with any further offences during the period of his stay at the children's home. All in all, Craig's behavior during this period has been most encouraging, and in marked contrast to the truancy and offending which preceded his admission to care.

3. Craig's parents were very angry when the decision was taken last June to make Craig the subject of a Residential Supervision Requirement. It was as a result of this that they pursued their ultimately unsuccessful appeal to the Sheriff on the matter. The central matter was the extent to which Mr Mein's parental discipline of Craig was felt to be excessive. This had been the determining factor in the decision to take out a place of safety order on 20 June last year, it being felt then that [REDACTED] had punished Craig excessively. [REDACTED] denied this at the time, and has consistently argued since that [REDACTED] disciplining of Craig on that occasion was within reasonable bounds. [REDACTED] has admitted that on a previous occasion, at the beginning of 1980, [REDACTED] did "go over the score". [REDACTED] has maintained that this was not the case in June 1980.

My personal involvement in the case began in August 1980. I have seen my task as that of negotiating with Mr and Mrs Mein, the conditions under which it would be possible for Craig to return home to live with them. Clearly, it was the feeling of Mr and Mrs Mein that the wrong decision was taken last summer. It was necessary to acknowledge that the Social Work Department took a different view of the matter, but that we felt it should be possible for us to work together with the aim of Craig being able to return home. When it became clear that this was being contemplated, Mr and Mrs Mein indicated that they would prefer if Craig could return to them no longer the subject of a Supervision Requirement of any kind. They acknowledged with me, however, that it was most unlikely that this would happen (though I understand that they still intend to argue for this at the Children's Hearing). Our discussions since then have been an attempt to reach agreement on the conditions of a Home Supervision Requirement which could be operated if the decision was taken by a Children's Hearing to allow Craig home.

Our starting point was [REDACTED] assertion that [REDACTED] did not punish his son excessively in June 1980, but did lose [REDACTED] control in disciplining him in the early part of 1980. Having acknowledged [REDACTED] view that the wrong decision was taken at the wrong time, I put forward my view that it would be important for me as Craig's Social Worker, to be made fully aware when [REDACTED] mood was depressed to the extent it had been in the early part of 1980 - that is, circumstances in which [REDACTED] might well exercise excessive discipline in relation to Craig.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The other aspects of our agreement as to what Craig's home supervision should consist of are detailed at the end of the report.

4. Given the considerable efforts being made by Craig to change his own behaviour while resident in care, and given Mr and Mrs Mein's willingness to enter into an agreement about what home supervision should consist of if and when it is decided that Craig should return home, it was the feeling of those working with Craig and his family that arrangements should be made to review Craig's residential supervision requirement at a Children's Hearing where it would be recommended that Craig's supervision requirement should be varied to allow him to return home while still under supervision. This decision was reached/

reached after a series of Child Care Reviews held with residential and field work staff in the children's home. Consequently, this review hearing has been arranged. In advance of the hearing, they also decided to allow Craig to live at home on a trial basis in advance of the hearing, and we also decided to arrange for him to be re-enrolled at Galashiels Academy simultaneously. Since 26 January this year, therefore, Craig has been living at home with his parents and has been attending his local school. All the information I have at this stage indicates that this experiment has proved successful.

5. It is, therefore, the recommendation of this department that Craig should return home to live with his parents, remaining the subject of a Compulsory Supervision Requirement. The details of what this Compulsory Supervision Requirement would comprise in practice are set out below:

- i) The Social Worker will visit fortnightly in the evenings. Discussion will involve Mr and Mrs Mein, Craig, and the Social Worker.
- ii) Craig's progress at Galashiels Academy will be discussed, with particular reference to his record of school attendance.
- iii) Craig's behaviour within and outwith the home will be discussed, with particular reference to any involvement he might have in offences.
- iv) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] might subject Craig to excessive punishment.
- v) Mr and Mrs Mein and Craig should feel free to raise with the Social Worker any other matter which they feel may be appropriate.

[REDACTED]

JOHN DALRYMPLE
Social Worker
12 Gala Park
GALASHIELS

10 February 1981
JD/JS

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Mr Dalrymple

Jn/JS

14 January 1981

Mr Alasdair Sinclair
Children's Reporter
12 Ettrick Terrace
SELKIRK

Dear Mr Sinclair

Craig Mein, currently c/o The Priory Children's Home, Selkirk

I am writing to you in terms of Section 48(2) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968, to request that Craig's residential supervision requirement be reviewed at a Children's Hearing in the near future.

You will recall that Craig was admitted to the Priory Children's Home last summer and has, in fact, remained there since, despite an appeal to the Sheriff by Mr and Mrs Mein. It is now felt that an attempt should be made to rehabilitate Craig with his parents, and to this end, it is felt that it will be helpful to have Craig's supervision requirement varied from residential to home supervision. This is the course of action which this department wishes to recommend to the Children's Panel.

It would be advantageous in the execution of this plan if a children's hearing could be arranged for the week beginning 16 February 1981, as this would give us time to carry out a proposed trial period of approximately three weeks in advance of the hearing, during which time, Craig would live at home and attend Galashiels Academy.

Yours sincerely

JOHN DALRYMPLE
Social Worker

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Our Ref: JD/JS Your Ref:

Priory Review

Craig Mein

Thursday 7 January 1981

Attended by:-

Karen Mackie (Second officer at The Priory)
John Dalrymple (Social Worker)
Craig Mein
Bill Calder (Area Team Leader) was unable to attend
for personal reasons.
Mr Mason (Officer in Charge at The Priory) was also
unable to attend because of pressing matters within
the Children's Home.

I submitted a written report on my progress with Mr and Mrs Mein. In this, I indicated that I was now much closer to reaching an agreement with Mr and Mrs Mein about the kind of supervision which would be necessary if, and when, Craig returned to live with his parents in Galashiels. Karen Mackie indicated that it was the view of Mr Mason and herself that Craig should go home as soon as is feasible. She reported that the problems which had been encountered with Craig within the Priory shortly after the last review - abusive conduct towards certain members of staff - had now been successfully resolved and that Craig had returned to his earlier successful mode of coping within the Children's Home.

In my report, I indicated that I was on the point of finalising an agreement with Mr and Mrs Mein that Craig's home supervision would comprise the following three elements: i) discussion of Craig's behaviour both within and outwith the family home; ii) discussion of Craig's progress at school; iii) monitoring Mr Mein's emotional state in so far as it impinged upon Craig and was likely to result in further occasions of physically abusive behaviour towards his son.

Karen Mackie and I then drew up a provisional plan which we agreed to submit to Thomson Mason and Bill Calder respectively for their approval. This plan is as follows: i) that I will visit Mr and Mrs Mein on Tuesday 13 January 1981; ii) that if I am satisfied with the outcome of that visit and feel that a satisfactory working relationship can exist between Mr and Mrs Mein and myself upon Craig's return home, I will: a) write to the Reporter requesting a review hearing in the week beginning 16 February 1981 with a view to Craig's supervision requirement being varied to allow him to live at home with his parents. b) Contact Galashiels Academy to arrange for Craig to return there on Monday 26 January 1981 for a trial period of three weeks in advance of his hearing. c) Contact Selkirk High School to inform them of this proposed change. e) Seek approval for Craig to return home to live with his parents from Friday 23 January onwards until the time of the hearing, this again being a trial period when Craig's ability to live successfully at home and cope successfully with Galashiels Academy simultaneously will be assessed.

JOHN DALRYMPLE
Social Worker

12 January 1981

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Galashiels ~~2178/3754X745~~ STD Code 0896

Our Ref: JD/JS Your Ref:

Craig Mein

Thursday 8 January 1981

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] My feeling is, however,
[REDACTED]; and that we will have established a contract
for home supervision consisting of the three aspects of; 1) Craig's progress at
school, ii) Craig's behaviour, [REDACTED].

Shortly/

Shortly after the last review, the Priory staff made me aware of the fact that Craig was being particularly abusive towards certain members of staff - in particular, using very foul language towards staff members. This was discussed with Craig and since that time, it seems that Craig has re-established the more positive reputation which he had previously held within the Priory. In attempting to understand why this sudden deterioration had taken place, we considered two possible explanations: i) that having attended a review at which it was said that it was very possible that he would be returning home in the early part of 1981, Craig no longer felt the need to conform to the standards of the Priory Children's Home; ii) that having attended a review at which it was said that he might return home in the early months of 1981, Craig was rather alarmed at this prospect and that the deterioration in his behaviour was his way of saying to us that he was frightened at the prospects of returning home. These different interpretations were shared with Craig and discussed generally amongst those involved in Craig's care. No firm conclusion was reached. In any event, it would appear that the firm statement made to him about standards of behaviour within the Priory has had its effect.



JOHN DALRYMPLE
Social Worker

8 January 1981

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

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Galashiels ~~2178/3789/4748~~ STD Code 0896

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Priory Review

Craig Mein

7th November, 1980

Those present:

Mr. John Dalrymple (Social Worker)
Mrs. K. Mackie (Second Officer in Charge)
Mrs. J. Robertson (Third in Charge)
Mr. A. Torrance (Principal Teacher of Guidance,
Selkirk High School)

Craig Mein.

Mr. W. Calder (Area Team Leader)

Prior to the review, Mrs. Mein had indicated that she was unable to attend and Mr. Mein had indicated that he was unwilling to attend.

The review considered Craig in the Priory, at school and in relation to home.

In the Priory, although Craig's behaviour had generally been settled, it is evident that his preoccupation is with Galashiels and his eventual return home. Consistent with this, is the fact that he invests comparatively little effort in making contact with staff and other children and, in addition, makes it very evident that he lives for the time when he can "escape" from the Priory home at weekends.

For a time after the last review, he tended to be rather moody and cheeky towards staff. Indeed, there was a fairly serious argument over a pair of "punk" trousers which Craig wanted to wear on a visit to Galashiels but the overall pattern of Craig's behaviour since admission has been stable.

At school, he also appears settled, works hard, is maintaining reasonable progress within the limitations of his academic ability and comes across to staff as a pleasant and likeable youngster who relates well to other children of the same age.

On the vexed question of attendance, Craig did truant on one occasion in September but, with that one exception, his attendance has been perfect.

The progress Craig has been making at school prompted the review to ask the question whether or not it would be in his interests to remain at Selkirk High School after his return home. It was agreed to leave this as an open question to be pursued with the Meins at an appropriate time.

As far as contact with home is concerned, both Mr. and Mrs. Mein and Craig look forward to his weekend visits immensely and long for his eventual return home. In this connection, however, Mr. Mein has the greatest difficulty in accepting that his physical punishment of Craig is a problem and that there is any issue to discuss in relation to that. Indeed, he sees the entire exercise of Craig's coming into care as an irrelevance. Given that view, it is difficult for him to visualise circumstances in which Craig should not be permitted to return home or, indeed, any/

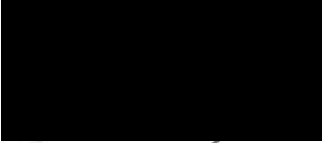
/any significant change in his own attitude prior to this return. Both he and Mrs. Mein have made a point of saying that they do not see the need for Social Work supervision beyond discharge from care.

In considering this attitude, the review felt that on one hand Craig has been making a real attempt to modify his behaviour as he was asked to do and that the next logical step would be to consider increased contact and then, eventual return home. Unfortunately, it was difficult to see how we could consider Craig's discharge without a significant change in Mr. Mein's attitude and it was agreed that the next step should be for Mr. Dalrymple and Mr. Calder jointly to approach the family to explore these issues further prior to the next review.

In the meantime, it was felt important to reward Craig's behaviour by increasing contact and it was decided to increase his weekend contact to include Friday as well as Saturday evenings so that he will leave the Priory on Friday evenings after school and return on Sunday evenings.

It was also felt desirable to expose everyone concerned to an extended block of time during the Christmas holiday and it was proposed that Craig should be in Galashiels between 19th and 28th December, 1980. Mr. Calder undertook to check with Mrs. Moutrie (Divisional Officer) regarding the advisability of this.

The proposed date of the next review is 4 p.m. on 8th January, 1981.



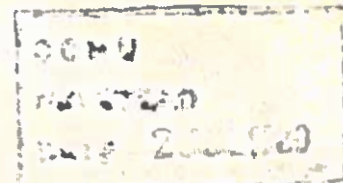
W. CALDER,
Area Team Leader.

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL REPORT ON CHILD IN CARE



This report is required by regulations made under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and the 1937 Children and Young Persons Act. When completed the report should be sent immediately in the enclosed envelope to the Chief Administrative Medical Officer, Borders Health Board, Huntlyburn, Melrose when it will be dealt with in confidence. The appropriate fee will be payable by the Social Work Department.

Name of Child CRAIG WALTER MEIN Date of Birth 12

Name and Address of foster parents/home The Priory

SELKIRK

Name of Examining Doctor

DR R. ELLIOT

1. Is he/she free from:-

(a) Skin disease? Yes

(b) Nits or vermin? Yes

(c) Infection or contagious disease? Yes

2. Is he/she in full use of:-

(a) All limbs? Yes

(b) Eyesight? Yes

(c) Hearing? Yes

Give full details of any defect.

Contusion: (left) orbit
probably from - blow.

3. Is there any sign of respiratory disease?

NO

4. Is there any sign of heart disease?

NO

5. Are there any rheumatic manifestations?

NO

6. Is there any history of fits?

NO

7. Are there any indication of mental abnormality or emotional instability?
If so give details

NO

8. Any other disease or defect?

See before burning of left
whit especially after eye lid

9. Is the child receiving any medication or treatment?
If so give details

NO

10. General observations on health and well-being of child.

Healthy apart from signs of possible blow
left orbit

11. I certify that I have this day examined the above-named child with the findings shown in this report. In my opinion the child is suitably/~~unsuitably~~ placed on medical grounds.

(Delete appropriately - if unsuitably placed give details below)

I hereby claim the appropriate fee

Date 20/6/82

Signature of Doctor

Address Dr. R. Elliot
Selkirk Health Centre
..... Tel. Selkirk 21674

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BORDERS HEALTH BOARD

Name of Child ... Craig, Melin

Date 1.7.80

Report examined by ... Louise I.S. Mitchell ..

Placement satisfactory/~~unsatisfactory~~

Further action required

John

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

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WILLIAM CALDER, Senior Social Worker,
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Priory Review

Craig Mein

5 September 1980

Those present: Mr Thomson Mason (First Officer in Charge)
Mrs Karen Mackie (Second Officer in Charge)
Mrs Mein (Craig's mother)
Mr John Dalrymple (Social Worker)
Craig Mein
Mr W Calder (Area Team Leader)

Following the submission of a written report by Priory staff, Mr Calder opened the review by explaining the format of the review to Mrs Mein and re-capping on the background to the discussion. He highlighted in particular his hope that despite the very painful events of the past few weeks, the adults involved with Craig could now begin to work together towards Craig's return to his family. As part of this process, he suggested there were three tasks to be considered. Firstly, ensuring that Craig settled back into a regular pattern of school attendance; secondly, ensuring that he was not involved in further offences and thirdly, a task for Mr Dalrymple and Mr and Mrs Mein, preparing the way for Craig's return home.

From the point of view of Priory staff, there appeared to be a number of encouraging signs that progress could be achieved in these tasks. Although unhappy about being separated from his family, Craig has tried to make the best of his admission to the Priory in that he has made the effort to relate both to staff and to other youngsters and although unhappy about attending Selkirk High School, with one small lapse has made a determined effort to attend school and to respond to the teaching staff.

At the same time, Craig has seemed very anxious to stay in regular contact with his family and obviously looks forward to his visits to Galashiels.

Given that Craig's behaviour has been settled both in the Priory and at school, the review felt it important to reward this by increasing his contact with home. It was agreed, therefore, that as from the weekend beginning 5 September, Craig should go home from 8.30 a.m. on Saturday mornings and return to the Priory at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday evenings. It was also agreed that the present pattern of weekly visits should continue.

This was shared with Craig during the part of the review which he attended and he seemed delighted at the prospect of increased contact with home.

As far as future work is concerned, the above tasks were again acknowledged at the end of the review and it was agreed that the adults involved should work as closely together as possible. To this end, Priory staff invited Mr and Mrs Mein, if they wished, to call in for a cup of coffee and a chat whenever they were returning Craig to the Priory. We also agreed to meet again to discuss what progress had been/

been made at 4.00 p.m. on Friday 7 November 1980.



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10 September 1980

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REPORT FOR REVIEW.

CRAIG MIEN. D.O.B. 26.6.1967. D.O.A. 20.6.1980.

Since his admission to the Priory; Craigs attitude towards being in care has remained the same. Initially he tended to go to his room where he was often found to be alone and crying. During these times he made frequent phone calls home , resulting in him and his parents becoming more upset. It was suggested to Craig that instead of ringing home every time he rooted out a member of staff to talk to, this way it would help him and also help his mother as the phone calls were quite upsetting for her. Craig is a friendly boy and has chummed up with a lot of the other boys which has helped him become more settled in the Priory.

Craig was transferred to Selkirk High School at the beginning of the new school term, the reasons being his truanting from Galashiels Academy and his choice of companions (especially those with whom he used to get into trouble) This was much more practical for Priory Staff to keep a check on his attendance and easier for Craig to establish himself within the group. Mr. Torrence, Craigs Guidance Teacher, reports that Craig has settled in very well at school and that the staff find him very polite and helpful. It is to early as yet to assess his school work but it appears he is trying. The only minor lapse in this area; was one morning when Craig failed to attend school stating that he was going home to Gallashiels. On this occasion he was picked up at Boleside and returned to school missing only two periods.

Craigs behaviour in the home is acceptable although he requires the occasional reprimand. Craig accepts this in good faith and bears no grudges. Whilst at the Priory he has shown no signs of delinquency or maladjustment in his behaviour as yet.

There is no doubt that for Craig , his visits home are the most important part of his week. These consist of one evening during the week and a day at the week-end. When these visits take place; Mr. Mien usually returns Craig to the Priory at the agreed time. It is felt that it would be beneficial to Craig if perhaps his parents could arrange to visit him in the Priory occasionally.

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The positive signs being shown by Craig at present is his regular school attendance, non delinquent behaviour and his loyalty towards home and his parents. It is also worth noting that since his admission to the Priory he has had a change of Social Worker and it is felt that he is more positive in his thinking towards the role the social worker has to play.