

Tommy (d.o.b 16 7 73);

Lisa (d.o.b. 7 8 74)

A joint long-term foster placement is being sought for Tommy and his sister Lisa. Both have been in care for the past 2¹/₂ years and also earlier periods.

Tommy - is an attractive dark complexioned wiry boy who is quite active. His main interest is football, both participating and also supporting a local team. He is an affectionate and friendly boy who relates well to adults. He can sometimes be a little short tempered and huffy but this is not a serious problem and is quickly put behind him. Tommy attends a Dundee primary school where he is described as a reasonable achiever and a popular boy with staff and pupils alike. There are no known health problems relating to Tommy.

Lisa -

Family - Tommy and Lisa are the youngest in a family of five children, the elder three brothers also being in care. Mother's whereabouts are unknown and father lives with his own mother in Mid-Craigie. Despite a traumatic and chaotic family history, Tommy and Lisa remain very loyal and affectionate to father and the extended family, and seek contact with them and wish this to continue. Father's relationship with the social work department is one of hostility and this attitude has rubbed off to a degree on the older brothers, two of whom are in Rossie School and the third, the eldest, stays at Granny's with father.

Needs - It is the feeling of those practically involved in the care of Tommy and Lisa that long term fostering should be sought for them. The identified family would have to be able to tolerate the children's contact with the natural family as this is very important to both Tommy and Lisa.

It is further felt that placement should be in Dundee and that placing outwith the city would have a very poor chance of success and is also counter to both Tommy and Lisa's stated wishes. The foster family would have to be both patient and vigorous to cope with the children's needs and provide family structure, something which their own family did not.

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