

The following information was extracted from the files of the R.S.S.P.C.C. The Panel may find it useful as a reference guide to the relevant family history with regard to the children.

Generally the case first became known to the society in February 1968 when the mother complained that the father was squandering the income. The father was seen and warned.

16 April, 1969.

At the home in 11 Craigie Street the parents admitted leaving a child alone in the home, they were given a warning.

5 July, 1969.

Father put mother and child out of the home. Mrs. Tarbett returned on 7 July 1969, after Mr. Tarbett was imprisoned for sixty days for wife assault.

29 March, 1971.

Father complained that mother left the children alone in the home at 33 Inveresk Crescent. Mother was seen and warned - returned home 2 April, 1971.

1 May 1971.

Mother again deserted the home.

10 May 1971.

Father deserted leaving Graham and Derek in a friend's home.

6 December, 1971.

Mother left children alone in the home she was again seen and warned.

8 February, 1976.

Complaint received that children were alone in home lighting paper. When police and R.S.S.P.C.C. Inspector called parents had just arrived home - the parents were warned.

23 February 1976.

Children again left alone in home at night. Father was contacted and returned home. He stated that he had left mother caring for the children. Father was warned. Mother was seen and warned - she stated that she had only gone out for cigarettes.

20 May, 1976.

Both parents appeared at Dundee Sheriff Court charged under a contravention of Children and Young Person's (Scotland) Act, 1937. Mother pled Guilty and was fined £15, father's plea of 'Not Guilty' was accepted, no action was taken.

16 August, 1976.

Father had called at Social Work Department, Area 2 requested Thomas and Lisa be taken into care. Mother in desertion.

17 August, 1976.

When mother called at the society office she stated that she had left the home

17 August, 1976 (cont'd)....

/home on 14 August, 1976 because father had gambled the family income and requested her to obtain money by [REDACTED] in order to provide for the family.

Paternal Aunt telephoned complaining that the father had abandoned the five children on her in the street.

18 August, 1976.

Father took custody of all children except Thomas who remained with the mother.

October, 1976.

Mother and Thomas returned to the family home.

15 November, 1976.

Information received that Graham was placed on 'At Risk' Register at Ninewells Hospital. This was the result of his attendance at school with scratches on his face.

25 January, 1977.

On a visit to the home mother, children Thomas and Lisa were seen. The latter were in need of a wash. The home was in very poor order, clothing, paper, shoes and rubbish scattered over the floor. Hydro supply disconnected, mother receiving assistance from neighbours for cooking facilities. Learned from the mother that father was sentenced to four months imprisonment this date charged with wife assault.

24 November, 1978.

Mother complained of assaults on her by the father, also of him having thrown Graham against a settee, and of father failing to provide adequately. Mother and children placed in 'Woman's Aid Refuge', by Mr. Cuthbert, Duty Social Worker. Mother and children returned to the home on the 28 November, 1978.

11 January, 1979.

Mother called at Society office with children David, Graham and Derek, other children Thomas and Lisa stated to be at 72 Drumlanrig Drive, Dundee. Father claimed that mother was in desertion and as he had to enter Ninewells Hospital for treatment he requested that the three children with him be admitted to care. On learning later that father had not been admitted to hospital he was contacted and instructed to collect the children from the Children's Shelter. This he failed to do.

12 January, 1979.

On instructions from Mr. Whyte S.S.W. Area 2 mother called at the Children's Shelter and removed David and Graham. Mother and children then went to stay with a [REDACTED]

29 January, 1979

Message from police control at 3.55a.m. that Graham Thomas and Lisa were being cared for by a [REDACTED] but that she could not cope any longer. Father's explanation for his absence was that he had been searching unsuccessfully for the mother who had deserted the home on the 27 January, 1979.

16 October, 1979.

I accepted transfer of this case from the Medical Social Work Department at Ninewells following a Children's Hearing on 12 October, 1979. Graham 44(1)(b) Order, and Derek and David 44(1)(a) Order.

5 November, 1979.

Mrs. Tarbett in desertion, Mr. Tarbett kept custody of children.

12 November, 1979.

Mr. Tarbett dumped children outside pub in Glasgow where he had discovered his wife with another man. Mrs. Tarbett returned to Dundee and after three days in a homeless unit was reconciled with her husband.

4 January, 1980.

Mrs. Tarbett in desertion - Graham not returned to Monken Hadley School.

8 February, 1980.

Children's Hearing, Mr. Tarbett unable to cope with children, Derek and David 44(1)(b) Roineach Mhor.

27 February, 1980.

Mrs. Tarbett returns.

22 July, 1980.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarbett failed to return Graham, David and Derek after holiday.

13 August, 1980.

Tommy Tarbett left unattended in the D.R.I.

21 August, 1980.

Children dumped at 40 Dunmore Street by parents. Graham, David and Derek returned to named establishments, Tommy and Lisa placed in Duncan Place (Sect 15) but returned home after weekend.

15 September, 1980.

Children placed into voluntary care by Mr. Tarbett following wife's desertion. Mrs. Tarbett returned home a week later.

5 October, 1980.

Children removed from care by parents despite advice from Social Work Department to leave them.