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TOMMY TARBETT - REVIEW REPORT

Focus of Work

The aims agreed at the last review were that Tommy remain in Carolina House, Mr. Devlin ease into the role of social worker, family contact to be continued, Mr. Devlin have ongoing contact with residential staff. Both Mr. Devlin and residential staff encourage children to do a write up of their feelings for the future (prior to next review). Most of these aims have been fulfilled although both Lisa and Tommy have stated they would like more contact with Mr. Devlin. This contact has been hindered somewhat due to holidays etc.

Treatment

Since the last review staff have had no real management problems with Tommy, however, there was one incident which has been dealt with.

He is still prone to huffs/moods etc. when being reprimanded/told off for his involvement in any misdemeanours and will argue with staff until he realises that; it will get him nowhere, and that he has been in the wrong, then he will accept responsibility for his actions and accept the appropriate sanctions.

Family

Since the last review contact between Tommy and his family has continued to be on a fortnightly basis. Mr. Tarbett has appeared at Carolina House on several occasions without prior notice to take Tommy and Lisa to visit their Grandmother who is in a nearby hospital.

It was noted that Mr. Tarbett did not visit Tommy on his birthday, although had met him in town that day by chance and given him money.

Personal

Tommy remains in the youngest group along with his sister Lisa. He is liked by both staff and peers. He can be quite helpful at times with chores etc. and is affectionate towards staff in a rough/boistrous way. On the 28th June, Tommy was involved in an incident in the unit with one of the girls. He inserted his finger in her vagina. At first the girl had said she did not want him to do it. However, following a full enquiry it was discovered that they were both willing partners. Following this we changed around the bedrooms, so that the boys and girls rooms are at opposite ends of the house. Families and social workers were informed of the incident.

Other Agencies

Tommy has now left Glebelands Primary School and started his new term at Morgan Academy. He seems to have settled well and is enjoying the new lessons.

Before leaving Glebelands school Tommy went on a school trip to London and enjoyed the experience. Tommy continues to spend his spare time playing football and pool.

Conclusion

Tommy appears to be happy and settled within Carolina House, and it would seem obvious that he does not want to be fostered again following the answers he gave from the questionnaire. He sees his future in Carolina House until he is 16, during which time he will probably drift towards the family and an eventual return home.



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