

CASE REVIEWS — CHILDREN IN CARE

SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT

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NAME	ADDRESS IN CARE	D.O.B.
Tommy Tarbett	Carolina House, Broughty Ferry Road.	16 7 73

Work done

Since last reviewed in September, 1983, Tommy has had one weekend plus four days at Christmas with the [REDACTED] family in Edinburgh. Although no further visits have been arranged it is likely that he can go to them during Easter. Tommy has enjoyed these contacts and keeps in touch with the Andersons son [REDACTED] by occasionally writing to him. A decision re the parental rights appeal lodged by Mr. Tarbett was arrived at in Dundee Sheriff Court in January and this was in the Local Authority's favour. With this issue decided, discussion has taken place between Carolina House and fieldwork staff re foster placement for Tommy and Lisa and the factors involved in this. Contact between social worker and Tommy and Lisa has been on a weekly basis as far as possible.

Placement

Carolina is still providing a safe and loving environment for Tommy and Lisa at this time but is not envisaged as a long term solution.

Health

No problems known.

Contact

Mr. Tarbett made a concerted effort to see and be seen with the children prior to the parental rights appeal but has not kept this up to the same degree since. Both Tommy and Lisa continue to seek contact with father, siblings and extended family and the importance of this to them should not be underestimated.

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Lisa Tarbett	Carolina House, 133 Broughty Ferry Rd.,	7. 8.74
Tommy Tarbett	Dundee.	16. 7.73

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Tommy Tarbett's case was last reviewed on 7th April 1983 and the recommendations made at that time have been adhered to.

Tommy :- Tommy has changed little physically in the past six months, although he has become more outward going in her personality and manner. At time he can be mildly aggressive but this does not appear to be a problem. Tommy's occasional aggression and upset may be attributable at times to his father's behaviour or other family matters but the present uncertainty over Carolina House's future is no doubt having an unsettling affect on Tommy and his peer group.

Tommy's main interest continues to be football and for him there is no close season. Tommy plays for a local boys team, Hibernian Boys Club, and is enthusiastic about this despite being let down by adults involved with management and training.

Work since last Review :- Regular visiting on an approximately once weekly basis although I would have liked to have been able to give both Tommy and Lisa more time on these visits.

A foster friend assessment has been carried out on a couple Tommy met on holiday (see case file entry dated 18.7.83), and more administration work has been carried /-

out re the Parental Rights appeal case.

Suitability of Placement :- Long term plans continue to work towards shared foster placement with Lisa and remain in 'safe' Carolina House environment until this can be achieved. The decision by Carolina House board, during the summer, to announce its impending closure has caused anxieties for Tommy and Lisa but to move them elsewhere at this time would cause even more trauma and upset for them.

Contact with Parent & Family :- Mr Tarbett's visiting continues to be unpredictable but is more frequent than it has been in the past. The children look forward to his visits and are still disappointed and let down when he fails to turn up as is often the case. Mr Tarbett continues to live a carefree lifestyle and at present has no home of his own and lives with his parents in Mid Craigie.

Future :- In light of recent events, Tommy and Lisa's future should be along the lines of the long-term plans made some time ago, all things being equal.

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Signed

(Social Worker)

Date 20/9/83