



Tayside Regional Council
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Social Work Department
~~Dundee Division~~ area 2

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SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:—

Surname.....	TARBETT.....	Date of Birth.....	(1) 16 3 72); (2) 7 8 74
Christian Names or forenames.....	Tommy and Lisa	Religion.....	Protestant
Address.....	c/o Burnside House, Dundee.	Occupation.....	School children
		Marital State.....	N/A

is to appear on 23 December, 1981 at 10.15 Dundee Children's Hearing Court in connection
with the crime reference of 32(2)(c) Alleged lack of parental control

Previous Appearances as known to the Officer making the Report:

Summary of events prior to admission to care, - [REDACTED]

Although not involved with Tommy or Lisa on a statutory basis prior to their admission to care in September, they were seen on a regular basis by myself along with their elder brothers at the social work department Kirkton office, Gillburn School, and at home. Following Mrs. Tarbett's disappearance in February last, the standard of care of all the children deteriorated physically, materially and emotionally, to greater or lesser degrees individually.

In Lisa's case, I had to prompt Mr. Tarbett on two occasions to take her to the family doctor about a persistent heavy cold and an allergic reaction. On another occasions I referred all the children to the school health authorities because of itchy spots for which they had received no attention. Tommy's behaviour at school deteriorated under the influence of Derek following the latter's enrolment at Gillburn after Easter last, and Mr. Tarbett was called to the school more than once about these problems.

For most of their stay at Burnside, Tommy and Lisa have lived in the junior unit which is separate from the unit that Derek and Graham are housed in, and this appears to have been beneficial as they have not been affected by the often disturbed behaviour of the older two. Indeed Tommy and Lisa are reasonably happy and contented in Burnside despite irregular contact with father. Both children have continued at Gillburn school since their admission to care and this has undoubtedly provided some stability and continuity for them.

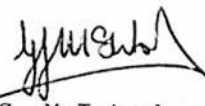
At an assessment meeting at Burnside in October the consensus of opinion was that Tommy and Lisa's long term needs would best be met by a foster placement. This matter has not been broached with Mr. Tarbett to date as there is no placement readily available and to raise it at this time would most likely result in the loss of the little co-operation from him in the management of the cases.

The fostering option not being available, it was felt that Tommy and Lisa's needs would be best met by a joint placement in a children's home, and to this end, negotiations have taken place with management at Carolina House who have indicated that places for them would be available from late January 1982, and that

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/that work could commence almost immediately on a planned integration to that establishment.

David Tarbett, the eldest child, is already resident at Carolina and is quite attached to Tommy and Lisa. It is a reasonable assumption that a placement in Carolina House would be beneficial to all three children.


Mr. G. McIntosh,
Social Worker.

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I will attend the hearing