

CASE REVIEWS

Summary of Review Meeting and Recommendations for the Future

Date of Review 26th May, 1987 at Carolina House, Dundee

Name	Present Address	D.O.B.
THOMAS TARBETT	c/o Carolina House, Strathmore Avenue, Dundee	16.7.73

Participants :

Mr. Anderson, Senior Social Worker, Dundee West
 Mr. Devlin, Social Worker, Dundee West
 Ms. Graig, Keyworker, Carolina House
 Tommy Tarbett, Subject Child
 Mr. Terry, Reviewing Officer

Summary Discussion + Goals / Tasks for the Future (Goals to be listed separately)

A Social Worker's report A016 and residential staff report was available in advance of this Review.

Note

In the past both children have been Reviewed together, but in view of their ages it is now felt more appropriate that, while taking place at the same time, separate Reviews be held on each child.

Background

Please see attached appendix.

Developments Since Last Review (8.1.87)

At the time of the last Review the unexpected reappearance of Mrs. Tarbett after seven years absence was the main focus. As Lisa and Tommy had been considerably disturbed in many respects by their mother's reappearance and there were obvious uncertainties in respect of her future plans. However, in spite of promises to the contrary, Mrs. Tarbett is understood to have returned to London without prior notice on 14th January, 1987 and there has been no contact from her since. This was particularly hurtful for Lisa who had thrown herself into the relationship with her mother to a greater extent than had Tommy.

Lisa has recently requested a female Social Worker as she feels she could relate better to a woman.

Recommendations from Previous Review

Following the last Review, Social Worker provided information concerning access arrangements to both parents by Form CC2F. It is understood that there has been little progress on Life Story Book work with Tommy, and that certainly he has not seen any work done on this matter since the time of the last Review

and it was noted that Tommy is now 13 years of age and has been in care six and a half years so that it is felt important that this work now be pursued without undue delay. It was agreed that Social Worker and Keyworker would give this matter attention.

Social Worker has ensured that appropriate authorisation has been obtained for Tommy to visit Holland with his football team later this year.

Social Worker has maintained contact with Tommy at about two weekly intervals since the time of the last Review and Tommy appears to have enjoyed outings with his Social Worker.

Health

Tommy last underwent an annual medical examination on 8th May, 1987 when he was found to be in good health. He underwent a dental examination yesterday and this was found to be satisfactory.

School

Tommy appears to be progressing satisfactorily at Morgan Academy and although he is understood to struggle somewhat with German, he is believed to be capable of this subject but a little lazy towards it. It is intended that his Keyworker will visit the school on a forthcoming Parents Night.

Access

At the present time Tommy visits his family home every two weeks but would like his father to visit Carolina House. As with Lisa, the possibility of Tommy inviting his father to Carolina House for tea to be given consideration. Like his sister, Tommy has indicated a wish to visit his oldest brother, David, in Aberdeen and this is to be given appropriate consideration in respect of timing and arrangements.

Future

To date, Tommy is unsure about his ambition for the future, but he has clearly indicated that he would not wish a family placement. He indicates that he is very content to remain in Carolina House and as he continues to have contact with members of his family, this doubtless avoids conflicts of loyalties for him.

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Admin., Dundee West

Signed

Signed *Mr. Mathers*

(Reviewing Consultant)

Date 2nd July, 1987

Feedback re Resources to Assistant Director (Field Work Services) via Area Field Work Manager.

Thomas Tarbett (contd)

Recommendations

The plan for Tommy remains that of continued residence in Carolina House for the foreseeable future with the provision of all necessary support and developmental guidance appropriate to a child subject to Parental Rights Resolution.

Identified Tasks

1. Work to proceed without delay on Life Story Book.
2. It is anticipated that Social Worker will continue to have contact directly with Tommy at about fortnightly intervals.
3. Consideration to be given to encouraging Tommy to invite his father to Carolina House for tea.
4. Consideration to be given to arranging for Tommy to visit his oldest brother in Aberdeen during the summer holiday period.

Next Review

The next Review will be held at 11.00 a.m. on 26th November, 1987 at Carolina House.

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CASE REVIEWS – CHILDREN IN CARE **SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT**

Please include comments under the following headings:—

Pen picture of the child (including interests as well as physical and emotional attributes);

Summary of Work done since last Review (including frequency of visits):

Suitability of Placement (does it meet the child's needs? What are his views);

School Report (facts about attainment and potential. Also any behavioural or relationship difficulties);

Health (date of last medical and details of any treatment in addition to description of health);

Contact with natural parents/current home situation/parents' views re future;

Parental Contributions: Has parental assessment form been submitted to HQ.?

Social Workers's views re future action (indicating why any change in direction has taken place since last review/initial assessment. Also indicate why particular goals are used and link with understanding of child's behaviour).

Review – Tuesday 26 May 1987 at 11 am at Carolina House

NAME	ADDRESS IN CARE	D.O.B.
Tommy Tarbett	Carolina House 281 Strathmore Avenue, Dundee	16.7.73

DATE OF LAST REVIEW OR CASE CONFERENCE	8 January 1987
DATE OF LAST MEDICAL EXAMINATION	8 April 1987
DATE OF LAST SCHOOL REPORT	22 August 1987
DATE OF LAST FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT (Form F8)	

Tommy was last reviewed on 8 January 1987, since which time he has remained in Carolina House. At this review, Mrs Tarbett was present and indicated a willingness to stay involved with the family and help us with some aspects of the life story book. Unfortunately Mrs Tarbett only remained in Dundee less than a week following the review and left without any contact with the children or staff involved and there has been no contact from her since Tommy was hurt by this change but perhaps less so than Lisa as he had been more cautious in his welcome of mum. He was given the opportunity to work through some of the his feelings regarding this but once he had done so indicated quite clearly he did not wish to discuss this further at this time.

Tommy's colour has been an issue for some time and it was hoped that Mrs Tarbett could give some information on this. It is not a worry that Tommy is particularly feelings at the moment but I have discussed with Carolina House staff how we will handle the situation when it arises again as an issue. Our feeling is that this should come from Tommy initially.

Following Mrs Tarbett's departure from the area, Tommy has continued to have fortnightly contact through visits to his father's home. This involves meeting other family members and he appears to enjoy this. Mr Tarbett has had some minimal contact with Carolina House but this ivery brief and sometimes unplanned.

He continues to do well at Morgan Academy recently picking his subjects for 'O' Grades. His main pastime continues to be football playing and watching and he is going to Holland with Broughty United.

Contact with Tommy has been both in Carolina House and outwith with visits to Aberdeen to see David and his family and Glenrothes. The visit to Aberdeen raised an issue which has been around for some time with David asking if Tommy and Lisa could spend a few days with him on holiday. I personally feel this would be beneficial on a limited basis but obviously has other implications if Mr Tarbett then sees the children as perhaps staying with him for periods of time. This can be discussed at the review.

Carolina House's report shows clearly that Tommy is happy and well settled in Carolina House and sees his future certainly in the foreseeable future there. The questions of colour and his contact with mum will hopefully be answered for him as Tommy himself seeks more information.

Signed
(Social Worker)

Date 25 May 1987

REPORT ON: TOMMY TARBETT

D.O.B: 16 7 73

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DUNDEE

SOCIAL WORKER: Peter Devlin

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REPORT FOR: PANEL/REVIEW

DATE: 26 May 1987

FOCUS OF WORK

The aims agreed at the last review were that Tommy remain in Carolina House and that the five identified tasks were mainly the responsibility of the social worker.

At present the main focus is in continuing Life Story work, finding ways and means for Tommy to resolve some of the complex meetings surrounding his mother. The issue of his colour has been discussed with Mr Devlin and it is more fully detailed under treatment/personal.

TREATMENT/PERSONAL

Tommy remains in the youngest group within Carolina House where the age range is from 10 - 15 years.

He copes well with the various responsibilities placed on him ie chores, meal preparation, personal responsibility for his own washing and ironing etc. He manages this with the minimum of help from staff. He appears to be one of the more mature members of the Scott House group and, at times, has a stabilising influence on his peers.

On the other hand, he can be very huffy/moody, this usually occurs when he doesn't get his own way. It has been known for him to 'sulk' for a whole evening. Staff and Tommy have acknowledged that at times like these it is best to leave him alone to come out of his mood.

Tommy is well liked by his peers (and this extends to the older teenagers). For some time now Tommy has had a double bedroom to himself, although he is soon to share with a 10 year old boy. Tommy's initial reaction to the prospect of sharing with one so young was not favourable, but on hearing that there was a possibility of him moving to a single room in the near future, Tommy was more agreeable to sharing.

At the last review staff were feeling the main concerns around for Tommy at that time were 1. His family ie the sudden return of his mother and what that meant for him and 2. The question of his skin colour.

1. Following on from the last review Tommy was informed that his mother had left the family home and it would appear that she had gone back to London. This happened on the 14th January 1987. Staff felt that Tommy was more able to accept this than Lisa, although obviously he had some feelings of disappointment/shock. Later, in discussion with staff, he was expressing anger and annoyance towards his mother, as she had stated at the last review if she had to leave, she would tell him before she left. Tommy now not knowing whether to trust her, also feeling sorry for other members of the family in case they have been hurt or upset by her sudden departure.

Staff asked Tommy to fill in a questionnaire regarding his feelings towards his

mother which he did. Following this, he was able to talk through his answers and say that he now wants to get on with his life and forget about her.

2. Staff at Carolina House and Mr Devlin have had various discussions regarding the continuing question of Tommy's skin colour.

At the present time we have been able to identify that 'jaundice' is not the cause for his skin colour, as Mr Tarbett stated. Mr Devlin has stated that Tommy's brother David who is of a similar skin colour has said that he was aware that Mr and Mrs Tarbett were separated for a period before his birth and has just assumed that Mr Tarbett is not his natural father. Although he appears to cope with his personal situation, it distressed him to hear that Tommy had some difficulties regarding the colour of his skin. At present, Tommy is not raising any questions in relation to his colour (although he has in the past). Staff are aware of the emotional implications for both Tommy and his extended family if this subject was to be discussed more fully. Due to the delicacy, plus the legal facts of the case, it has been agreed that if in the future Tommy raises the question, then staff will suggest that he explores the issue further with David.

MILY

On the 14th January 1987 Mr Tarbett phoned Carolina House to say he had just heard that his wife had left the family home and was supposedly back in London. He was unsure why she had gone. Mr Tarbett asking that if his wife phoned us he did not want her to talk to the children. Staff assured him that Mrs Tarbett would be informed to contact SWD first. To date, Mrs Tarbett has not been in touch with either SWD or Carolina House.

Tommy's visits to dads have continued on a fortnightly basis and he usually has contact with other family members whilst there. Tommy, unlike Lisa, does not meet dad in town on Saturday afternoons, therefore, he has missed out on a few 'treats'. Obviously it has 'niggled' away at him as he has commented on the comparisons between himself and Lisa. Staff have assured Tommy that he is liked as much as Lisa and possibly she is favoured more by being the only girl in the family.

On 22nd Feb Mr Tarbett arrived at Carolina House in Uncle Ian's car. He was quite drunk. Tommy, Lisa and I spoke to him outside for a few minutes. He became upset at one point, obviously the effect of the drink. He gave both the children money before he left. Both Tommy and Lisa were anxious in case he wanted to come into the building. I assured them this would not have happened.

Mr Tarbett has been up to Carolina House on two occasions following this, 1. To return them after Easter day outing and 2. Collected and returned them after visiting the local Carnival. On this occasion he had a 'female' with him who was pregnant. She was, in fact, [REDACTED] who was at one point staying in his home. On the 23rd February Tommy, Lisa, Mr Devlin and I visited David in Aberdeen. The visit went well and both children are looking forward to another visit in the near future. It is also hoped that Tommy and Lisa will be able to spend some time there during the summer holidays.

PHYSICAL/MEDICAL

Tommy had his annual medical in April and there are no problems in this area.

OTHER AGENCIES

Tommy's main interest continues to be football. He was chosen by the school to be a ball boy at one of Dundee United's games, which delighted him. He plays for Broughty United and will be visiting Holland in October with the team, he is

looking forward to this trip.

Tommy continues to attend Morgan Academy and is working well. He has recently completed his choice form for 'O' grade subjects, the school and staff at CH were involved in helping him to make the best choice possible.

Mr Devlin has had contact with Tommy outwith CH. They have met in town a few times for coffee and Mr Devlin has also taken Tommy to Glenrothes to the ten pin bowling, which he seemed to enjoy. On one occasion Tommy visited Mr Devlin at his office, but unfortunately did not see him as he was busy with another case (emergency). Tommy was quite annoyed by this and I contacted Mr Devlin to express Tommy's feelings. Mr Devlin apologised and said he would arrange to see Tommy at a later date.

At present there is still work to be completed on the Family Tree. It was hoped that Mrs Tarbett could help us with this, however, she did not keep an appointment with Mr Devlin in connection with this before she left.

I have visited Mr Devlin on a few occasions at his office to gain information from files regarding moves that Tommy has had since birth, in the event of making a Flow chart. Tommy is aware of this and hopefully it will help him in some way to understand why he has had so many moves.

CONCLUSION

Tommy sees himself remaining in Carolina House until he is at least 16.

Recently he has had a lot to cope with in the fact that his mother suddenly returned into his life after about 7 years and disappeared again within a short space of time. This has obviously upset him to some extent and raised lots of unanswered questions about her for him. It is hoped that CH, along with supports from the Social Work Dept, will be able, through ongoing work, to help and try to resolve some of these questions/feelings?

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