

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).

NAME

Tommy Tarbett

ADDRESS IN CARE

c/o Carolina House,
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D.O.B.

16.7.73

At a Childrens Hearing on 16th October his Supervision Requirement was continued without variation.

Tommy was last reviewed on 13th September, 1985 and has remained in Carolina House since. No other placements have been looked at and Tommy sees himself as remaining in Carolina House.

Tommy presents no major difficulties in Carolina House although he is developing a trait of always being right which can cause conflict between himself and others. He remains ardently loyal to football and particularly Dundee United and spends a lot of his spare time at this. His relationship with Lisa varies from being in conflict to during discussion leaning over each other with quite a bit of physical contact.

Arrangements for visiting have been the same as for Lisa although there have been occasions when Lisa hasn't been well that Tommy visits dad's house on his own. He frequently says he is bored with this as it appears they mainly sit about and watch television. Tommy too has asked that dad and perhaps other family members visit Carolina House on alternate weekends.

Tommy is now well into his first year at Morgan Academy and appears to be settling well. I have seen him in the streets several times at dinnertime and he appears to have several friends and looks quite happy. Derek being at the Morgan and having difficulties does not appear to be affecting Tommy. His last school report was on 18th September, 1985.

Tommy's last medical report was completed on 15.11.85 and he enjoys good health.

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As mentioned at the beginning of the report Tommy sees himself remaining in Carolina House not through default but by choice. He is able to acknowledge however that Lisa has not completely decided against fostering. I therefore feel that Tommy should remain in Carolina House unless through discussion in the future he sees himself moving to some other placement.

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27.2.86

Signed *p.p. Colleen Gibb*
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TOMMY TARBETT D.O.B. 16 7 73

REVIEW REPORT

FOCUS OF WORK

The aims agreed at the last review were that Tommy remain in Carolina House, Mr Devlin have weekly contact with Tommy and ongoing contact with residential staff, and new arrangements for visits to the Tarbett family be established.

Most of these aims have been fulfilled, however staff felt that contact between themselves ie 'Key Worker' and Mr Devlin was not happening regularly because of shifts etc. Following this it was decided that Mr Devlin would contact Carolina House weekly and arrange to visit when 'key worker' was on duty.

TREATMENT/PERSONAL

Tommy continues to be no real behavioural problem within Carolina House. However, staff have noted the beginnings of the "TARBETT temper" in him. He tends to become angry and shout at staff when reprimanded for his involvement in any misdemeanors and "always has to get the last word". He 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 (although does so in a stubborn way). Tommy remains in the same unit as his sister Lisa. His temper towards her frays at times as he becomes annoyed with her antics and bullying.

He is well liked by his peers and can be affectionate towards staff in a rough/boisterous way.

Tommy, along with the others in the unit, has been given more responsibility in that he helps staff to prepare the following evening's meal. He is not over keen on this as he has difficulty at times in certain areas. Staff continue to help and encourage him.

Tommy no longer shares a room with [REDACTED] but with another boy aged 13. At first their relationship seemed strained as neither of them seemed to like one another; this has eased somewhat and staff feel less concerned about the situation.

Tommy has also, over a period of time, gone through stages where he has withdrawn from the group and become very quiet, staff are unsure of the causes of this.

Tommy has not mentioned fostering at all.

FAMILY

Since the last review both Tommy's grandparents have died. He seemed more upset by it than Lisa, although it was difficult to gauge his true feelings as he tends to hide them.

Contact between the children and Mr Tarbett has continued on a fortnightly basis, with the exception of Christmas day, which they spent with him. Neither children have much to say when they return from their visit.

On 7th February, there was a meeting at Carolina House, between Mr Devlin, residential staff, Tommy and Lisa, to discuss visits to their fathers. It was decided that Mr Devlin would write to Mr Tarbett, stating contact and times that the children were requesting, and that if Mr Tarbett was in disagreement to any of this he was to get in touch with SWD.

The children wanted fortnightly visits to continue and Mr Tarbett to visit them on alternate weekends. As yet, Mr Tarbett has not been in touch with any of our agencies.

Both children have seen very little of 'Aunt Kathleen' as she moved back to Glasgow shortly after Mr and Mrs Tarbett 'senior' died.

Tommy continues to see his brothers when he visits dad.

PHYSICAL/MEDICAL CONDITION

Tommy is in good health.

OTHER AGENCIES

Tommy continues to attend Morgan Academy, which he enjoys, and there seems to be no problems in this area.

Tommy is not involved in any clubs etc outwith Carolina House. He continues to spend his spare time going to and playing football. Pool seems to be his main interest and every spare minute is spent in the recreation room.

CONCLUSION

Tommy seems fairly settled in Carolina House. He is still adamant that he does not want to be fostered. He sees his future in Carolina House until he is 16, when he would then move back to the family home.

We feel that if this is to happen, then he must build on his skills for a more independent life-style, also that it is important that an acceptable level of contact is found within the near future.

Harry Tosh
Depute Officer in Charge