

STATEMENT OF FACTS (cont'd)

- 3) HE DID on 22nd November, 1987, whilst acting with others, break into Home Electrics, [REDACTED], Monklands District, with intent to steal therefrom. This being an offence of Housebreaking with intent to steal. Y
- 4) HE DID on 22nd November, 1987, whilst acting with others, break into Sunnyside Chip Shops, [REDACTED] Coatbridge, Monklands District and steal therefrom 6 bottles of lemonade, 2 boxes of crisps and 1 box of twix bars, the property of [REDACTED] This being an offence of Theft by Housebreaking. Y
- 5) HE DID on 29th November, 1987, whilst acting with others, on Buchanan Street, Coatbridge, Monklands District, near to Henderson Street, grab [REDACTED] c/o Reporter's Department, Airdrie, from behind, pull her to the ground and rob her of her handbag and contents. This being an offence of Robbery. N
- 6) HE DID on 29th November, 1987, on the lane at the rear of Melrose Place, Coatbridge, Monklands District, steal a handbag containing £65 or thereby of money from the possession of [REDACTED] c/o Reporter's Department, Airdrie. This being an offence of Theft. Y-
Sumner 12/21
- 7) HE DID on 30th November, 1987, whilst acting with others, on the lane at the rear of Melrose Place, Coatbridge, Monklands District, push [REDACTED] c/o Reporter's Department, Airdrie onto the ground and rob her of her handbag containing £24 of thereby of money, bank book, credit cards and miscellaneous papers. This being an offence of Theft. Y-
3 months
- 8) HE DID, whilst acting with others, on 4th December, 1987, break into the shop premises at [REDACTED] Coatbridge, known as Campbell the Butchers, and did steal therefrom 3 butcher knives. This being an offence of Theft by Housebreaking. ✓
- 9) HE DID on 6th December, 1987, whilst acting with others, on the footpath between Buchanan Street, Coatbridge, Monklands District, and Bank Street, assault [REDACTED] c/o Reporter's Department, Airdrie, approach her from behind, present a knife at her, threaten her, grab hold of her handbag and did attempt to rob her. This being an offence of Assault and Attempted Robbery. N
- 10) HE DID on 6th December, 1987 on Bank Street, Coatbridge, Monklands District, have in his possession an offensive weapon, namely a butcher's knife. Y

Contrary to Section 1 Prevention of Crimes Act, 1953.

[REDACTED]
Asst. Area Reporter.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968
THE CHILDREN'S HEARINGS (SCOTLAND) RULES 1986

ANDREW McCracken (14.2.73.),
 196 Whifflet Street, Coatbridge.

is being referred to a children's hearing for Strathclyde Region on the grounds of the following
 conditions²: that in terms of Section 32(2)(g) of the Social Work
 (Scotland) Act, 1968 he has committed the offences specified below.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In support of condition above, it is stated:-

- 1) HE DID on 18th September, 1987, whilst acting with others, on Bank Street, Coatbridge, Monklands District, near to James Dempsey Gardens, steal a handbag containing £32 or thereby of money from the possession of [REDACTED] c/o Reporter's Department, Airdrie. This being an offence of Theft.
- 2) HE DID, whilst acting with others, on 9th November, 1987, break into the shop premises of the Fruit Market, [REDACTED] Coatbridge, Monklands District, with intent to steal therefrom. This being an offence of Housebreaking with intent to steal.
- 3) HE DID/...cont'd

³ 16 North Bridge Street,
 Airdrie.
 Tel. No. 66894.

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[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 for Reporter

NOTES

At the children's hearing the child or his parents may or may not accept the grounds for bringing the child before the hearing. If the grounds are accepted by the child, and his parents, if present, the children's hearing will discuss and consider with the child and his parents what is best for the child. If any of the grounds are not accepted, the hearing may either discharge the referral or direct the reporter to apply to the sheriff for a decision as to whether or not any of the grounds exist. If this happens the child will have to appear before the sheriff at a later date. If the sheriff decides that any of the grounds do exist, the children's hearing will then discuss and consider what is best for the child, as if these grounds had been accepted. If the sheriff decides that no grounds exist the referral will be discharged.

¹ Name and address of child

² Specify Conditions

³ Address of Reporter

For the attention of: [redacted]

Area Team S.W.

Address L04

Division LAMAR

Immediate Telephone Notification
to Above: Yes No ☒

Previously Known to Standby:
Yes ☒ No ☐



STAND-BY SERVICE

OVERNEWTON CENTRE
52 LUMSDEN STREET
GLASGOW
Telephone: 041-357 3696

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Freephone 8314

Serial No. 028542

Date 15th January 1988

Time Referred 03.55

Time Completed 04.10

Distribution
Area Team
P O S S
Div. Org
Other.....

Client's Surname M O'CRACKON Forenames Andrew

Present Address Gairloch School Age/DOB 15

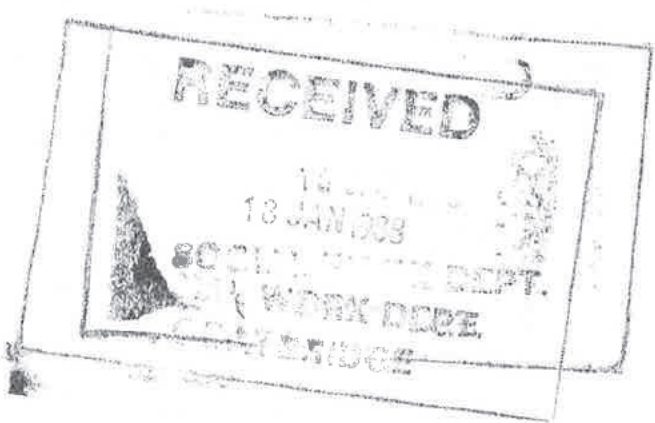
Previous Address 196 WHIFFLET ST. COATBRIDGE Telephone.....

Children	Name.....				
	Age				
	Sex				

Referrer: [redacted]
Name Address Gairloch School Telephone

1. (a) Details of **PROBLEM** as given by referrer. [redacted]

alone absconded. (441B) presently at
Cumnock Police Station



(b) Specific **REQUEST** of referrer.

[redacted]

(c) **FURTHER ACTION**, if any, referrer proposed to take.

Signed Seen by.....

Social Worker

Senior Social Worker

ANDREW McCracken
13 1 88

Andy was returned from police custody by his Local Authority Social Worker yesterday afternoon. He was spoken to by [redacted] his key worker within Geilsland. [redacted] spoke with Andy in the evening last night when Andy seemed pretty settled. About 8.45pm, word was received that he was missing from the New Vic House Unit. [redacted] Engineering Instructor, who was on duty within the New Vic House Unit and [redacted] made a local search of the town and caught up with Andy in the Dalry Road, Beith. Andy offered no resistance and came into the car quite willingly. He did state that he wasn't going to stay in the school but was wanting to make his way back to the Coatbridge/Airdrie area. On returning to the school, [redacted] spent some time with him in the Headmaster's Office and went through the incidents which led to Andy being charged yesterday. Andrew states the first incident of fire-raising happened about 5 weeks ago. He, along with his co-accused, [redacted] broke into an E-registration Mercedes van owned by [redacted], Andrew breaking the window and because he had gloves on, opened the door, and according to Andrew, the [redacted] set fire to the van. The second incident transpired about a week after that when another van a W-registration, was broken into and also set alight. The third and most disturbing incident happened the weekend prior to Andrew going on Christmas and New Year leave and again in company of the [redacted] on the premises of Coatbridge and Cumbernauld Technical Association. Their offices were broken into at the back of the premises, methalated spirits in a plastic container splashed all over the place and then the place set alight. According to Andrew, the place was gutted. [redacted] stated to Andrew that he was in what could be very serious trouble and asked how the police had come to charge him with these incidents yesterday. Andrew states that after the police had picked him up, they took him to the office where his fingerprints were taken and he was subsequently charged. [redacted] asked how they had evidence to this and Andrew stated that the second van which was set alight had Andrew's fingerprints from the back door of the van. Concern was expressed to Andrew about his association with the [redacted] because it was in this boy's company that Andrew had previously been charged with being in possession of butcher's knives. The boy [redacted] having broken into the butcher's shop and stolen the knives. [redacted] enquired from Andrew where he would have stayed if we hadn't been able to apprehend him tonight. He stated that he would have stayed with a cousin in Coatbridge. [redacted] pointed out the serious offence which the cousin could be charged with namely harbouring if Andrew had made it to Coatbridge and if the police had caught Andrew within the cousin's home. Andrew still seemed agitated at this time and we were joined by [redacted] who also expressed concern, regret and hurt at Andrew's actions earlier on this evening. Andrew also handed over to [redacted] £8 which he had in his possession which [redacted] duly entered into the boy's own account within the school. Andrew felt it would be hard for him to remain within the school for two or three weekends to allow both [redacted] and the Local Authority Social Worker, [redacted] to have some liaison with the police regarding the outstanding offences which they have against Andrew. [redacted] also pointed out to Andrew that it was [redacted] intention which Andrew had already known about, but which [redacted] felt he had to reinforce namely that next week [redacted] will be taking Andrew home on a supervise visit and also this to continue the following weekend. [redacted]

Andrew himself acknowledged the fact that if he was in his home area, then he could be at risk from the police. [redacted] according to Andrew, at any time the [redacted] appeared at her home, ordered the boy out and told him not to come back and see Andrew, but unfortunately prior to these incidents, Andrew had met up with the [redacted] in Glasgow and the subsequent events have already been dictated. Andrew did give [redacted] his assurance that if he felt like absconding again, he would talk it over with a member of staff. Andrew was then taken over to the New Vic unit by [redacted] and got ready for his bed. [redacted]

Social Work Department
Director: F E Edwards RD BA DipASS FIEW MBIM

Newfield Assessment Centre
Barochan Road Johnstone.

Divisional Director Renfrew: S S Graham

Officer-in-Charge: [REDACTED]

Tel Johnstone 29334



ASSESSMENT UNIT:— GLENIFFER

ASSESSMENT OFFICER:— [REDACTED]

NAME:— Andrew McCracken

D.O.B.:— 14.2.73

SEX:— Male

RELIGION:— -

DATE OF ADMISSION:— 6.3.87

ADDRESS OF PARENTS

IF ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 196 Whifflet Street Coatbridge

REASON FOR ADMISSION:— Truancy

SECTION OF ACT:— 43(4) & 40(7) Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

PREVIOUS RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS:--

NONE

PEN PICTURE

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:—

Height:— 5'5" Weight:— 7st Build:— Slim Eyes:— Blue
Hair:— Auburn Marks/Scars:— —

SCHOOL:— Rosehall High Coatbridge

SOCIAL WORKER:— [REDACTED]

AREA OFFICER:— Coatbridge SWD

TELE. NO:— Coatbridge 27381

PSYCHOLOGIST:— [REDACTED]

G.P.:— [REDACTED]

SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL INFORMATION:—

NONE

SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION — PERSONALITY AND BEHAVIOUR:—

NONE

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT REPORT

NAME OF CHILD: Andrew McCracken

DATE OF BIRTH: 14.2.73

HOME ADDRESS: 196 Whifflet Street Coatbridge

SCHOOL: Rosehall High Coatbridge

Family Members

Nellie McCracken	(45)	Mother
James McCracken	(16)	Lives outwith home (Brother)
Andrew McCracken	(15)	SUBJECT OF REPORT
Elllen McCracken	(11)	Schoolgirl (Sister)
Isobel McCracken	(9)	Schoolgirl (Sister)

Significant Past Events

Prior to Andrew's admission to Newfield he was resident at his maternal grandmother's home at 50 Oxford Street Coatbridge. This arrangement has been going on since Andrew was a baby. It would appear that Mrs Craig (grandmother) has brought Andrew up rather as a son. However, over the last few years the relationship has changed in that Andrew has increasingly had to look after Mrs Craig as she has become progressively frail.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Family View of Problem Areas

Mrs McCracken was very defensive when it came to discussing Andrew's difficulties. She seemed to indicate that it had all been a bit of an injustice that Andrew had been "taken away" from his grandmother. She outlined the history surrounding Andrew living with her mother rather than in the family home. It appears that Mrs Craig for what ever reason felt closer to Andrew than perhaps was Mrs McCracken. Mrs McCracken feels that little blame can be attributed to Mrs Craig for Andrew's lack of school attendance as it appears Mrs Craig was putting Andrew out to school in the morning. She also pointed out that at a Children's Hearing in May of last

year a Supervision Order was made out with a condition that Andrew was to reside with his Grandmother.

It would appear that Mrs McCracken was a frequent visitor to her mother's house but she had little influence with Andrew as regards his truancy. Mrs McCracken has strong feelings regarding Rosehall High. She feels that there is a great deal of bullying going on and Andrew on occasion has been subjected to taunts because she is a single parent and the circumstances surrounding his place of residence.

Child and Family Relationships

As afore-mentioned Andrew does not live at home. Mrs McCracken does make frequent visits to her mother's house [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is fairly obvious that Mrs Craig has been dependent on Andrew for help over the last year or two as her health has declined. It would seem that Andrew has not spent much time in the home with Mrs McCracken and there is little between Andrew and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Observations at Newfield indicate that Andrew has a fairly normal relationship with his brother. As far as Andrew and his sisters are concerned he appears to have fairly positive feelings for them.

General Conditions of Family Home

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] According to Mrs McCracken there would be plenty of room in the house if Andrew were allowed to return to live with her.

Assessment of Community Links and Resources

Conclusion

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

It would appear that there would be no benefit achieved in Andrew returning to stay with his Grandmother. As far as Mrs McCracken is concerned it is unlikely that after all these years away from the home that a return would bring any significant improvement in Andrew's school attendance or indeed an improvement in his general standard of care.

Andrew is fairly honest and realistic when he says that he will not return to Rosehall High. He is somewhat reticent when the possibility of returning to his mother's is discussed.

Observations from staff in Newfield indicate that Andrew has been somewhat relieved to receive a reasonable standard of care and appears to have benefited from the residential experience. It may be that Andrew would benefit from a further period perhaps in a Children's Home where he could get back into the habit of attending school as a result of the appropriate guidance and attention he would receive from staff.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Assessment Officer
20th March 1987

KMcC/LG

RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

Andrew was admitted to Newfield House, Gleniffer Unit, on the 6th March 1987 under Section 43(4) and 40(7) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

He was accompanied by his mother and Social Worker. Andrew was quiet and seemed very tense. His appearance was dirty and dishevelled and he did not appear to be very well cared for at all. Andrew had a bath then made up his bed.

In the early part of the evening he seemed to be quite shy and subdued, however, he accepted an invitation from one of the other boys to have a game of pool. Later he ate his supper then settled to watch television. At bedtime he seemed to adjust quickly to the dormitory situation and was helped by one of the other boys to remake his bed because his duvet cover had not been put on properly. He appeared to find no difficulty settling. Staff observations indicate he slept well during the night.

Relationships and Interactions with Peers

Initially, Andrew appeared to find difficulty relating to his peers. He seemed to be shy and quite embarrassed. However, during his stay he has made quite a few meaningful relationships with both male and female peers. Although Andrew is quiet he interacts positively when on group outings and participates in all Unit activities, eg pool, darts and board games. When other children display unacceptable behaviour Andrew will steer clear and make himself scarce or will just sit quietly and be uninvolved in the situation. He appears to be accepted and well-liked by both male and female peers.

Relationships and Interactions with Staff

Andrew's interactions with staff appear to be positive. He seems to enjoy staff attention although he does not seek it. He is always polite and pleasant in his attitude towards both male and female members of staff. He appears to have a positive relationship with all members of staff.

Response to Rules and Management of Behaviour

Andrew's behaviour has presented no management problems. During his stay in Newfield he has complied with rules and routines without question. In my opinion Andrew is not anti-authoritarian, he responds positively to staff request eg help with Unit chores, bedtimes, bath and smoking times etc. Observations show Andrew has presented no behavioural problems at all.

Assessment of Social Skills

Andrew initially needed guidance in caring for his personal hygiene and general appearance. He now needs no reminders to bathe, comb his hair or put his dirty washing out for laundry. He presents as a pleasant likeable boy who does not lack social graces. He is polite and mannerable, kind and always shares his sweets etc with the other children.

Andrew is quiet, but when spoken to will converse quite freely, his facial expressions being appropriate. He has quite a few interests and hobbies. He likes Woodwork and Art within the school. His regular pastimes are pool and board games, namely Risk. His concentration span is quite long.

As highlighted earlier Andrew is quiet but his skills in forming relationships are good.

[REDACTED]

BETTY HARRISON
Assistant Assessment Officer
23rd March 1987

BH/LG

30/9/86: Childrens Hearing changed 44(1) (a) requirement instructing Andrew to reside with his mother at 196 Whifflet St. In conjunction with E. Muncroff (S.S.W.), a decision was made that standards within his grandmothers home were so appalling that Andrew could not be allowed to stay there.

This will cause Andrew a great deal of difficulty since he has resided with his granny since birth. He is obsessed with his granny but also gains financially from this arrangement (e.g. pocket-money £10-£15 per week). Old Mrs Craig should be in residential care (84 yrs) but despite all my efforts she will not allow the S.W.D. to assist her.

Accordingly Andrew has an appalling conditions and decides every aspect of his life for himself. He is a total stranger to rules and regulations.

I am conscious that we will face the gravest of difficulties trying to implement this

order. Andrew is not an arrogant boy but he simply cannot understand what all the fuss is about. He has no meaningful relationship with any adult other than his grandmother. In many ways he is developing an eccentric image and at school he is nick-named "STUPID".

Mrs Mc Cracken has no control over Andrew. Horribly surprising since she has had little involvement in his parenting. There is no stability in Andrew's life and Mrs Mc Cracken is so unstable that she will be unable to cope with Andrew.

October '86 - December '86

Every effort has been made to try to supervise Andrew. However he refuses to leave his grandmother and mother will be attend school. I have tried every approach to Supervision but I am afraid that we are getting "no change" out of Andrew. He cannot accept authority since he has never been exposed to this.

He shows signs of maladjustment in his distrust and inability to form or sustain relationships.

On the few occasions on which he has attended for supervision he can only smile when the implications of his behaviour are pointed out to him.

I also tried to have Andrew attend residentially at Bowryhill but he refuses to go. Slowly but surely

I am preparing Andrew & Mrs McCracken for the inevitability that he will attend up initially in either Newfield or Crowthorn.

January '87: Andrew has not gone back to school and I did not expect him to do so. The wheels are now in motion to Review the case at a Hearing and I am looking for a 3 week assessment period.

I have discussed the case with
[redacted] (S.S.W) who ~~agrees~~ agrees
with these proposals.

6/2/87: Meeting with [redacted] (District
Officer) Child Care.

It was fully agreed
that the case be presented to Regional
Screening Panel for consideration of
residential assessment.

16/2/87: Regional Screening Panel:

Residential
assessment panel agreed. Serious problem
about lack of beds in either Wewfield
or Conners. After endless negotiation a
bed became available in Wewfield.

6/3/87: Childrens Hearing:

Andrew was admitted
to Wewfield under warrant and presented
no difficulty on admission.

He presented
residential staff with no management
difficulties during his stay. Indeed it

was felt that in a strange way he seemed to be relieved to be in a caring and structured environment. There has been a significant change in his personal appearance due to regular shaving and clean clothes.

However Andrew still cannot contemplate leaving his granny and is making it clear that he will not reside with his mother. Mrs McCracken has been visiting and given financial assistance to travel by S.W.D.

A lengthy formal assessment meeting came to the unanimous conclusion that Andrew required further residential care within a Childrens Home setting. Mrs McCracken exploded at the meeting but eventually reluctantly accepted this proposal.

I am now looking for a place for Andrew in a Childrens Home.

26/3/87: Childrens Hearing: Warrant continued
to allow time to find place for Andrew.

A place became available at Mitchell
St. Re-admission visit was held and
attended by Andrew & Mrs Mc Cracken.

Contract: 1) ~~to~~ Andrew to obey Mitchell St
house rules.

2) Andrew to attend school
every day.

3). Weekly supervision by
welfare.

4) Andrew will be allowed to
visit his mother and granny.

5) Work to be carried out to
prepare Andrew for a return to live
with his mother but not his
granny.

Andrew also spent a day at Mitchell St
to make him self familiar with the
Home, the staff and other ~~see~~ children.
He also went to the bath's that day.

15/4/87: Childrens Hearing: Andrew named the
Subject of a GLE (i) Co) at Mitchell St.
Andrew will not have to attend school
for 1 week due to the Easter Holidays
and this should allow him time to
settle.

21/4/87: Andrew taken to school by member of
Staff from Mitchell St.

29/4/87: A number of problems are cropping up.
Andrew has missed 2 1/2 days schooling.
Spent his time allegedly walking about
whiffled but I will say just that he
has been between his gran's and
his mother's.

29/4/87: Meeting at Rosehall High School:
Teachers

Concerned about Andrew's lack of
commitment to attending school. He
says that he does not know whether

or not he will attend any school. Mrs
McCracken ~~was~~ initially was blaming the problem
on bullying but eventually realised that
the school were not to blame. She threatened
to assault Andrew who faced up to his
mother saying that he would strike
her back.

Rosehall are willing to
continue to try but obviously can
only take so much. Andrew could
be either suspended or expelled. The
following agreement has now been
drawn up although I have little
faith in working.

- 1) Andrew to attend school every
day
- 2) Andrew only to visit his
grandmother and mother on TUESDAYS
& THURSDAYS.
- 3) If Andrew alleges illness he will
see the school nurse. If she
sends him from school he will

return to Mitchell St and not his
Granny's.

Assessment: Presently I do not see this
case working out. If Andrew fails to
attend school a crisis will be reached.
He would have to move from Mitchell
St. However he is clearly not
best 'D' material. We would therefore
be looking for special educational
provision through Child Guidance.
However Education only have 5 day
a week residential provision and
we would still need a place on
a childrens Home at week-ends.
There is no way that I would
consider returning Andrew home at
week-ends to simply do as he
pleased. He would simply live with
his granny. He refuses to live with his
mother who cannot cope with
him anyway.

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

At¹ *Airdrie. 30th September 1986*A children's hearing for the Strathclyde Region by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the
supervision requirement dated² *6th May 1986*to which³ *Andrew M'bracken, 196 Whifflet Street, Borthwick (presently 50 Oxford Street,
Borthwick)*is subject, hereby require him ~~[to reside in⁴~~[to be under the supervision of⁵ *Director of Social Work, Strathclyde Region*subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated *6th May 1986*
is hereby revoked.
Chairman of the children's hearingCONDITIONS REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING
SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

- †1. The child is required to observe the rules of conduct of the residential establishment.
- †2. The requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.
- 3.
- etc.

To attend school regularly.
Chairman of the children's hearing

1 Place and date

2 Date of previous supervision requirement

3 Name of child

† Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

4 Name of residential establishment

5 Name of local authority or other supervisor

REVIEW REPORT

TO THE CHILDREN'S HEARING

FMCC/IP/86/C.546

Outcome

Name

McCRACKEN, Andrew

Current Address

c/o 50 Oxford Street, Coatbridge

Date of Birth

14.2.73

School Attended

Rosehall High School

Home Address (if different from above)

196 Whifflet Street, Coatbridge

Religion

Protestant

Reason for Review

Continued truancy

By whom requested

Significant Family Changes since last Report

None

Changes of Social Worker and/or Methods of supervision

None

Contact with other Agencies

None

Report compiled by

Date School Report Obtained

Date Report Completed

16.9.86

Date Sent to Reporter

16.9.86

Signed

Designation

Social Worker

MAIN BODY OF REPORT

Points to be covered.

1. Nature and extent of contact with the child, family and other persons or agencies.
2. Plan of work; Were the Aims and Objectives achieved? Were they changed or modified?
3. Opinion as to the future development of the child and his/her situation— including views of child/parents.
4. Possible options.

Andrew appeared at a Hearing on 6.5.86 when a Section 44(1)(a) Supervision Order was imposed following grounds of truancy. A condition was inserted that he be allowed to continue to reside with his 82 year old grandmother despite grave reservations about her level of frailty and infirmity, coupled with unhygienic home living conditions. [REDACTED]

The writer has attempted to supervise this case but has encountered a variety of difficulties.

- 1) Mrs Craig is hardly capable of looking after herself, far less Andrew. She is almost deaf and communication is almost impossible.
- 2) Andrew cares for Mrs Craig and this does not help his school attendance record.
- 3) Home conditions are extremely poor to the extent that the writer does not consider that it is a suitable environment in which a child should live.
- 4) Mrs McCracken, Andrew's mother, is an extremely volatile and neurotic woman who all too easily 'flies off the handle' if questioned about the situation.
- 5) Andrew has failed to keep social work appointments with the writer.
- 6) The school allege that Andrew has been absent for almost three weeks.

ASSESSMENT:

The writer is clearly of the opinion that Andrew must return to live with his mother. Given old Mrs Craig's age and condition, he would have to return to his mother at some point. Andrew has reached the stage where, through his enjoyment of an independent lifestyle, school has become an unnecessary burden for him. Mrs McCracken has agreed that Andrew should now live with her but given her personality and volatile disposition, this opinion could change overnight. [REDACTED]

However at this stage, despite the continued truancy problem and lack of co-operation from Andrew, the writer would suggest that he be given an opportunity to prove that he will attend school if living with his mother. Concerns must be expressed meanwhile about the longer term developments.

REVIEW REPORT

TO THE CHILDREN'S HEARING

PMCC/IP/87/C.62

Outcome

Name

McCRACKEN, Andrew

Date of Birth

14.2.73

Current Address

196 Whifflet Street, Coatbridge

School Attended

Home Address (if different from above)

Religion

Reason for Review

Annual Review

By whom requested

Area Reporter

Significant Family Changes since last Report

None

Changes of Social Worker and/or Methods of supervision

None

Contact with other Agencies

Report compiled by

Date School Report Obtained

Date Report Completed

30.1.87

Date Sent to Reporter

30.1.87

Signed

Designation

Social Worker