

STAND-BY SERVICE

OVERNEWTON CENTRE
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GLASGOW

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Freephone 8314

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Immediate Telephone Notification

to Above: Yes No ✓

Previously Known to Standby:

Yes ✓ No [REDACTED]

Client's Surname McCracken Forenames Andrew

Present Address Mitchell St. C.H. Age/DOB 14/2/73

Previous Address 196 Whifflet St. Coatbridge Telephone

Children

Name	Age	Sex
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Referrer: Name staff Address Telephone

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

AIM reported as having absconded.

Police notified

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

To relay information

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

Seen by

Senior Social Worker

02-45 Hrs. Call to advise Andrew has safely returned
apt moving

[REDACTED]

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2. Areas which require further **INVESTIGATION/ASSESSMENT/FOLLOW-UP** by Area Team.

(a) For information

(b)

(c)

(d)

Signed..... Seen by.....
Social Worker Senior Social Worker

For the attention of:

Area Team *L04*

Address *ONE BRIDGE*

Division *L.M.H.R.*

Immediate Telephone Notification

o Above: Yes ☒ No ☒

Previously Known to Standby:

Yes ☒ No ☐



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Serial No.

021408

Date

27/87

Time Referred

2-55

Time Completed

Distribution

Area Team ☒

P O S S.

Div. Org

Other

Client's Surname *M. C. P. H. E. N* Forenames *ANDREW*

Present Address *M. C. P. H. E. N STREET HOME* Age/DOB *(18)*

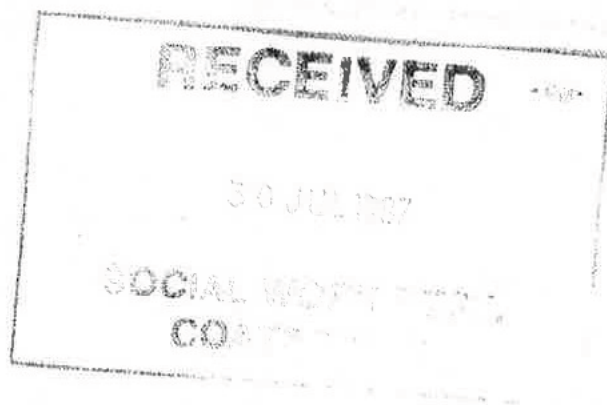
Previous Address *146 WHIFFLE ST* Telephone

Children { Name Age Sex

Referrer: Name Address *M. C. P. H. E. N STREET HOME* Telephone

(a) Details of **PROBLEM** as given by referrer.

MISSING PERSON — POLICE HAVE BEEN INFORMED



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

INFORMATION

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

Signed *[Signature]* Seen by

Social Worker

Senior Social Worker

2. Subsequent **INVESTIGATION** and Action by Standby Service.

021408

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No further contact



3. Areas which require further **INVESTIGATION/ASSESSMENT/FOLLOW-UP** by Area Team.

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

Signed Seen by

- Social Worker

Senior Social Worker

For the attention of: [redacted]
Area Team 204
Address
Division
Immediate Telephone Notification
to Above: Yes..... No ☒
Previously Known to Standby:
Yes ☒ No

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Serial No. 022117
Date 16/8/87
Time Referred 00 48
Time Completed 03 17
Distribution
Area Team
P O S S
Div. Org
Other.....

Client's Surname McCaskie Forenames Andrew
Present Address Milnethill St Childers Home Age/DOB 14. 2 73
Previous Address Milnethill St Coatbridge Telephone 44 (1) 18
Children { Name.....
Age.....
Sex.....

Referrer: Staff
Name..... Address..... Telephone.....

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

*Above boy has absconded.
Police notified*



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

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

Signed..... [redacted] Seen by..... [redacted]
Social Worker Senior Social Worker

2. Subsequent **INVESTIGATION** and Action by Standby Service.

03-17 hrs - A call to advise new safely returned

[REDACTED]

3. Areas which require further **INVESTIGATION/ASSESSMENT/FOLLOW-UP** by Area Team.

(a) Lp

(b)

(c)

(d)

Signed [REDACTED]

Seen by [REDACTED]

Social Worker

Senior Social Worker

For the attention of:

Area Team LO4

Address

Division

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to Above: Yes..... No.....

Previously Known to Standby:

Yes..... No.....



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Serial No. **020805**

Date 13-7-87

Time Referred 00:05

Time Completed

Distribution

Area Team

P O S S

Div. Org

Other.....

Client's Surname MCC RACKEN Forenames ANDREW

Present Address Mitchell St. Childrens Home Age/DOB 14

Previous Address 196 Whifflet St. Coatbridge Telephone.....

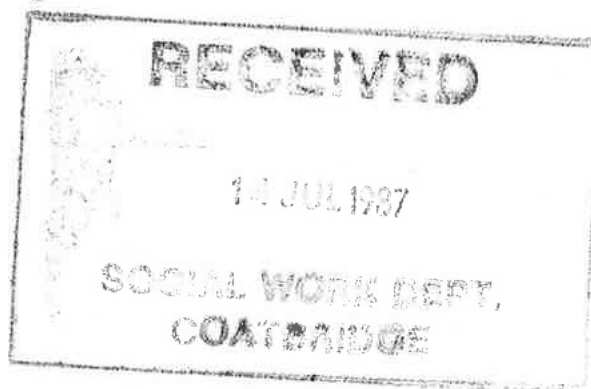
Children	Name.....					
	Age					
	Sex					

Referrer: Name Mitchell St. Address

Telephone

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

Alison 441B has absconded



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



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

Signed Seen by

Social Worker

Senior Social Worker

2. Subsequent **INVESTIGATION** and Action by Standby Service.

020805

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No further contact

3. Areas which require further **INVESTIGATION/ASSESSMENT/FOLLOW-UP** by Area Team.

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

Signed.....Seen by.....

Social Worker

Senior Social Worker

For the attention of:

Area Team

Address

Division

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to Above: Yes..... No ☒

Previously Known to Standby:

Yes..... No



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P.M.C.



Freephone 8314

Serial No. 020495

Date 6-7-87

Time Referred 10.45

Time Completed 05.55

Distribution

Area Team L04

P O S S

Div. Org

Other

Client's Surname MCCracken (4413) Forenames Andrew

Present Address Mitchell St CH Age/DOB 14-2-78

Previous Address 196 WILKIE ST CATHAY Telephone

Children { Name

Name

Age

Sex

Referrer: Name STAIR Address CH Telephone

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

A/w Rebaton missing



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

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

Signed

Social Worker

Seen by

Senior Social Worker

2. Subsequent **INVESTIGATION** and Action by Standby Service.

05:15 T/C from Mitchell st.

Andrew has been returned to Mitchell st by the police

3. Areas which require further **INVESTIGATION/ASSESSMENT/FOLLOW-UP** by Area Team.

(a) for info

(b)

(c)

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Signed.....

Seen by.....

Social Worker

Senior Social Worker

Mitchell Street Children's Home

Andrew McCracken - Diary of significant events between initial session of review and continuation session.

1. General

- June 1st - Barricaded himself in a room with two other boys; stole food and threw it around the room; broke two windows. Absconded and returned by police at 1.35
- June 2nd - Prior to leaving for school, broke a window and threw rubbish at other window
- June 3rd. - Absconded with two other boys, abused alcohol while outwith the Home. All the boys returned at 3.50 a.m..
- June 4th - Staff received two telephone calls from Andrew's brother, James, during school hours, intimating that Andrew was in his mother's house and causing severe problems, apparently assaulting members of his family, threatening to damage property and demanding money.
- June 5th - Chisel found under Andrew's pillow. In the evening, Andrew and one other boy absconded; they were returned by the police at 1.00 a.m..
- June 7th - Andrew and three other children running around outside the Home, throwing stones at windows and breaking one window on the rear fire exit door; also broke all windows on a portacabin at the rear of the school next to the Home charges may be brought by the police as a result of this.
- June 10th - Andrew jumped out of his bedroom window, contributed to raiding the food supplies through one of the windows broken previously and absconded with one other boy; they were found in the vicinity of the Home and brought back by the police at 2.00 a.m..
- June 11th - Andrew again jumped out of his bedroom window and absconded. He returned at 1.30 p.m. on June 13th. and told staff that he had stayed with his mother.
- June 17th - A bone in Andrew's foot was cracked when he was assaulted by four boys outside Columba High School at lunchtime.
- June 22nd - Andrew and two other boys running around outside the Home and refusing to come in until midnight.

2. School Attendance

It has been confirmed that Andrew truanted on the following days - May 27th., May 28th., June 2nd., June 3rd., June 4th., June 5th., June 8th., June 12th., June 23rd.. Given that Andrew did not attend school on medical grounds from June 18th to 22nd, he is confirmed as truanting on 9 days out of a possible 16, on at least one other day not reaching school until 11.30 a.m..

Name of Child: A McCracken

Date of Birth:

Name of Home: Mitchell Street Children's Home, Airdrie

Date of admission: 15th April 1987

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

Last Review offered Andrew the opportunity to show a commitment to attending school and behaving himself within the home.

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care: 44 (1)(a)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents: [REDACTED]

(b) Siblings not in care: Brother: James (44 (1)(a))
Sisters: Ellen & Isabelle (44 (1)(a)'s)

(c) Siblings in care: None

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

[REDACTED]

Continued ►

4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

Weekly contact with child at Home and more contact with residential staff.

Andrew has refused to go to school. He has caused a variety of different management problems for staff (e.g. truancy, absconding, breaking windows.)

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

[REDACTED]

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family Lack of a stable parent to influence Andrew who simply does as he pleases.

[REDACTED]

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review.)

I must be honest and say that I cannot see any progress at all. Indeed one might say that the situation is regressing (e.g. Police now wish to see Andrew about vandalism to a nearby school).

7. Other agencies involved:

None

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact etc.):

The writer believes that Andrew is in need of residential schooling. However, he would still need a Childrens Home place for week-end leave. The lack of stability within the family exacerbates the situation. He could visit his mother whilst on week-end leave. However, what happens happens when his grandmother returns home?

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9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

Short-term - continued placement in Childrens Home.

Medium - Admission to List 'G' school. However, no places available presently.

Long-term - Dependant on how Andrew fares if moved to residential schooling.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

The only period in which Andrew has really settled was when placed for 6 weeks in Newfield Assessment Centre, Johnstone, where his options were limited. He has shown an inability to cope with too much freedom so far.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Signed:.....[REDACTED].....

Designation:.....SOCIAL WORKER.....

Date:.....29th June 1987.....

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Serial No. 018768

Date 24/5/87

Time Referred 22.30

Time Completed

Distribution

Area Team ☒

P O S S

Div. Org

Other

For the attention of: L04

Area Team

Address

Division

Immediate Telephone Notification

to Above: Yes No ☒

Previously Known to Standby:

Yes ☒ No

Client's Surname MCCRACKEN Forenames ANDREW

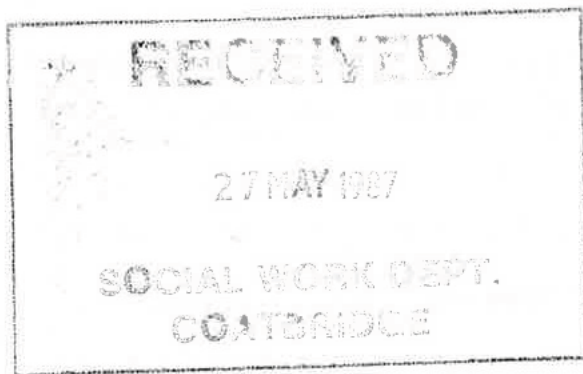
Present Address MITCHELL ST. CH. HBRK Age/DOB 14/2/73 (14)

Previous Address 196 WHIPPLEY ST., COATBRIDGE Telephone

Children	Name	Age	Sex

Referrer: MITCHELL ST. Address Telephone

- (a) Details of **PROBLEM** as given by referrer. *14 year old boy has absconded from Mitchell St. Children's Home where he is in care on Section 43(4). Police have been notified.*



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

Information to [redacted]

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

None.

Signed _____ Seen by _____ Senior Social Worker

For the attention of: LO4
Area Team
Address
Division
Immediate Telephone Notification ☒
to Above: Yes No
Previously Known to Standby: ☒
Yes No



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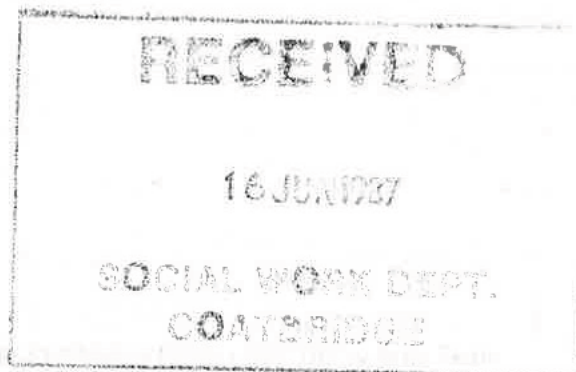
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Date 12/6/87
Time Referred 23.10.
Time Completed 12-15
Distribution 1310187
Area Team ☒
P O S S
Div. Org
Other.....

Client's Surname MCCRACKEN Forenames ANDREW
Present Address Mitchell St CHURCHES HALL ANDRIE Age/DOB 14/2/73
Previous Address 16 WHITAKER ST COATBRIDGE Telephone 446 (1/8)
Children { Name
Age
Sex

Referrer: Staff Name Address Mitchell St Andrie Telephone

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

*Above boy has not returned today
He went out at 9.47 and has
not been seen since.*



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

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

Signed Seen by

Social Worker

Senior Social Worker

For the attention of:

Area Team: [redacted]

Address: 204

Division:

Immediate Telephone Notification

to Above: Yes No

Previously Known to Standby:

Yes No



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Serial No. 019049

Date 1st June 87

Time Referred 23.18

Time Completed

Distribution

Area Team

P O S S

Div. Org

Other

Client's Surname Mr. Gaelen Forenames Andrew

Present Address Age/DOB 14

Previous Address 114 Wafflex St Coalbridge Telephone

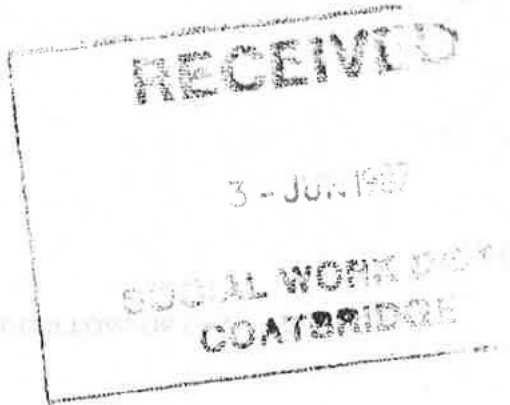
Children { Name Age Sex

Referrer: Name Ian Staff Address Mitchell St C. Home Telephone

1. (a) Details of PROBLEM as given by referrer.

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(b) Specific REQUEST of referrer.

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

Signed [redacted] Social Worker Seen by [redacted] Senior Social Worker

Social Worker's Review Form Initial Review/Subsequent Review

Name of Child: McCRACKEN, Andrew.

Date of Birth: 14.2.73

Name of Home: MITCHELL STREET, AIRDRIE.

Date of admission: 1.1.77

Summary of decisions from last review (if appropriate):

Andrew to attend school (Rosehall High).

Andrew to keep in contact with his mother and grandmother with a view to eventually going back to live with his mother. Grandmother's home in an uninhabitable condition.

1. Legal Position/Section under which child is in care:

44 (1) (2)

Any action indicated:

2. Current address/es of:

(a) Parents:

(b) Siblings not in care:

(c) Siblings in care:

3. Present situation with family since reception into care/last review:

Form D continued (2 of 3)

4. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with child since reception into care/last review:

Weekly contact - often more.

Andrew refuses to attend school. Meetings have been held with teacher but Andrew's attitude destroys all plans.

He wants to stay in his granny's all day.

5. Date/s and nature of Social Worker's contact with family since reception into care/last review:

Interviews with Mrs. McCracken at home and at Rosehall High. She has absolutely no control over Andrew. Due to her own personality and coping capacity, she is unable to influence Andrew at all.

6. Areas of Concern:

(a) Family Mother has no control over Andrew.

(b) Particular reference to child in care (including progress since reception into care/last review.)

Andrew has shown no commitment to school. He has truanted regularly and also absconded from Mitchell Street on two occasions.

He is missing at the moment having run away 24.3.67.

7. Other agencies involved:

Rosehall High - willing to work with Andrew but he will not allow them to do so.

Child guidance - asked for their attendance at Review to ascertain their assessment of Andrew's educational needs.

8. Needs of the child (estimated length of placement, type of placement, involvement of other agencies, estimated nature of parental contact etc.):

Andrew will not go to school. He refuses to live with anyone but his granny. A child cannot be allowed to live in this house due to the appalling home conditions. Andrew refuses to live with his mother. Significantly Andrew settled at Viewfield Assessment Centre and responded well to this set up. I would suggest that unfortunately Andrew at this stage needs a total break from his proximity to his granny. Mother would be encouraged to visit Andrew.

Form D continued (3 of 3)

9. Plans for child in view of above comment (including short, medium and long objectives):

^{Two} questions to be tackled is: Should we use another Children's Home and another school, or List 'G' school, or ultimately would the Panel decide List 'D'. Certainly since R.I.C. Mitchell Street have only been allowed to do a 'food and watering' job. Andrew decides everything else for himself.

9(a) Is an application for Assumption of Parental Rights appropriate? Yes/No

10. Any further comments:

Andrew needs a longer break away from his grandmother who can no longer look after him. Mrs. McCracken cannot cope with Andrew who simply wants to live a totally independant lifestyle. It is difficult to envisage Andrew going back to live with his mother and attending school. We may well be talking about long-term care. He is now 'on the run'.

11. Persons who will attend review (from area team):

Signed: [redacted]

Designation: Social Worker

Date: 26.5.87

Residential Worker's Review Form Initial Review/~~Subsequent Review~~

FORM

C

Name of Home: Mitchell Street C.H.

Name of Child: Andrew McCracken

Date of Birth: 14.2.73

Date of Review Meeting: 26.5.87

Summary of decisions from last review (if applicable):

N/A

1. Physical development since admission/~~last review~~ (include details of recent accidents or illness):

Andrew is a healthy, active boy, of reasonable build for his age. He has received medication for a throat infection. This infection has not restricted him in any way within the Home, but he has repeatedly used it in conversation with his mother as a reason for non-attendance at school.

2. Emotional Development:

Andrew's ties to his grandmother are of an importance to him which overrides all else; in seeing her as often as possible he demonstrates a high degree of single-mindedness as well as an inability to see his actions and their possible consequences in anything but the very short term.

Aside from his relationship with his grandmother, he chooses to make no others on anything but a superficial basis and within the Home frequently seems to prefer his own company.

3. Behavioural Problems:

In general, Andrew presents no severe behavioural problems. He is clearly used to making decisions for himself and, when he does join in with any "fun and games" within the Home, does so as an individual, showing no tendency to follow or lead.

In attempting to maximise his contact with his grandmother, however, Andrew presents a different picture. He has frequently and successfully attempted to manipulate his mother into confrontation with the Home in an attempt to provide leeway for himself to truant and spend the time with his grandmother; he also lies without compunction in an attempt to "cover" time spent in this way when he should have been elsewhere.

To date, Andrew has absconded twice, once in the company of several other residents, apparently "for a lark". His second absconsion was by himself on 24.5.87, an absconsion from which he has not returned at the time of writing.

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Form C continued (2 of 3)

4. Contact with parents and other relatives:

As indicated over, Andrew has a strong bond with his grandmother, whom he visits daily, with or without permission to do so. Also as indicated over, he manipulates his mother in an attempt to "cover" for these visits and therefore also sees her on a very regular basis.

5. Contact with siblings:

Andrew has contact with his siblings, all three of whom have visited the Home, but, given the impossibility of Andrew's whereabouts between 9 and 4 being accurately established on most days, we cannot say with any certainty how much contact has taken place outwith the Home.

6. Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:

Child Guidance - report at review

7. School attended: Rosehall High

School report ~~attached/not available~~ verbal at review if possible

Educational observations: School, like ourselves, experience no significant behavioural problem from Andrew when he is there, and have indicated that they are willing to continue to work with him. To date, out of a total of 22 school days since Andrew's transfer to this Home, Andrew has truanted on 13, returned to the Home claiming have been sick on one, arrived noticeably late on 2, was taken to school on one, his first day and has attended by himself for 5 full

8. Leisure pursuits:

(a) Within home: Television, pool, board games

(b) Outwith home: Swimming

Form C continued (3 of 3)

C

9. Relationships:

- (a) Within home: As indicated earlier,, pleasant if superficial with staff and children at most times as long as the core subject of his relationship with his grandmother is
- (b) Outwith home: not at issue.
- Outside of family, no relationships of note

10. Any special areas of concern requiring action:

Andrew's continued attempts to block any "interference" in his relationship with his grandmother, and his concurrent truancy and non-negotiated absences from the home in order to maximise his contact with her could lead Andrew into serious and, in some ways, undeserved consequences if the current pattern does not undergo some change.

11. Short, medium and long term objectives for child:

An acceptable pattern must be established in the short term before the medium and long term future for Andrew can be approached with any clarity.

Clearly, a continued relationship with his grandmother must be part of that pattern, but with both Andrew's obligations in terms of school attendance and his needs as a developing adolescent adequately met.

At present, travelling to Coatbridge to school, he seems to find it impossible to resist the temptation to divert to his grandmother's home. We would therefore recommend that this temptation be removed by transfer to an Airdrie school and that Andrew's response to this be assessed at a review within the next 6 - 8 weeks and further planning done at that time

12. Remarks:

Persons who will attend review from children's home:

[REDACTED]

Signed: [REDACTED]

Designation: *Key Worker*

Date:25.5.87.....

For the attention of:

Area Team L04

Address

Division

Immediate Telephone Notification ☒

to Above: Yes..... No

Previously Known to Standby:

Yes..... No



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Serial No. 018235

Date 11.5.84

Time Referred 23.40

Time Completed 05.53

Distribution (21587)

Area Team

P O S S.....

Div. Org.....

Other.....

Client's Surname M. CRACKEN Forenames ANDREW.

Present Address MITCHELL ST. CH. HOME Age/DOB 14. 2. 63

Previous Address 116 WHIFFLET ST. C/BRIDGE Telephone.....

Children { Name.....
Age.....
Sex.....

Referrer: Name..... Address Mitchell St ch Home Telephone.....

1. (a) Details of **PROBLEM** as given by referrer. Andrew absconded from the above children's home.



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

Info

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

Signed..... Seen by.....

Social Worker

Senior Social Worker

2. Subsequent **INVESTIGATION** and Action by Standby Service.

Noted at Standby as a missing Person

1215787

05-55

RFC

3. Areas which require further **INVESTIGATION/ASSESSMENT/FOLLOW-UP** by Area Team.

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Signed..... Seen by.....

Social Worker

Senior Social Worker

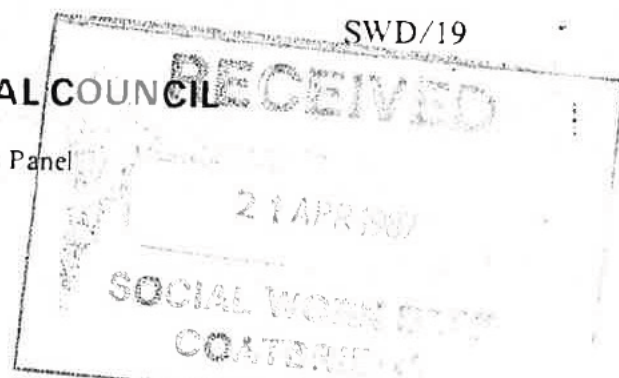
STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter:

[REDACTED]

MEMORANDUM



From... Area Reporter,

To: ... Department of Social Work,

..... 124 Bank Street,

..... 122 Bank Street,

..... Coatbridge.

..... Coatbridge.

Subject: Reporters' Duties and Transmission of Information, etc. (Scotland) Rules 1971—Rule 6(1)(2)(3)

In accordance with instruction contained in Rule 6 of the above Statutory Instrument the decision(s) made by a Children's Hearing is/are* undernoted.

Annexed herewith copy requirement where appropriate.

Date of Hearing:

Name:

Decision:

15th April, 1987

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

To vary supervision requirement from
Section 44(1)(a) to Section 44(1)(b)
naming Mitchell Street Children's Home
and referral discharged Section 43(2).

S.W - [REDACTED]

Date 16th April, 1987

for Reporter

*Delete as appropriate

✓

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968At *Airdrie, 15th April 1987*

A children's hearing for the Strathclyde Region by way of variation of [and in substitution for] the supervision requirement dated² *30th September 1986*

to which³ *Andrew M. Macdonald, 196 Whifflet Street, Airdrie*

is subject, hereby require him [to reside in⁴ *Mitchell Street Children's Home, Airdrie*

[to be under the supervision of⁵ *Director of Social Work, Strathclyde Region*

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated *30th September 1986* is hereby revoked.

[Signature]
Chairman of the children's hearing

**CONDITIONS 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.

[Signature]
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

RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL WORKER'S REVIEW FORM
(Form C)

~~Initial Review~~/Subsequent Review

NAME OF CHILD Andrew McCracken

DATE OF BIRTH 14.2.73

DATE OF REVIEW MEETING Wednesday 11th May 1988

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS FROM LAST REVIEW (if applicable)

- 1 **Physical development since admission/last review (include details of any recent accidents or illnesses)** Had some trouble re: some furps in the eye, however no lasting injury. At the moment is receiving eye drops for after effects of a foreign body in corner of left eye. Does not appear to eat enough for his stature, house complains of upset stomach.
- 2 **Emotional development:** A decided improvement has taken place with Andrew assuming responsibility over his week-end leave, coming back on time and not offending whilst out on leave since Christmas. There is still however a grey area, with an apparent lack of remorse re: previous offences, in a general poor attitude.
- 3 **Behavioural problems:** Presents no behavioural problems within Geilsland School.
- 4 **Contact with parents and other relatives:** Regular week-end contact with Mother and fairly regular contact with uncle/cousin.
- 5 **Contact with siblings:** Again regular weekend contact with Ellen, Isabelle and James.
- 6 **Contact with other agencies and comments or reports:** Contact with [REDACTED] (LASW) by phone, visits to Geilsland appearances at Children's Hearings.
- 7 **School attended:**
School report attached /not available English teachers report unavailable (due to holiday)
Educational observations: Feedback from department (Engineering) so positive that there is a very strong possibility of Andrew becoming a crafts boy in the very near future. Andrew sat his diet of Standard Grade (f/level) examinations. Two weeks however one English examination was missed due to a family bereavement.

REPORT

TO THE CHILDREN'S HEARING

PMcC/YR/88c/228

Date of Hearing

Outcome

Name Andrew McCracken

Date of Birth 14.2.73 (15)

Address 196 Whifflet St coatbridge

School Attended
Geilsland Residential School

Birth Ayrshire

Grounds of Referral

Religion

Basis of Report

FAMILY DETAILS

Name	Age	Relationship to child	Employment/School other eg. ATC	Income and Source

Financial Situation

Other Agencies involved

Matters of Particular concern (to be listed numerically)

Report compiled by

Date completed

25 April 1988

Date Sent to Reporter

25 April 1988

Signed

Designation

Social Worker

BODY OF REPORT

Points to be covered (plus any other relevant areas)

1. Analysis of Family Background
2. The Child
3. School
4. Attitudes to Grounds of Referral
5. Matters of Particular Concern
6. Assessment and Possible Options

Andrew appeared at a Childrens Hearing on the 18th of April 88 where he denied most of the grounds of referral. Accordingly it was decided that the case should go to Proof at the Sheriff court.

Subsequently additional grounds have been received, the writer visited Andrew at Geilsland School on 20.4.88 where the additional grounds were presented to him.

Andrew admits to breaking into the Technical Services Offices between the 18th and 20th December but denies stealing so many items. He also accepts that he set fire to the two vans. However he denies having broken into the Technical Services Offices between the 24th and 26th December and also denies being involved in setting fire to these premises.

Andrews attitude towards these offences continues to leave much to be desired. He exhibits a total lack of remorse for his actions and is totally apathetic towards the damage which he had caused.

PROGRESS AT GEILSLAND

The writer has been working in conjunction with staff at Geilsland school and particularly in close association with [REDACTED] (Key worker). [REDACTED] can confirm that within the school staff have noticed a significant improvement in Andrews attitude and behaviour in the school. Indeed such is his progress that he has been made one of the senior boys of the school and it is hoped that this progress will continue. Andrew himself hopes to leave school in December 1988 and all parties are working towards this.

Whilst the writer would consider requesting that Andrew should continue to reside at Geilsland school, the writer is also conscience of a forthcoming Proof hearing and it may well be that it would be better for matters to be left unattended until such times as the Proof hearing has been decided upon.

A. McCracken
27.4.88

P. McCracken

Andy was extremely reluctant to retire to bed this evening, spoken to by [redacted]. Andrew allowed himself slightly reluctantly, to join a disturbance which resulted in four other boys and himself on the roof of the New Vic house unit after having run around the school grounds. During the course of the disturbance Andrew claimed to have taken 15 to 20 paracetamol tablets. He was sick later on and there seemed no other adverse effects later on. Because the disturbance was escalating the police were called and as soon as they appeared Andrew retired very swiftly to his bed.

HEARING

PMcC/IP/88/C.144

Outcome

McCracken, Andrew

Current Address

196 Whifflet Street, Coatbridge

Home Address (if different from above)

Reason for Review

Significant Family Changes since last Report

Changes of Social Worker and/or Methods of supervision

Contact with other Agencies

Date of Birth

14.2.73

School Attended

Geilsland School, Beith

Religion

By whom requested

Area Reporter

Report compiled by

Date School Report Obtained

Date Report Completed

15.3.88

Date Sent to Reporter

Signed

Designation

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 was admitted to Geilsland on grounds of chronic truancy and offending. Admission to Mitchell Street Children's Home had not improved this situation.

Andrew initially settled in well at Geilsland and has never been a great management problem within the school. Indeed he is generally well-mannered and polite towards Social Work and care staff.

However, by November 1987, it was noted that Andrew was failing to return to Geilsland from leave and also absconding from the school. This problem no longer exists and Andrew now returns in time.

The most serious concern presently is the number of offences which Andrew has accumulated, particularly since November 1987. The writer interviewed Andrew about these matters in Geilsland. It was most disconcerting to discover that Andrew displayed a totally remorseless attitude towards these incidents and seemed to find the entire interview situation boring.

GROUND'S OF REFERRAL:

It is difficult to establish exactly which grounds of referral Andrew is accepting or denying. Furthermore, his mother complicates the entire situation by adamantly claiming that Andrew has never committed any of these.

These matters would perhaps be best dealt with by the Panel.

HOME CIRCUMSTANCES:

[REDACTED]

ASSESSMENT:

Andrew seems to cope well with life in Geilsland where he, even if reluctantly, accepts the regime there with its consequent rules and regulations.

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Andrew McCracken/cont'd

The problem rests with Andrew's behaviour within his own home and the wider community. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

One can only hope that Andrew has managed to extricate himself from an apparent period of persistent offending.

Meanwhile Geilsland are willing to continue to work with Andrew and the writer would suggest that the Panel continue his Order there.

Review 4/5/88
2.30pm

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

1 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) DID, whilst acting with another person, between 18th and 20th December, 1987, Break into Monklands District Technical Services, 124 Main Street, Coatbridge, and DID Steal Computer Keyboard, Metal Detector, Protimeter, 3 Philips Desk Top Intercoms, 3 Calculators, Torch, Tee Square, 9 Diaries, Philips Pocket Tape Recorder, Miscellaneous keys and stationery, this being an offence of Theft by Housebreaking. Y13
- 2) DID, whilst acting with another person, between 19th and 20th December, 1987 Wilfully Set Fire to [REDACTED] Van [REDACTED] then parked within the car park at the rear of Eves Discotheque, 73 Main Street, Coatbridge, this being an offence of Wilful Fireraising.
- 3) 1 AREA REPORTER
16 NORTH BRIDGE ST
AIRDRIE ML6 6NE
TEL: 66804 Y18

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for Reporter

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1 Name and address of child

2 Specify Conditions

3 Address of Reporter

STATEMENT OF FACTS (contd)

ANDREW McCracken

- 3) DID, whilst acting with another person, on 24th December, 1987 Wilfully Set Fire to Mercedes Motor Van [REDACTED] then parked within the car park at the rear of Coatbridge Public Library, 25 Academy Street, Coatbridge, this being an offence of Wilful Fire-raising. YLS.
- 4) DID, whilst acting with another person, between 24th and 26th December, 1987 Break into Monklands District Technical Services, 124 Main Street and DID, Steal therefrom 6 Calculators, 3 Rapidograph Drawing Pens, Set of 6 Paint Brushes, Zeiss Camera and Case, Pocket Radio, Transformer, Set of Circle Templates, 2 Knives, 6 Golf Balls, this being an offence of Theft by House-breaking. No.
- 5) DID, whilst acting with another person, between 24th and 26th December, 1987, Wilfully Set Fire to the office premises of said Monklands District Technical Services, 124 Main Street, Coatbridge and the fire took effect on the said office premises, this being an offence of Wilful Fire-Raising. No.

[REDACTED]
Asst. Area Reporter

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reporter:

~~W. R. McGREGOR, TD~~

Reporter to the Children's Panel

MEMORANDUM

From: Area Reporter,
16 North bridge Street,
Airdrie.

To: Department of Social Work,
122 Bank Street,
Coatbridge.

Subject: Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968—Section 38(1)—Existing Supervision Requirement—
Supplementary Report

The undernoted child/~~children~~ who is/~~are~~ subject to a supervision requirement has/~~have~~ been referred again. Details undernoted.

The view of the supervising social worker/~~the social worker~~ as to the advisability of a further hearing at this stage is requested. Should it be considered that the existing treatment measures require adjustment the completion of the appropriate proforma requesting a review under Section 48(2) would allow matters to be co-ordinated.

~~If a further hearing is requested~~, a Supplementary Report should be submitted as soon as possible, and not later than 12th February, 1988

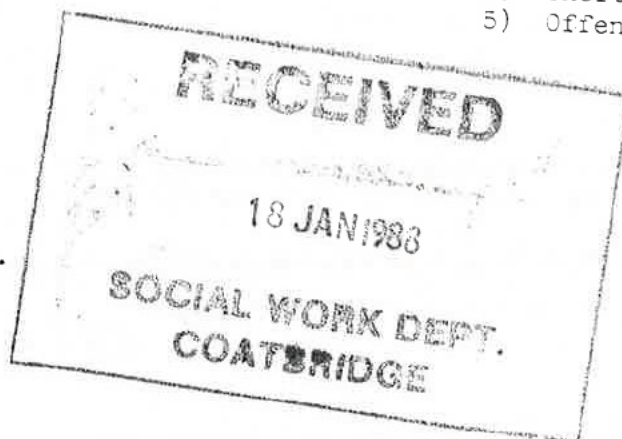
Name and Address:



Details of Referral:

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

- 1) Theft by Housebreaking,
- 2) Housebreaking with intent to steal,
- 3) Robbery,
- 4) Theft,
- 5) Offensive Weapons.



S.W. - P. McCluskey.

Date 13th January, 1988

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for Reporter

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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, 112 Main Street, 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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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.
- 4) HE DID on 22nd November, 1987, whilst acting with others, break into Sunnyside Chip Shops, [REDACTED], 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 8) HE DID, whilst acting with others, on 4th December, 1987, break into the shop premises at [REDACTED], 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.
- 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.

Contrary to Section 1 Prevention of Crimes Act, 1953.

G. Gallacher,
Asst. Area Reporter.

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