

John KennedyReport on Hearing.3. 8.76

On 3rd August John and Hugh went to the Panel. In the waiting room beforehand Hugh and John had eliminated a lot of tension between their parents by telling jokes and making good conversation. Hugh sat next to their mother, facing Mr. Kennedy and John next to Mr. Kennedy facing Mrs. Sydserriff so clearly they felt happy in this family group and were relaxed. They both wanted their mother and father. Hugh and John were taken separately as a recognition of their having two distinct futures. The boys were told this and also, by Maggie Lowson, that their supervision orders were to be maintained.

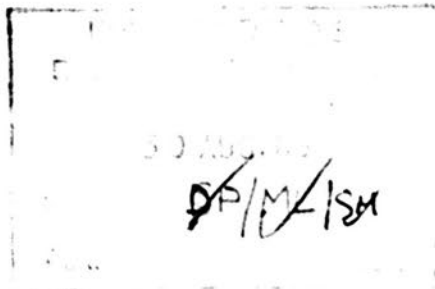
A lot of time was spent telling John about his bad school report and that his bullying there must cease. The Panel compared this to what he claimed he sometimes suffers at Glasclune.

When asked about how he was getting on at Glasclune he said it was sometimes good and sometimes bad. He expressed clearly that he had wanted some concrete decisions made about his future - fostering, etc. - a few months ago. In return he got vague hints that at the next Review or hearing some discussion may be held regarding going home for good. He was told that a hearing could be called before the time due to discuss this. In the meantime it was important that he begin going to Livingstone and getting used to living there. He should also keep in contact with his father. Mrs. Sydserriff had explained the whole situation regarding getting a new home and why no regular visits had been set up yet. What puzzled me was that she claimed that some things had been bought for John's room but not a bed yet, which I thought would have been a priority. Mr. Falconer thinks that the Sydserriffs may want to enjoy the new house on their own for a while. John has since expressed disappointment at not getting home and I've suggested he start writing to his mother. I've also reminded him that 3 things will decide his going home - how he behaves at home, at Glasclune and at school.

John has been very 'high' recently, out of control sometimes, needing to be severely checked, and I believe he needs to be continually reminded that poor behaviour will affect going home for good. I've explained how his mother may not be able to cope with his noise, general loudness and cheek. He retorted that he has more respect for Peter Sydserriff and his mother anyway, implying that he won't be so wild with them.

Mrs. Sydserriff agreed with the slow approach. At the end I said Glasclune would have no objection to his going home if it is taken carefully; it would have to be planned for. And I reminded everyone that John can be very demanding. Mr. Kennedy agreed at this and Mrs. Sydserriff would certainly agree, too, I'm sure.

Alex Cook.



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22nd July, 1976

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John Kennedy - D/B 23, 6.65

John's temper tantrums have decreased greatly over the past year. At the time of his last series of outbursts John stated quite clearly that he was unhappy at Glasclune and that he wanted to be fostered. At this time his brother, Hugh, was paying weekend visits to both mother and father and John seemed to be left out in the cold.

After the New Year John began visiting his mother, Mrs. Sydsorff, on a regular basis and about March he began giving vague messages that he wouldn't be at Glasclune for long. Over the past few months since Mrs. Sydsorff acquired a house in Livingston, she has been telling John that she wants to have him back home permanently by the end of this year.

This has led to a noticeable decrease in John's violent outbursts and a more conforming attitude by him, except for a few occasions when he has continually come in late. John, therefore, seems to have put all his eggs in one basket and sees it as definite that he will be going home to his mother. His attitude to going home is idealistic and he doesn't see any problems in going home to live.

In planning for the future I think John has to be helped to look more realistically at what going home entails. He needs to look more closely at his attitude towards money and gifts: he says that he can get money whenever he wants and he usually does. John will also have to look more deeply into his feelings towards his brother, Hugh, now that John is the one chosen by his mother to live at home i.e. Does John see it as winning in the battle to gain affection from their mother?

REPORTHUGH AND JOHN KENNEDYHome Visit - Mr and Mrs Sydserrf17.11.75

House in darkness, after several rings and knocks Mrs Sydserrf answered. Again "forgot you were coming". Always difficult when problems arise with Hugh and John for Mrs Sydserrf to see me.

Does not accept that I see her for herself but as Hugh and John's mother.

When we talked about the recent events - boys not turning up for their day visit home, it was hard to get to the feelings this had produced.

Mrs Sydserrf hides behind her blue glasses, and comes over to me as someone who doesn't feel she has a right to be angry or hurt especially by the boys.

We spent some time looking at what is appropriate for Glasclune to be doing with the boys and what is appropriate for Mum.

She was saying strongly that she wanted to be the 'good' person for them and let Glasclune take the force of their feelings.

This in relation to Hugh especially.

3rd party information

I responded to Mrs Sydserrf's clear need to hang out her mothering image by involving her in discussing ways of approaching the problem of Hugh's current persecution of John e.g. separating them into different bedrooms and allowing Hugh to identify with the older boys group.

This brought relief to Mrs Sydserrf, she found it an area in which she could participate.

Peter Sydserrf's part in the interview was minimal, he shyly agreed with his wife but eventually described very vividly his own uncertain relationship with Hugh.

3rd party information

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3rd party information

Peter Sydserrff

3rd party information

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Hugh

It made sense to both Mr and Mrs Sydserrff to begin to recall how they saw each parent at the beginning of adolescence.

I emphasised the value to the boys of their visit to Glasclune and the difficulty for parents in not rebuffing a difficult adolescent.

I suggested that I discuss the question of Hugh wearing his glasses with Glasclune and with North Berwick School, confirming to Mrs Sydserrff that I valued the aspects she finds important.

I agreed to see them in 2 weeks time.

MARGARET LOWSON
Social Worker



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HUGH & JOHN KENNEDY - REVIEW 10.9.75.Post Review Report

Present: Sylvia Massey, David Pomfret, Eric Falconer,
Doris Falconer, Maggie Lowson, Jim Kennedy - L.A. social worker.

Sylvia Massey - What does the future hold for the boys from parents?

Maggie Lowson - Seems possible that they may eventually return to mother and stepfather - mother planning towards this eventually.

John

Being confronted with his disturbed behaviour. Now less under Hugh's influence. John is more involved with others outside Glasclune.

Doris Falconer - John needs mothering nad having his demands satisfied.

Sylvia Massey - where does John get his mothering.

Mrs. Cunningham recognising his baby needs - very greedy - doesn't seem to get enough.

Margaret Lowson - These demands have always overwhelmed mum.

Leslie Williamson - John's demands are less than a year ago.

Sylvia Massey - indiscriminate demands.

Leslie Williamson - Felt to be so rather than described.

Physically aggressive - towards Marion at the time of her leaving showed aggression and need for loving from the same person.

Doris Falconer - Symbolisation of food in his greediness and need for warmth. There is a real working out going on especially with help he is getting in seeing how he hurts others.

Hugh tries to sabotage John's relationship with mum.

Hugh

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3rd party information

Home

David Fomfret - Boys need to know clearly why they go home to mum separately. Do they see it in terms of their difficulties or can they see that it is mum not coping.

Sylvia Massey - Hugh

3rd party information

Summary

Look at visits home and the understanding of, by boys and residential staff and family social worker.

MARGARET LOWSON
Social Worker

ML/AC
12.3.76.

REVIEW SUMMARYREVIEWDate of Review: 10.9.75Time: 11.30 a.m.Unit: GlascluneChild(ren) to be ReviewedDate of BirthDate admitted
into CareAct and
Section

Hugh Kennedy

14.11.64

20.4.74

Section 15

John Kennedy

23.6.65

20.4.74

Social Work

(Scotland) Act

Responsible Local Authority: Lothians Social Work Department.SUMMARYPlans made at last Annual ReviewDate: 19.6.74

1. Least limit of contact - few hours Saturday p.m. to Mum - limited contact approximately 1 per month
2. Encourage Father to continue to visit Glasclune whenever possible
3. Discuss boys with Dr. Rogers' at next visit.
4. As Hugh

3rd party information

Comments from last 6 Monthly Report
or Plans made at last Case ConferenceDate:
Date:

Plans from Current Review

Long term plan and ways to progress to this, any action to be taken and by whom.

- 1) Continue helping both boys to have cossetting needs met leading on to their becoming more aware of others feelings.
- 2) Visits home of Hugh and John alternately appear satisfactory. Important, however, to watch that this doesn't increase and sustain the tendency to splitting in this family.
- 3) Help both Hugh and John to feel involved in future plans and identify the problems they need help with.
- 4) Plan seems to be towards boys returning to Mother and Step-father. Father appears to accept this - Family Social Worker needs to keep him involved and help him with mixed feelings.

<u>Present at Review</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Pre-Review Papers sent to /</u>	<u>Post Review Summary to be sent to /</u>
Glasclune Residential Staff		✓	
Mr. J. Kennedy	D.A.C.W.	✓	
Margaret Lowson	P.S.W.	✓	
Sylvia Massey	A.C.C. (R)	✓	

Signature of Chairman of Review.....*R. A. H.*.....

Designation: Assistant Children's Officer (R)

Date: 17.9.75.....

ANNUAL REVIEW OF CHILDREN IN RESIDENTIAL CARESOCIAL WORKER'S REPORTREVIEWDate of Review: 10.9.75Time: 11.30Unit: GlascluneChild(ren) for ReviewDate of BirthDate admitted
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(Scotland) ActResponsible Local Authority:Casework Responsibility: Barnardo's/Joint/Local AuthorityName of Local Authority Social Worker (if appropriate)SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORTFamily Membership.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship to Child</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Thelma Kennedy or Sydserff	Mother	166 Albert Street, Edinburgh	Secretary
Peter Sydserff	Step-Father	Do.	
Hugh Kennedy	Father	22 Sighthill Rise, Edinburgh.	Scottish Plant Hire

Family Situation

Development of and changes in family situation, observation on relationship between child & family & social contacts, relationships towards Social Worker.

During the past year both mother and father have maintained consistent contact with Hugh and John until recently when father's visiting ceased.

Father

3rd party information

She began to think realistically of marrying Peter Sydserrff but feared the possible breakdown of a second marriage and also the work she would have to do in presenting a two-way relationship with him and the boys.

At the time when the couple married in December there was little social work contact and confusion from Hugh and John as to their mother's plans.

On reflection I feel that it was necessary for mother and Peter Sydserrff, both of whom had experienced a failed first marriage, to isolate themselves and begin to know the boys again as a parental couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydserrff purchased a small two apartment house in Leith, Mrs. Sydserrff does secretarial work for her husband's steel erecting business. They settled happily in this area of the city and began to take the boys for separate day visits on alternate weeks.

The relationship between the boys and their step-father appears to be growing.

Relationships

From seeing Mrs. Sydserrff for a year alone and now in joint sessions with her husband she presents as more contented and secure person.

He fulfils her need to be dependant on a male (parental) figure whilst preserving her self value, and gives verbal indications of how important she is to him.

There is an element of humour which they have tapped in one another which I think has allowed Mrs. Sydserrff to deal with the boys in a slightly less rigid way.

Recently we have looked at plans for the future and Mr. and Mrs. Sydserrff see themselves gradually incorporating Hugh and John into a family but are aware of some of the problems which need to be overcome.

Mr. Sydserrff did not enter into any social work contact until they married, and has described how vulnerable he felt to the boys disruptive behaviour initially when he was of no value to them.

Future goals

- 1) Continue the joint sessions, focussing on the present as with new parents exploring shared feelings and expectations of children, ways of handling especially in adolescence.
- 2) Consider more frequent sessions with Mr. and Mrs. Sydserrff.
- 3) Make a new contact with Mr. Kennedy in terms of involving him in a post-review discussion.

Date of Visits to Child and Family

Originally approximately fortnightly with Mrs. Kennedy alone in office.

Now approximately 6 weekly home visit, joint with Mr. and Mrs. Sydserrff.

Points for Discussion at Review

Signature "Margaret Lowson"

Designation Social Worker

Date 5th September, 1975

Signature of Supervisor

Designation 11

Date

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CHILDREN'S PANEL



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Your reference

Date 12th August 1975

Mrs Lowson
Dr Barnardo's
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Dear Mrs Lowson

Hugh Kennedy (14.11.63) John Kennedy (23.6.65)
1/54 Hailesland Park, Edinburgh.

On behalf of the Panel members I write to you to thank you for your attendance at the review hearing of the above-named boys on 11th August and confirm that it was the decision of the Panel members to continue the supervision requirement naming Glasclune as the boys place of residence. The Panel members were impressed by the progress John and Hugh have been making and also with the developing relationship with their mother. It is to be hoped this contact can continue and develop and that the boys continue to make such good progress at Glasclune.

Once again I thank you for attending the boys' hearing.

Yours sincerely

S Wardlaw
Assistant Reporter

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REPORT ON - JOHN AUGUS DENISEY KENNEDY - D/B 23/6/65 D/A 20/4/74Progress, personality and development of the child.

John, over the year, has shown signs of great maturity for his age and is becoming more accepted by the larger groups whereas before he was very much a 'loner'. He is much more communicative and can relate well to the staff in Glasclune. He is beginning to show more and more confidence in himself and also in others in his own peer group.

Although John demands a great deal of attention, he is becoming more independent and with a little confrontation he is beginning to do things for himself. He also has a great imagination and can use it to a great extent, e.g. he likes to make up concerts and perform in front of an audience. I notice in last year's Review that this was looked on as John being the 'big guy' but in my opinion this is John showing his security. This imagination and confidence which John is showing at present should not be looked on as showing off but should be greatly encouraged.

Health.

Last medical examination: 22.5.75

Last dental examination: 20.5.75

School

John's Report shows a great improvement from last year. He is trying and is more content at school. According to his Report, John's interest in acting deserves encouragement as he has a real talent for this.

Family contacts and outside interests.

John goes home for a day visit to his mother every second weekend, and his brother, Hugh, goes to her on the alternate Sunday. Their father makes good contact and visits the boys regularly two or three times a month. Both boys look forward to father's visits, especially Hugh, while John seems to be swayed more towards his mother. But he would really like his father to show to him the same fatherly feelings which he shows to Hugh. This is one of John's greatest desires.

John is a member of the local youth football team and takes a great interest in the sport which should be encouraged as he shows a certain ability in it. He also has many friends in his own peer group outside Glasclune and I would say that John is about the only one in the whole group who can relate to his own peer group as the others tend to look for someone older or younger to relate to.

Summary

Before sitting down and writing this report I have discussed with Hugh and John what I would write and have asked them what they feel about Glasclune and members of staff. John, who can relate very well at present, said that he is quite happy in Glasclune and is beginning to feel more secure. He also made a very interesting comment when I asked him his views on Children's Hearings: "Well, Jack. We come to places like Glasclune to forget the past and to see if people like yourself can help us, but when we go to Children's Hearings for reviews they remind us of what we did in the past and this upsets me. I feel that I come back more unsettled as I have to think of all these things which I have done. They keep reminding me every year when I go back."

I personally feel that a statement like this from John has shown just how much he can relate to himself and the problems he has and that such a statement from a 10 year old shows great thought.

REPORT ON - JOHN ANGUS DEMPSEY KELLEDY (continued)

his child on the whole has improved 90% in the last six months and I am sure that Glasclune could make John progress even more as time goes by.

Because Hugh had been invited to go for a long weekend camping which coincides with the date of the Hearing and as this holiday means a great deal to him, I had asked if the Hearing could be delayed but this was not possible. However, I put it to the boys that on the instructions of Mrs. Wardlaw, if they did not want to attend because of Hugh's holiday, they could feel free to ask the Panel to see them on another date if they felt they needed help in that way. Both boys agreed and Hugh was very happy as he would not miss his long weekend, but John still wanted to attend even without Hugh.

John Mann
Deputy Superintendent

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CHILDREN'S PANEL

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Your reference

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Mrs. Lowson,
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Dear Mrs Lowson,

Hugh Kennedy (14.11.63) John Kennedy (23.6.65) 1/54 Hailesland Park, Edinburgh.
Presently c/o Glasclune, North Berwick.

A review hearing has been arranged for the boys to take place on Monday, 4th August, 1975 at 11.00 a.m. Formal notification is being sent direct to Glasclune and I hope that this does not interfere with any holidays.

I shall be advising the Social Work Department of the Hearing and perhaps you can discuss with Miss Gordon, who will be submitting a report.

Yours sincerely,

Donald A. Stirling
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Depute Reporter.

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REPORTHUGH AND JOHN KENNEDY6.8.74

Mrs Sydserff to the office. Several appointments missed - pressure of work etc.

Arrived early with new hair-do - cut, rinsed, permed short. Wanted something which was less trouble to keep.

Mrs Sydserff's nervousness is reflected in her tense sitting position, clutching her handbag - rapid movement of eyes - like an apprehensive child wondering if she is going to be in trouble.

3rd party information

Hugh.

3rd party information

Some anxiety about the Hearing - would the boys be removed from Glasclune - fear of this as mum sees their present situation as a stable one - has progress for Hugh.

I said that transfer was unlikely and not to be recommended by myself or Miss Gordon.

Discussed how the Hearing could be used constructively. Mrs Sydserff hoping Mr Kennedy would be there 'we should all be involved.'

She is wanting them to be seen as a family at least as long as the boys are focussed on.

Nervousness returned when she mentioned a visit from 'one of the boys this Saturday.'

Furtatively - 'perhaps Hughie could come up again'. I said that I felt she was very apprehensive about having John for the day. This seemed to bring some relief and she was able to describe how demanding he was and her difficulty in resisting his demands. 'He's never satisfied - Hughie you can buy something for and he's quite happy but John goes on and on wanting more.'

I said that children make you feel very guilty when refusing them, especially John, but that I felt his demands was primarily to be with her and that it would perhaps be easier to limit his material demands if he was with her for the day and could look forward to another visit.

COMMENT

I feel that John's demands are most difficult for mum that he needs more

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from her as a son than she is able to give as she reacts by withdrawing from him eg rarely visited him in hospital which increased her guilt and his demands.

Mrs Sydserff stressed in response to my wondering if it was difficult for her to leave Peter to spend a day with the children that he now works on Saturday which 'frees' her to see them.

He does not know that she visits Glasclune with Mr Kennedy - feeling that she is 'not denying it but just not telling him'. I commented that it was a bit like one's adolescence and parental instructions on friends etc.

Mrs Sydserff laughed and said eagerly 'Oh you've no idea really' hinting at further situations where Peter is placed in this position. She closed up and needed to lighten the topic and began to move to go. I agreed to collect her to take her to the Hearing on Wednesday.

7.8.74

Saw Hugh at Glasclune looking cheerful and quite animated. He acknowledged me first! I said I had seen his mum - he expressed interest. I said she had enjoyed her day with him - he blushed and boasted that he had taken her on the dodgems at Portobello and she was quite scared. Very proud of his assertiveness.

Glasclune staff meeting.

Hugh

3rd party information

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Miss Massey & R. Mitchell.

GLASCLUNE REVIEW - 19.6.74

Post Review Report

Hugh and John Kennedy

JOHN

9 on 23rd June. Admitted to Glasclune on 20.4.74. Two weeks at Glasclune - then admitted to hospital.

Separations -

Both John and Hugh admitted to Calder Grove. Both left Mum easily. Later John cried for Mum and seemed closer to her than Hugh?

History - Unwanted baby (unplanned) - Mother wanted a girl. Difficult, crying baby, but attractive infant

Gary Holton -

When in Calder Grove inconsistent support and visits from Mum didn't meet John's demands.

John accepted Glasclune as his base very quickly and accepted a long-term contract.

D. Falconer -

Makes friends easily. Feels more for Mum than Dad. Some resentment when Dad visited him in hospital.

S. Massey -

John's early years - how much mothering?
Is he superficially feeling?

B. Trembath -

Emotionally he brings a lot out of staff to react to him - very demanding of staff.

Unset at Mum not visiting.

Able to express himself easily, more like 10 than 8. Like cuddles - is a follower rather than a leader.

HUGH

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3rd party information

3rd party information

R. Mitchell -

What is the boys' perception of relationships between other e.g. Staff?

Sterhanie -

Hugh

3rd party information

Boys very confused re relationships - complicated by Maternal Grandmother who gave different messages about the acceptability of the parents' marriage.

PARENTSFather -

Still growing up?

Staff see father often more like an older brother.

He feels that he abdicated responsibility for the boys and insecure re his role and involvement.

Works and plays hard.

Mother -

Frightened of what is expected of her - contact with the boys etc. Boy-friend resents demands made on her by the children.

M. Lawson -

Described Mum and Dad still meeting - going for a drink - like courtin' again.

Boy-friend recently been put almost in the role of strict father.

B. Trembath -

How is mother using Social Work relationship?

M. Lawson/

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M. Lowson -

Up to now looking at aspects of her Marriage and early life with the children. Some mourning about the lost later years of adolescence.

R. Mitchell -

Conflicting needs adolescent/mother?

M. Lowson -

Is able to look at her problems but anxious about change.

Pleased when Hugh visited but cannot take the initiative.

PLAN

1. Least limit of contact - few hours Saturday p.m. to Mum - limited contact approximately 1 per month.
2. Encourage Father to continue to visit Glasclune whenever possible.
3. Discuss boys with Dr. Rogers' next visit.
4. As Hugh 3rd party information

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Class Teacher's Report on John Kennedy

When he arrived, John was very friendly and it looked as if he would settle well. He quickly became popular with the other boys but they are a bit wary of him as his experiences are foreign to them.

He daydreams and lacks concentration. John was impressed by the friendliness of the children and said he's happy at Glasclune and at school. I have not yet succeeded in getting through to him. He seems to be in a world of his own.

Takes part in all school activities but has shown no great enthusiasm.



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GLASCLUNE REVIEW - 19th June, 1974.

Hugh and John Kennedy

Admitted to Glasclune on 20th April, 1974.
Care of Edinburgh Social Work Department - Section 15 of Social Work
(Scotland) Act.

FAMILY REPORT

Family

Mother - Thelma Kennedy, Known as Sydserff. Aged 30. Divorced from the children's father in 1972. Living with Peter Sydserff in her house.
3rd party information

Social Work Contact - 25th April, 1974; 7th May, 1974; 10th June, 1974.

These were all office interviews, one a joint transfer interview with Christine Ross, Local Authority Social Worker. Mrs. Sydserff does not welcome home visits. Some telephone contact.

During my period of contact with Mrs. Sydserff it has been apparent that she wants to use Social Work help. Initially, she presented me with her financial and housing problems. The rent for her Wester Hailes house and the cost of living in the area is high. Mrs. Sydserff was already negotiating for a transfer to the Pennywell Area when I became involved.

The stresses underlying these particular problems became more apparent as she brought up the difficulties in her relationship with Peter Sydserff. She has a desperate need to make a go of this relationship, her self-esteem requires it, and she seems to be under considerable pressure from him.

He is 3rd party information His acceptance of
Hugh and John has always been limited even during the more peaceful periods.

Mrs. Sydserff feels a conflict of loyalties between Peter and the boys. He is jealous of her involvement with them and also of her contact with her ex-husband and her own mother. Mrs. Sydserff is now in the position of having to conceal any contact she has with her mother or ex-husband.

Does not harbour resentment against her ex-husband and accepts his contact with the boys.

Father - Hugh Kennedy - Living with parents. Employed in maintenance repair work with Scottish Plant Hirsers.

Social Work Contact - 17th May, 1974 - Office Interview.
19th May, 1974 - Hospital Meeting.

Mr./

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Mr. Kennedy's involvement with the boys whilst they were in Local Authority Care was somewhat spasmodic, although he always became involved after any trouble concerning them.

Mr. Kennedy is an active man in both his work and leisure interests.

He readily accepted Social Work involvement and in terms of his role with the boys. The lack of peripheral problems e.g. financial, housing etc. meant that he used a Social Work Interview to look at the events of the past 10 years, his own role in the break up of the marriage, and some speculations about the future of the boys with either parent.

Both these parents married young against advice of their own families and now appear to need to develop individually.

Relationships with the boys

Father - sees a lot of himself in Hugh. More involved with Hugh in the early years. Never really established a relationship with John. Hugh knows that his Dad always appears following any difficulty.

Mother - Needs help to maintain consistent contact with and support for the boys particularly during difficult periods.

Both Mother and Father seem able to allow each other a relationship with the children without using the boys in a competitive way.

Points for discussion

Treatment plan for boys and parents.

MISS MARGARET LOWSON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

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**ANNUAL REVIEW FORM OF
CHILD IN RESIDENTIAL CARE**

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Branch Glasclune Date of Review ..19.6.74.
 Name in full John Angas Dempsey Kennedy Date of Birth ...23.6.65.
 Date of Admission ...20.4.74.

1. Progress, personality and development of the child.

John always appears older than his eight years. He likes to act the "big guy" but also loves affection such as being cuddled and kissed. He can respond to this to a certain degree.

He is a very attractive boy, and uses his eyes a lot to win his own way with Staff. He cries very easily and can not stand being hurt.

When playing he gets carried away, and will thump you though not with intentions of hurting, so one has to control the situation for him.

He is a great exhibitionist and loves to sing and dance in front of an audience of Staff or children. He enjoys a story at night and will sit close to you holding your hand. Talks more about Mum than Dad. He has some deep feelings about his situation which he will sometimes talk about and often be reduced to tears.

- 2. Health, including dental care.** He is very rough on clothing, but seems to have more regard for personal things.
 (and date of last medical examination) He has absconded once and played truant from School once. Each time accepted sanctions put upon him.
 Been in Western General Hospital since 14.5.74. with broken arm.

Psychiatric Recommendations.

Not Seen.

3. School

Not yet received

4. Outside interests and contacts
Family Contacts.

Dad been to see him regularly whilst in Hospital, taken him out in car. Mum has phoned Hospital and visited about three times.

Focus for Discussion.

Work towards better contact with Mum and Dad, aiming for W/E visits.

5. Christian upbringing. Baptism, Confirmation.

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6. Family contact and child's knowledge of background (A0250)

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7. Maintenance

8. Suitability for Boarding Out/Adoption/Migration

9. Recommendations

Present.

Distribution

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Signature of

Mrs. Sydserff/Kennedy

5.6.74 - At Office

Looking cheerful. Hair rinsed a dark brown colour instead of blonde - Mrs. Kennedy felt she needed a "new look for the summer".

Said things hadn't been too bad.

3rd party information

3rd party information

She was eager to talk about Hugh and John - 3rd party Hugh

3rd party information

Mrs. Sydserff mentioned John being discharged and had obviously not seen him for several days. She quickly avoided the subject of her visiting him with a murmur about buses not being convenient at the week-end. She sighed and I felt that she was somehow restrained in her contact with the children and not altogether responsible for it herself.

I probed gently about the preciousness of the week-ends to her and was told that Peter is not tolerant of her absence then when he is at home. I commented that it sounded as if she was experiencing split loyalties between Peter and the children. She agreed and said that that was exactly how it was.

Peter had seen John's admission to hospital in almost the same way as Hugh's
3rd party information as a direct attack on himself and their Mother, and resented this.

At some stage I asked Mrs. Sydserff if she could see any possibility of improvement in Peter's attitude to the boys.

Her (fantasy?) is that when they are "behaving normally" Peter who "is really good with children and does like them" will get on with them.

I said that part of the need for separation between herself and the boys was to give each a chance to work things out.

I recognised verbally her anxiety about "improvement" in the boys
3rd party but re-stressed the need for some contact between herself and them. 3rd party
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Hugh

3rd party information

Mrs/

Mrs. Sydserff mentioned the boys father several times and indicated that she was in touch with him fairly frequently. She knew about his visit to the hospital and North Berwick and his contact with me.

I encouraged her to talk about the early years of the marriage when she mentioned Hugh and John's infancies.

Strong memories of dreadful living accommodation - very little money, one room no hot water and shared toilet, in condemned property.

Little contact with either parents until Hugh was born, the marriage had been disapproved of. Hugh was a planned and wanted baby and Mrs. Sydserff coped with the poor conditions and she and her husband got on well together. John was not planned and not wanted - very shocked at finding herself pregnant but accepted it quite quickly. "I made up my mind that it was going to be a girl, I never had any doubts, I just didn't want a boy at all" Unclear about how she managed to accept John.

Different baby from Hugh. Slept badly, cried a lot. Hugh "very placid", no trouble at all". Recalled how she and her husband walked miles with the children to their own parents.

Mrs. Sydserff recalls her mother being inconsistent in her attitude to them "sometimes she wanted to see all of us, other times only the children - not often Hugh and I together".

Comment - It seems that the marriage was never really acceptable to her own mother although the children were accepted.

Mrs. Sydserff speaks of her father with affection but goes no further. Definitely warmer feelings to him than mother.

During the interview Mrs. Sydserff retraced parts of her married life, and spoke of her present contact with her ex-husband. Peter Sydserff has become jealous about this, there was a faint air of satisfaction from Mrs. Sydserff, and forbidden her to meet her ex-husband or to visit her mother where she sometimes encounters him.

I got the impression that she could have been describing an unreasonable father when she spoke of having to meet them without Peter's knowledge, and I wondered whether this is in fact the role she is assigning to Peter.

Comment

Mrs. Sydserff's attitude to Peter confirms my impression that part of her needs to be an adolescent and to reenact the process of separation from a parent.

The extent that this need conflicts with the reality of her as a parent could be discussed within foundations for a treatment plan at the forthcoming review.

MISS MARGARET LOYSON,
SOCIAL WORKER.

Report on Absconding and Stealing Incident at Glasclune.5th May. 1974.

Children involved - Christine and Bruce ^{3rd} , John and Hugh Kennedy, Sandra
^{3rd party} and Janie ^{3rd party}
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21 MAY 1974

Re'd to

Ack.

BT/BAT/UK

At 8pm a school teacher phoned to say that she had seen several of our children on the 7.30pm bus and that they had been saying that they were "running away" then the police arrived and said that several of our children had been seen breaking into the beach bazaar. I told the police that they had been seen on the 7.30pm bus, they then phoned Edinburgh police so that they could be met. The police phoned later to say that they must have come off the bus at Ballencrief, the children later said that they had gone straight to Edinburgh. I gave the police their home addresses.

At 11pm I phoned S. Massey I did not phone before as I expected the children back as I still thought they had left the bus at Ballencrief. I phoned Mrs ^{3rd party} who was out but I spoke to ^{3rd party} I also phoned Mrs Kennedy who was out.

At mid-night the police phoned to say that they had the children in the High St police station, that they had broken into a nursery and could I collect them.

Just as I left Mr ^{3rd} phoned to ask about ^{3rd party}

The children were charged with breaking into St Leonards Nursery and stealing a packet of sweets and a few pence. The police asked me to bring back to the North Berwick the other things that had been found on the children ie. rings, hats and some money.

I told the children to "Get into the car" in an angry voice - I briefly wondered if Hugh and John would obey me, they did, we drove back to North Berwick in silence, when we arrived back I just said "Get to bed" and I could hardly keep from laughing at the miserable, sleepy "criminals"

The North Berwick Police charged the children with breaking into the Beach Bazaar and stealing rings, fancy goods and money. Bruce ^{3rd} then went with the police to show them where they had hidden some things. ^t

The police said that it was unlikely that there would be any proceedings.

I spoke to all the children individually and imposed our usual sanction ie. loss of one weeks pocket money and confined to the grounds for one week except when they are with a member of staff.

D. Falconer.

JOHN AND HUGH KENNEDY

26th April, 1974.

Telephone call from Mrs. 3rd party North Berwick School phoned at 9.10 to say that they hadn't arrived.

Sandra 3rd party said that the boys were behind her crossing the park to go to school.

Thought that the boys hadn't any money and probably in North Berwick area.

North Berwick police informed and have informed Edinburgh police.

Telephone call to Victoria Street Social Work Department

Tried to contact Christine Ross - off sick.
Spoke to Bill Mundall, Area Officer. Also agreed that Margaret Lowson should contact Mum somehow. He agreed to alert the duty officer in case police contacted Social Work Department.

Phone call from Glasclune 4.30 p.m.

John and Hugh back having spent the day on the beach. Police informed.

Phone call to Social Work Department informing them.

NISS MARGARET LOWSON, SOCIAL WORKER.

KENNEDY FAMILY

Cancelled joint visit planned with Christine Ross - admission not feasible for time being.

18.1.74

Phone conversation wit Christine Ross. Had visited John at Calder Grove on Tuesday evening. Behaviour very variable - affectionate - violent. Felt it had been a very useful encounter. Took John to see Hugh at Assessment Centre. Dad was there visiting Hugh who is happy in a centre. Controlled and unable to become involved in trouble.

Both boys very keen to go to Glasclune, even if it means witing some time. Seem to have formed an attachment to Eric Falconer.

Miss Margaret Lowson,
Social Worker.

ADMISSIONS CONFERENCE - 5.11.73.

Hugh Kennedy (10)

John Kennedy (8)

Present

E. Falconer
E. Hocking
C. Ross
E. Beatty
M. Lowson
S. Massey

Admitted to Caldergrove and will stay there until long-term place available. What are they saying re Mother through their behaviour?

Destructiveness, tearing clothes, smoking. Finally wanted to go away from home - frightened by their own destructiveness.

Mother attempted to control them by bribery, hitting.

Father - last in picture officially some time ago but probably more often than we know. Mr. 3rd no longer around.

March 1971 - at Merchiston Park - notes possibly helpful.

Can cope with her Solicitors needs, very efficiently as his Secretary. Cannot
3rd party information Cannot let people near her - needs to be seen as a coping person.

John - clinging - causes the most concern. Appeared to be a satisfied baby.

Hugh - always seen as being very independent. Feeling that there is more stability in Hugh
3rd party information The boys had some good experiences with their father - mainly maternal now.

How does Mother see Social Workers?

Panick-stricken over boys.

Mrs. Ross saw very anxious side }
Mrs. Chick saw efficient side } - difficult to bring two together.

Mother was originally able to use Mrs. Fossard, Social Worker, Merchiston Park.

Contract would be to provide care for some time, may be till in their teens - while mother gains more confidence in her mothering role.

Will need support in coming to terms with her own aggression and kids rejection of Mother - and need gradual help, not pushing in expectations. "If people see how you really feel they will despise you" (Mother).

MGM - knits pullovers for them.

Relationships with other children

Miss Ross - Leaders with own group - but drift towards older ones.

E. Hocking - Hugh

3rd party information

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Plan

- (1) Hopefully admit nearer Christmas.
- (2) Visit Glasclune with Mother in November - a Saturday morning then day visit.
- (3) Weekend in early December at Glasclune.
- (4) Social Work - hand over to M. Lowson by degrees.
- (5) Miss Ross to let us have full Reports.
- (6) E. Hocking to let us have psychiatric reports.

MISS S.A. MASSEY,
ASSISTANT CHILDREN'S OFFICER (RESIDENTIAL).



SECTION A DETAILS OF CHILD

1. Name of Child KENNEDY John Angus Dempsey (Surname first)		2. Date of Birth 23rd June 1965								
3. Sex Male										
4. Home Address 1/54 Hailesland Park, Edinburgh, EH14 2RB										
5. Religion Protestant										
6. Date and place of Baptism Not baptised										
7. Received into care under (i) Section 1 of Children Act 1948* (ii) Section 15 of Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968* (iii) Children and Young Persons (N.I.) Act 1968*		} on 25.10.73 *delete as appropriate								
8. Estimated duration of care Long-term										
9. Parental rights assumed under (i) Section 2 of Children Act 1948* (ii) Section 16 of Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968* (iii) Children and Young Persons (N.I.) Act 1968*		} on *delete as appropriate								
10. Committed to care Subject of Compulsory Supervision Order (Scotland) } (Name of Court/Panel) by Edinburgh Children's Hearing on 5.11.73 SR NO 1578										
11. Local Authority responsible for (a) Care Edinburgh Social Work Dept. (b) Maintenance Edinburgh Social Work Dept.										
12. Legacy, Compensation, Accounts, etc., held for child (brief details) NONE										
13. Health—(Indicate particular health problems affecting child, including any physical or mental disability, diet, medication, etc.) No health problems. Had double rupture corrected by operation 1970										
14. Name of Family Doctor Dr. Motley Address McAlester Cottage, 300 Oxburgh Road, Edinburgh Telephone No: 031-441-3119										
15. Details of any previous periods in care (state agency and dates): NONE										
16. If a child is not residing with either parent, when received into care, state: <table border="0"><tr><td>(a) Name of Custodian</td><td>(b) Relationship</td></tr><tr><td>(c) Address</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>(d) Does custodian receive in respect of child:</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>(i) Family Allowance</td><td>(ii) Guardian's Allowance</td></tr></table>			(a) Name of Custodian	(b) Relationship	(c) Address		(d) Does custodian receive in respect of child:		(i) Family Allowance	(ii) Guardian's Allowance
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NOTE: A SEPARATE MEDICAL FORM (FORM 100) MUST BE COMPLETED AND ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

DETAILS OF CHS (continued)

17. Education

Schools Attended	Type	From	To
Hunterstryst	Primary	1970	Nov. 1972
Dumbryden	Primary	Nov. 1972	Oct. 1973
Sighthill	Primary	Oct. 1973	Present
			Present School Class or Form No.

(i) Give brief particulars of any attendance at a Child Guidance Clinic or other psychiatric consultation:

None.

(ii) Give name, date, and results of any psychological test:

(iii) Has the child been ascertained E.S.N. YES/NO* Date

*delete as appropriate

(iv) Has the child been deemed maladjusted YES/NO* Date

18. Child's Aptitudes, Interests, and/or Special Problems

19. Documents received on child's admission:

(i) National Health Medical Card

No:

Name of Executive Council issuing card

(ii) Birth Certificate

(iii) Savings Book

give details of others

(iv)

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SECTION B DETAILS OF FAMILY

20. Father's Particulars (Legitimate Child)		Delete as appropriate	
Alleged or Putative Father's Particulars (Illegitimate Child)			
(a) Full Name	Hugh Kennedy		
(b) National Insurance No.	(c) Date of Birth	23.5.43	(d) Religion Protestant
(e) If cohabiting, give details			
(f) Name and Address of Employer			
Scottish Plant Hire, Gorgie Road		(g) Occupation	Driver
(h) Details of Affiliation Order (if applicable)	Name of Court		
	Date Amount		
(i) Home Address (when child received into care)			
22 Sighthill Rise, Edinburgh.			
(k) Subsequent Addresses (with dates)			
1.	Dates		
2.	Dates		
3.	Dates		
4.	Dates		
(l) Ethnic Origin (e.g. French, 2nd generation West Indian immigrant, 1st generation Pakistani immigrant, etc.)			
If immigrant, state year of arrival in Great Britain			
21. Mother's Particulars			
(a) Full Name	Thelma Kennedy	(b) Maiden Name	Dempsey
(c) Known as	(d) Former Married Name/s		
(e) Date of birth	31.8.44	(f) Religion	Protestant
(g) If cohabiting, give details			
(h) Name and Address of Employer			
Alan McDougall & Co., Solicitors,		(i) Occupation	Secretary
10 Alva Street, Edinburgh			
(k) National Insurance No.			
(l) Home Address (when child received into care)			
1/54 Hailesland Park, Edinburgh.			
(m) Subsequent Addresses (with dates)			
1.	Dates		
2.	Dates		
3.	Dates		
4.	Dates		
(n) Ethnic Origin (e.g. French, 2nd generation West Indian immigrant, 1st generation Pakistani immigrant, etc.)			
British			
If immigrant, state year of arrival in Great Britain			
22. Full Name and Address of Husband of Mother (If not answered by paragraph 20)			
23. State in respect of the Parents:			
(b) If divorced: Date	5.11.72	Court	Edinburgh
(c) If separated (legally or mutually): Date		Court	
(d) Legal custody of children given to	Mother		
(e) Care and control given to	Mother		
(f) Details of Maintenance Order, where applicable:			
Date	Court	Amount	{ Mother Children

DETAILS OF FAMILY (continued)
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24. Household (To include father and mother if within household, also lodgers, etc.) (please ✓ as appropriate)

Full Name	Date of Birth	Sex	Relationship	Employed	At School
Thelma Kennedy nee Dempsey	31.8.44	F	Mother	✓	
Hugh Kennedy	14.11.63	M	Brother		✓
John Kennedy	23.6.65	M	Brother		✓

25. Siblings living away from home

Full Name and Relationship	Date of Birth	1 Address	2 Change of Address
Full Name		1	
Relationship		2	Date
Full Name		1	
Relationship		2	Date
Full Name		1	
Relationship		2	Date
Full Name		1	
Relationship		2	Date
Full Name		1	
Relationship		2	Date

26. Other Adults significant in situation

Full Name	Age	Relationship	Address
Hugh Kennedy	31	Father	22 Sighthill Rise, Edinburgh

27. Living Conditions (please ✓ as appropriate)

(i) Type of dwelling	House		Bungalow		Flat	✓	Others	
(ii) Type of tenancy	Owner/Occupier		Rented with Board		Rented	✓	Tied	
					Furnished		Unfurnished	
(iii) Standard of furnishings and cleanliness good								
(iv) Number of rooms 5		(v) Type of neighbourhood New housing estate						
(vi) Has application been made for Council accommodation YES/NO (delete as appropriate)								
(vii) Give date of application, name of housing authority, etc.								

28. Social History (Please comment upon birth, feeding, sleeping, milestones, illness, separation, early traumas, position in family, relationships, etc.)

For Hugh - see reports submitted, copy of Social history and other. 3rd party information

For John - milestones normal, earlier than Hugh and see reports.

There was considerable violence between the parents prior to their divorce.

Since the divorce Mrs. Kennedy has had several boyfriends at least one of whom co-habited with her for sometime. Mr. Kennedy also returned briefly in September/October 1973. She is currently engaged and says she hopes to remarry in one year's time. Her present co-habitee is a Mr. Sydserff and in her new job Mrs. Kennedy is calling herself Mrs. Sydserff. John is very fond of Hugh and wants to be friends with him. Hugh treats John as rather a nuisance, at times, and seems to prefer his friends to John.

DETAILS DEFENDANT (continued)

28. Social History (continued)

(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

29. (a) Particulars of Social Worker to be contacted concerning this child

Name Christine C. Ross

Designation Social Worker

Address 11 Victoria Street,
Edinburgh.

Telephone No 031-226-6751.

(b) Name and designation of Officer completing this form if different from above

Signature Christine Ross

Date 10.4.74

FILE C.

Psychiatrists
Dr. W. J. B. ROGERS
Dr. SULA WOLFF
Dr. JOHN EVANS

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE

3 RILLBANK TERRACE
EDINBURGH
EH9 1LL
TELEPHONE 031 - 667 6951

Our Ref: EH/SJF/16269
Your Ref: SM/MS

17th October, 1973

Miss Sylvia Massey,
Assistant Divisional Children's Officer, Scotland,
Barnardo's,
22 Drumsheugh Gardens,
EDINBURGH EH3 7RP.

Dear Sylvia,

Hugh & John Kennedy, 1/54 Haileland Park, Edinburgh

Thank you for your letter. I am so pleased that you are able to consider providing places for these two boys at Glasclune. I will speak to Dr. Rogers about them tomorrow (Thursday) and Miss Lowson and I are endeavouring to find a time to meet.

Christine Ross has had considerable involvement with this family, and the Social Work Department is in full agreement with the application to Barnardo's, but Christine and I decided that as we really knew them better, I should be the one to get in touch with you. I have kept her informed of developments, but perhaps you could let her have any official documents regarding payment, etc. that need to be completed. I will do the information about the family, medical certificates, etc.

Yours sincerely,

Ellie.

(Miss) E. Hocking
Psychiatric Social Worker

