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**NORTH AYRSHIRE
COUNCIL****REVIEW PROCEDURE****MINUTES OF REVIEW MEETING**

Date of Review: 21.05.98

Name of Home: Newfield Resource Centre

Name of Child: Lewis Duncan

Date of Admission: 02.09.97

Date of Birth: 22.10.84

Areas of concern as indicated in residential review form:

N/A

Areas of concern as indicated in Social Worker's form:

N/A

Summary of Discussion:

The paperwork for the review was distributed and read and the appropriate introductions were made by Mr Bobby Anderson, Chairperson.

Mrs Caroline Garrigan gave an update of events since the last Looked After Review. It was advised that Lewis has been in Newfield for a period of eight months, during this time there have been numerous attempts to reintegrate Lewis into mainstream schooling, however this has proved unsuccessful. At a planning meeting it was felt that a residential school would be a more appropriate setting. Specialist Services, Elliott House are aware of the current situation and are pursuing a place at Kerelaw School. However, at a recent Childrens Hearing panel members felt that a residential placement was appropriate and felt that a day placement would suffice. The panel has been continued awaiting the Educational Psychologist Report.

George Hutton, Keyworker, Newfield Resource Centre, informed that on 28th April 1998 Lewis was removed from the Unit and on his return could offer no reason for this. Apart from this one incident this is not a management problem with the unit. Mr Hutton advised that Lewis is coping well within the unit setting, albeit that he is receiving a very basic education.

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A lengthy discussion took place regarding future plans for Lewis. The discussion focused on whether Residential School or a day placement would be most appropriate for Lewis, given the comments of the Children's Hearing. Ms Mary McGoldrick, Unit Manager, Newfield was of the opinion that Lewis did not require Residential Schooling and with a firm plan for the shared care of him with his parents could sustain a day placement. In response, Mrs Garrigan, advised that this may be setting Lewis up to fail, as he was unable to sustain any level of schooling from the home base. It was felt that if Lewis was placed in a Residential School with appropriate schooling attached he would respond well to the goal of day boy status. A further point was raised that unless this route was taken at present Lewis may require to remain in Newfield until a day placement could be secured through the Education Directorate. Given that there is a waiting list for this resource and as yet there has been no Psychological Assessment completed, it was thought that it is likely to be a lengthy process.

Therefore it was agreed, reluctantly by some review members, that a Residential School would be sought for Lewis and Social Work Headquarters notified of the urgency of this placement.

Ms Duncan, mother and Mr Cameron, dad, were asked their views on the above decision. Mr Cameron strongly opposed this. His reason being that Lewis would be associating with other young people who were involved in criminal activities. Ms Duncan agreed to the decision as she felt that this would benefit Lewis and put the onus on him to reach his goal to return home.

Both Ms Duncan and Mr Cameron advised that their contact with Lewis is very positive and he adheres to limits and boundaries set. Mr Cameron advised that himself and Lewis enjoy various activities together such as fishing and camping. Contact arrangements were discussed in full and it was agreed that as well as weekend leave an additional overnight midweek be introduced.

As there were no further issues to be discussed, Mr Bobby Anderson, Chairperson, listed the decisions. The meeting was then formally closed.

Decisions taken (specifying action to be taken and by whom):

1. Recommend that a Residential Placement be sought at Kerelaw for Lewis.
2. Remain at Newfield Resource Centre meantime.
3. Contact to be as at present with an additional overnight mid-week. This to be reviewed at Planning meetings.
4. Headquarters to be contacted re the urgency of Residential Placement for Lewis.
5. Next Looked After Review to be held on Friday 3rd July 1998 at 10.00 am.

Date of next review:

Friday 3rd July 1998 at 10.00 am within Newfield Resource Centre.

Names and Designations of review panel: