

MINUTES OF REVIEW MEETING

AMANDA GOLABEK

19. Date of Review:	16.12.94
Location:	Ferintosh House, Conon Bridge
Chairperson:	Leslie Martin, Senior Social Worker (Children & Family Services), Wick
Names and Designations of those attending:	Grace Reid, Rossie School Grace Welsh, Social Worker Jim Mason, Ferintosh House Roger Balfour, Key Worker, Ferintosh House Mandy Golabek
Invited but unable to attend:	Peter Jamieson, Ferintosh House

20. Summary of Discussion:

Written reports were provided by Roger Balfour and Grace Welsh (see attached). As there seem to be a number of different interpretations by different members of staff about Mandy's wishes about where she should be living, this was discussed carefully and at some length. Mandy's behaviour during weekend visits to Ferintosh had been seeming to indicate that she did not wish to be at Ferintosh but would prefer to be at Rossie. This behaviour was looked at in some detail and it became clear that there appeared to be a specific reason each time Mandy had appeared to behave badly on a weekend visit. Grace Reid from Rossie felt that Mandy did wish to return to Ferintosh. She felt there had been a change in Mandy since moving to the Open Unit, Forth about six weeks ago. Up to now Mandy has not really opened up to Grace and discussed her wishes. However in the meeting Mandy was able to raise various points that resulted in her feeling unwelcome at Ferintosh. When Mandy visits at weekends she has to sleep on a Z-Bed in the Conference Room and this gives her the idea that she is not entirely welcome. She also always feels under threat of being sent back to Rossie if she doesn't toe the line. She feels that the other residents at Ferintosh are welcoming and that this is where she wants to be. The meeting was conscious that Mandy had very little choice in the matter and so the option of spending weekends at Coulpark was given to Mandy. She was very clear that she wanted to be in Ferintosh and not Coulpark. Another problem for Mandy had been the arrangements for transport to and from Rossie and Ferintosh. Grace Reid pointed out that after the fairly lengthy journey from Montrose to Inverness it has happened on occasion that Mandy has had to wait up to an hour to be collected by Ferintosh staff. This too makes her feel unwelcome. Ways of addressing this were discussed and it was agreed that Mandy would phone Ferintosh when she arrives in Inverness.

Educationally Mandy is very bright and Cath Neill has been making enquiries about the possibility of her attending Inverness Technical College. There appears to be a 95% chance of her gaining a place there but the Department would need to argue a case for funding her there. Mandy had been adamant she would not consider returning to Invergordon School and was therefore delighted at the possibility of attending College.

In many ways Mandy is seen as mature and probably able to deal with College. She can however be very obstinate and doesn't give an inch when she's made up her mind on something. Jim Mason felt that Ferintosh would be unable to allocate a room to Mandy immediately but would certainly give this top priority if she is to return on a permanent basis to Ferintosh. They will allocate one sooner if possible. A Hearing has been arranged for 11th January and it was agreed that the recommendation would be for the Supervision Order to continue with a Condition of Residence to Ferintosh. Meantime Mandy would spend weekends at Ferintosh and the programme of visits over the Christmas Holidays was worked out in some detail. The matter of clothing and boots was raised and needs to be discussed with Chris Williams. On health matters Mandy admitted that the treatment she is given for her psoriasis does not seem to be effective. She was advised to see her Doctor to discuss this. A full medical had recently been carried out at Rossie School and Grace Welsh is to send the Department's form to Rossie and the relevant information will be transferred on to it.

21. Decisions and Recommendations (include access, parental rights, custodianship, adoption, discharge from Care):

1. Mandy will continue her weekend visits to Ferintosh through the Christmas and New Year Holiday.
2. Ferintosh will try to improve the transport arrangement for Mandy. It was agreed she would phone Ferintosh when she arrives at Inverness.
3. Ferintosh to allocate a room to Mandy as soon as possible.
4. Cath Neill to be asked to pursue the arrangements for obtaining and funding a College place for Mandy.
5. Recommendation to the Childrens Hearing on 11.01.95 will be to continue the Supervision Order with a Condition of Residence to Ferintosh.
6. Chris Williams to be asked to address Mandy's clothing and footwear needs.
7. Mandy to seek advice from her GP regarding treatment for her psoriasis not apparently working. Grace Welsh to liaise with Rossie School about the Department's medical form being completed.
8. Review in three months ie mid March 1995.

Access Form '0' completed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N o
Chairperson of Review Meeting:	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Designation:	SSW Ch + Fams	
Date:	6.1.95	
Principal Officer:		
Date:		

REVIEW REPORT

Amanda Golabek

Date of Birth: 12.11.79

At the last Review held in Rossie School, it was identified that Mandy would move to the Open Unit and weekend leave and holiday leave be to Ferintosh, as it was recognised that Mandy would be moving back to Ferintosh permanently some time after the New Year.

Initially, Mandy was to come through on a Friday and return on the Monday morning and we would eventually extend her time at Ferintosh by one or two days, enabling her to settle back in again at a reasonable pace. However, things did not work out like this and very few of Mandy's weekends went without incident, sometimes resulting in her being returned to Rossie earlier than planned. Mandy, we feel, was well aware of the outcome of her action and quite openly chose to, more often than not, disregard advice and warnings from staff about her unacceptable behaviour.

We, at Ferintosh, see little point in Mandy continuing to come to Ferintosh as she is openly stating she does not wish to be here and would much rather remain where she is.

Ferintosh House
Regional Children's Centre
Sellar Place
Conon Bridge

16 December 1994

RB/MD

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Compiled by: Grace Welsh
 Date: 5 October 1994
 Updated: 15 December 1994

BASIC INFORMATION SHEET

FOR

Child in Care Review as per S20A SW (Scotland) Act 1968

1. Date of Review 16.12.94

2. Name of Child AMANDA GOLABEK

3. Date of Birth 12.11.79

4. Home Address

5. Current Address c/o Rossie School, Montrose

6. Child's Parents/Step Parents/Carers

Full Name Mr. Golabek

Legal Relationship Father

Address 66 Firhill, Alness

D.O.B./Age

7. Other Members of Child's Household
 - (a) Family of Origin:

Name	Relationship	D.O.B./Age

 - (b) Child's Present Substitute Family:

Name	Relationship	D.O.B./Age

8. **Dates of Admission to Care, Legal Orders & Variations of Orders or Other Major Events & Previous Reviews:**

Date	Event	Date	Event
June 1989	Admission to Care	April 1993	Moved to Ferintosh under Sec. 44 (6)
	Placement with Frasers	May 1993	Supervision named placement at Ferintosh
Feb. 1993	Supervision named placement at Coulpark	May 1994	Secure placement at Rossie School, Montrose

9. **Other Agencies Involved with Child:**

a)	Name of Doctor	Practice	Address
	School GP		
b)	Other		
	Jane English, Senior Educational Psychologist, Education Department, Dingwall		

10. **School/Nursery/Training Unit Attended by Child:**

Establishment	Address	Contact Person
Rossie School	Montrose	Grace Reid

11. Summary of Decisions from last Review

1. Mandy to begin leave programme to Ferintosh on 14th October. Rossie to arrange transport.
 2. While at Ferintosh Mandy will be taken out and returned by staff members to begin with.
 3. New clothing to be arranged by Ferintosh.
 4. Medical completed by Rossie School in May.
 5. Recommendation to Children's Hearing to continue Order, but with view to quick Hearing.
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12. Dates & Nature of Social Work contact with all concerned:

Many has been visited at Ferintosh House when on weekend leave. Contact and discussion with staff at both Ferintosh House and Rossie School has been continuous.

13. Brief Background to current admission:

Mandy was moved to a secure placement at Rossie School, Montrose, under Section 44 (6) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968. A Children's Hearing held on 24.5.94 had identified the need for a secure placement. Mandy's Supervision Requirement was later varied at a Hearing held on 30.5.94, and this Order has since been continued with Mandy remaining in secure accommodation. Concerns expressed included Mandy sleeping rough, her anti-authority attitude and possible sexual activity.

14. Description of current situation including: present placement, any changes in home situation, child's health, dental health, school issues, relationship issues, any special needs, and any other significant factors or issues.

Mandy has continued to experience problems in her home leave arrangements to Ferintosh House, for example on 16th September 1994 Mandy was returned to Rossie after being picked up by Police for being under the influence of alcohol. More recently on weekend leave, Mandy was reported missing from Ferintosh, having been in the Centre only a few hours. Mandy then 'phoned Rossie School on 3rd December, having made her way to Aberdeen. Mandy's leave to Ferintosh was then suspended until the Child in Care Review on 15th December 1994. It is questionable whether or not Mandy holds a commitment to Ferintosh House as her home base, and this needs to be discussed further.

With regard to education and everyday living, Rossie staff will be available to comment upon this. Since the last Review Mandy has begun living in a different unit within Rossie School.

15. Contact and Access: include comments on present arrangements such as frequency, venue, length of visit, who is involved, child's wishes and any other specific arrangements.

As current home leave patterns have faced difficulties. it is necessary to consider this area in more detail within the Review setting. On previous occasions when alternative residential and foster placements have been considered as a home base, Mandy stated clearly that she wished to remain at Ferintosh.

16. Care Plan: Actions necessary to meet child's needs - include recommendations for changes to present plan.

Mandy will continue to stay at Rossie School and build on a pattern of home leave before her Secure Accommodation Order is reviewed on 11th January 1995. It is necessary for Mandy to consider her own behaviour patterns and commitment to Ferintosh.

17. Outline Resources needed (whether or not these are available).

18. Preparation for Review:

Report seen by child	Yes/No
Report seen by parent	Yes/No
Report seen by carer/staff	Yes/No
Report seen by Area Manager	Yes/No
Report sent to Chairperson date -	

19. Foster Parent Contact F2 Drawn Up:

Date	N/A
Reviewed Date	
Reviewed Date	

20. In an Application to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board Appropriate:

Yes/No

Date Application made

21. **Invited to Attend Review**

Leslie Martin, Reviewing Officer
Jane English, Educational Psychologist
Representative of Rossie School
Representatives, Ferintosh House

Signed *L. Webb*

Designation Social Worker

Date 15 December 1994

Countersigned *J. Reid*
Date *15/12/94*



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Date 6th January 1995

Mr Golabek
66 Firhill
ALNESS
Ross-Shire

Dear Mr Golabek

This letter is to give you written confirmation of the decisions taken at the Child In Care Review meeting held on 16th December 1994 regarding your daughter Amanda.

The decisions of the meeting were as follows:

1. Mandy will continue her weekend visits to Ferintosh through the Xmas and New Year Holiday.
2. Ferintosh will try to improve the transport arrangement for Mandy. It was agreed she would phone Ferintosh when she arrives at Inverness.
3. Ferintosh to allocate a room to Mandy as soon as possible.
4. Cath Neill to be asked to pursue the arrangements for obtaining and funding a College place for Mandy.
5. Recommendation to the Childrens Hearing on 11.01.95 will be to continue the Supervision Order with a Condition of Residence to Ferintosh.
6. Chris Williams to be asked to address Mandy's clothing and footwear needs.
7. Mandy to seek advice from her GP regarding treatment for her psoriasis not apparently working. Grace Welsh to liase with Rossie School about the Department's medical form being completed.
8. Review in three months ie mid March 1995.

I have to inform you of your right to appeal the decisions of this Review. Any such appeal should be addressed to Ron Taylor, Principal Officer (Children & Family Services), Wick. If you have any queries about the contents of this letter please raise them with Grace Welsh, Social Worker or Jenny Tidey, Area Manager at Dingwall Social Work Office.

Yours sincerely

LESLIE MARTIN
SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER (CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES)

MINUTES OF REVIEW MEETING

22. **Date of Review** 11th October 1994
Location Rossie School, Montrose
Chairperson Jenny Tidey

Names and Designations of those attending

Jenny Tidey, Area Team Manager, Dingwall (Chair)
Neil Campbell, Ferintosh Children's Centre
Steve Marshall, Key Worker, Rossie School
Grace Reid, Rossie School
Grace Welsh, Social Worker, Dingwall
Mandy Golabek, Subject

Invited but unable to attend

Ron Gray, Rossie School

23. **Summary of Discussion**

Review introduced as statutory Child in Care Review. Grace Welsh gave brief summary of events following last Review, that Mandy was moved to secure accommodation by order of Children's Hearing in May. As Mandy's behaviour patterns did not change, and she absconded for a long period of time, the Secure Order was continued for a further period of three months.

When Mandy's home leave pattern had begun she went to the Lodge Unit at Ferintosh which she stated she did not like. Neil Campbell told the meeting how Mandy then went to the main building for home leave but she had recently written to a member of staff in Ferintosh stating she did not wish to return.

Mandy stated this was how she felt at the time, but did wish to return to Ferintosh.

It was noted that Mandy is not a problem when inside a particular unit, e.g. Rossie and Ferintosh, but when outside in company Mandy wishes to act older than her years.

Steve Marshall stated that Mandy had produced a very good educational report within Rossie, but would often shut down when discussing personal matters. Mandy has shown no understanding of when she is putting herself at risk.

In terms of the Hearing system, Mandy's next Hearing is to be held on 2nd November, 1994. All present felt that only recommendation is to continue Secure Order given that Mandy has continued to put herself at risk during home leave. However, Mandy herself is able to show that she can improve her behaviour and aid her return to Ferintosh full time.

On returning to Ferintosh to try home leave pattern again, Mandy is to be taken and collected by staff when going out in the evenings. Mandy agreed to this happening. Transport

arrangements to remain as on previous occasions.

There was brief discussion concerning the possibility of another residential establishment as a home base, e.g. Parkview. However, it was felt that Ferintosh is still a preferable option. Mandy still has a place at Invergordon Academy also on return.

Mandy had a full medical examination on entering Rossie School in May, and this was felt sufficient for Child in Care medical. Copy of medical report requested by Social Work Department for file.

The need for new clothing for Mandy was also discussed and this is to be bought during home leave to Ferintosh.

24. Decisions and Recommendations (include access, parental rights, custodianship, adoption, discharge from Care)

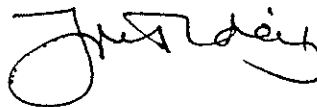
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4. Medical completed by Rossie School in May.
5. Recommendation to Children's Hearing to continue Order, but with view to quick Hearing if leave goes well.

Access Form 'O' completed? Yes No

Chairperson of Review Meeting

Designation

ASM



Date

31 October 1994

Principal Officer

Date

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Compiled by: Grace Welsh

Date: 5 October 1994

Updated:

BASIC INFORMATION SHEET

FOR

Child in Care Review as per S20A SW (Scotland) Act 1968

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3. Date of Birth 12.11.79
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4. Home Address
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5. Current Address c/o Rossie School, Montrose
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6. Child's Parents/Step Parents/Carers
- Full Name Mr. Golabek
- Legal Relationship Father
- Address 66 Firhill, Ainess
- D.O.B./Age
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7. Other Members of Child's Household
- (a) Family of Origin:
- | Name | Relationship | D.O.B./Age |
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	Jane English, Senior Educational Psychologist, Education Department, Dingwall		

10. **School/Nursery/Training Unit Attended by Child:**

Establishment	Address	Contact Person
Ferintosh Education Unit	Ferintosh House, Conon Bridge	Neil Campbell

11. **Summary of Decisions from last Review** 21-4-94

1. Jane English is to meet with Invergordon Academy re possible place for Mandy and special timetable.
2. Mandy is to remain at Ferintosh. However, there are concerns at her level of commitment.
3. Recommend to Children's Hearing that Supervision Order continues and that next child in Care Review will look at overall picture.
4. Review to be held on June 29th at 3.30 in Ferintosh House.
5. Secure accommodation not appropriate at this stage, partly due to boyfriend's own situation.
6. Mandy is to be approached by Ferintosh staff about contraception.
7. Jane English will continue involvement till end of June 1994, as long as Mandy is in agreement with this.

12. **Dates & Nature of Social Work contact with all concerned:**

Mandy was visited at Ferintosh House on a regular basis. However, since move to Rossie School on 25.5.94 Mandy has been visited at school and at Ferintosh House on occasions. Telephone contact with Rossie School has been continuous.

13. **Brief Background to current admission:**

Mandy was moved to a secure placement at Rossie School, Montrose, under Section 44 (6) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act.1968. A Children's Hearing held on 24.5.94 had identified need for a secure placement and Mandy's Supervision Requirement was later varied at a Hearing held on 30.5.94. This followed numerous occasions of Mandy absconding from Ferintosh House and putting herself at risk. Concerns expressed centred around Mandy sleeping rough, her anti-authority attitude and possible sexual activity. Mandy began a pattern of home leave to Ferintosh House. However, this led to an 18 day period in which Mandy again slept rough, not returning to Rossie School as arranged. This led to Mandy's Secure Accommodation Order being continued for a further three months on 17th August, 1994.

14. **Description of current situation including: present placement, any changes in home situation, child's health, dental health, school issues, relationship issues, any special needs, and any other significant factors or issues.**

Mandy has continued to experience problems in her home leave arrangements to Ferintosh House, for example on 16th September 1994 Mandy was returned to Rossie after being picked up by Police for being under the influence of alcohol. Weekend leave was, therefore, terminated early. It is questionable whether or not Mandy holds a commitment to Ferintosh House, and alternative home base situations may need to be considered. With regard to schooling and every-day living situations, Rossie staff will be available to comment on these areas. At previous school meeting held on 29.6.95, there was concern that Mandy had not looked at or considered her own absconding behaviour. It would be appropriate to consider this area again.

15. **Contact and Access: include comments on present arrangements such as frequency, venue, length of visit, who is involved, child's wishes and any other specific arrangements.**

As current home leave patterns have faced difficulties due to Mandy's behaviour, it is necessary to look at this area in more detail. Mandy's home base may need to be considered, and alternative Residential bases are being looked at.

16. **Care Plan: Actions necessary to meet child's needs - include recommendations for changes to present plan.**

Mandy will continue to stay at Rossie School and build on a pattern of home leave before her Secure Accommodation Order is reviewed in November. It is necessary for Mandy to consider her own behaviour patterns regarding absconding so that home leave becomes more successful.

17. **Outline Resources needed (whether or not these are available).**
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18. **Preparation for Review:**

Report seen by child	Yes/ No
Report seen by parent	Yes /No
Report seen by carer/staff	Yes/ No
Report seen by Area Manager	Yes/ No
Report sent to Chairperson date -	

19. **Foster Parent Contact F2 Drawn Up:**

Date N/A

Reviewed Date

Reviewed Date

20. **In an Application to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board Appropriate:**

~~Yes~~/No

Date Application made

21. Invited to Attend Review

Representative of Rossie School
Jenny Tidey, Area Team Manager, Dingwall
Neil Campbell, Principal, Ferintosh House

Signed *Grace Welsh*

Designation Social Worker

Date 5 October 1994

Countersigned *Jenny Tidey*

Date 7/10/94

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES FORM

SERVICE — Please Tick As Appropriate

ELDERLY

Residential
Community Care Unit
Day Care
Short Term
Long Term

CHILDREN

Residential
Foster Care
Community Carer
Day Care
Short Term
Long Term

HANDICAPPED

Residential
Day Care
Short Term
Long Term

OTHER

Probation
Supervision
Home Help
Short Term
Long Term

Full Name ... AMANDA ... GOLABEK

Present Address* ... FERINTOSH HOUSE ...
... CONON BRIDGE ...

New Address* ... ROSSIE SCHOOL ...
... MONTROSE ...

Statutory Condition Imposed ... Sec 44(a) Social Work (S.) Act, 1968

Name of Doctor

D.O.B. ... 12.11.79

Case Ref. ... 2074.17.01

To ... 25.5.94

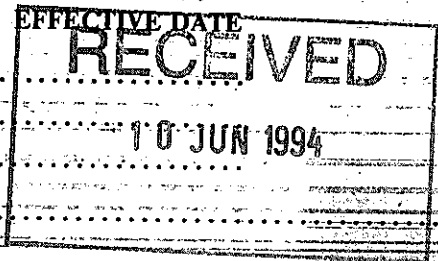
School Attended (Children only) ... FERINTOSH ...
... INVERGORDON ACADEMY

Date of Change ... 25.5.94

*Including name of Foster Parent/Community Carer where applicable.

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete)

Stop
Start
Amend Register



Reason

Name of FP/CC

RESIDENTIAL CARE/COMMUNITY CARE UNIT/DAY CARE (Delete)

Admission
Discharge
Temp. Change

EFFECTIVE DATE

... 25.5.94

Reason ... MOVED UNDER SEC 44(b) Social Work (S.) Act, 1968

Establishment ... ROSSIE SCHOOL, MONTROSE

Financial Assessment Attached

DHSS Supplementation applied for

SUPERVISION/PROBATION/HOME HELP (Delete)

Action to be taken ... Effective Date

Reason

Signed ... J. Welsh ... Date ... 26.5.94

Authorised ... J. ... Date ... 27.5.94

OFFICE Action taken ... updated Register

Documentation completed by ... J. ... Date ... 26/94

MINUTES OF REVIEW MEETING

19. **Date of Review** 21.04.94
- Location** Ferintosh
- Chairperson** Jenny Tidey

Names and Designations of those attending

Jenny Tidey, Area Team Leader (Chairperson)
Jane English, Senior Educational Psychologist, Dingwall
Jim Mason, Key Worker, Ferintosh Children's Centre
Bruce Chisholm, Key Worker, Ferintosh Children's Centre
Cath Neil, Teacher, Education Unit at Ferintosh
Grace Welsh, Social Worker, Dingwall

Invited but unable to attend

Mandy Golabek, Subject
David Morton, Children's Resources, Dingwall

20. **Summary of Discussion**

Discussion was opened by Jenny Tidey, who read the decisions of the last Review. It was felt appropriate to have a brief history of Mandy's past and the decision to place Mandy at Ferintosh in April, 1993. This was given by Grace Welsh.

Jane English was able to provide a description of Mandy from her Primary School records. She was viewed as a 'poor thing' who was dressed differently from her two sisters who also lived in the same house, and who was given extra food as she was often hungry. Mandy was seen as a 'Cinderella' character, who was given charity Christmas presents although she lived in a family. Mandy was taken to live with her mum, by her dad, and when this did not work out Mandy was received into care.

When Jane went to Mandy recently, Mandy ran away from her. When Mandy did go to see Jane she told her that she had run away from her because she remembered Jane from Primary School. Jane was able to read comments from school reports which suggested that Mandy was very settled, both in terms of behaviour and education, until she went to live with her mother.

Grace highlighted concerns since last Review, such as absconding from Ferintosh and Police charges. Mandy's recent contact with her mother was also considered.

Bruce was able to expand on the information contained in the Review Report prepared by Ferintosh. He stated that Mandy is not a management problem within the Centre, she is able to pick out a member of staff to talk to when she wishes. It was felt important to discuss sexual matters which have come to the attention of staff. Mandy visited the Family

Planning Clinic and was given the oral contraceptive pill. There are still concerns, however, as Mandy has stated that she is not taking the pill and would like to be pregnant. Mandy feels that this could be one thing in her life which she could have control over. Mandy has spent time recently cooking and baking for others, and this appears to be linked to her wish for a family of her own. It was noted that Mandy has had the morning-after pill on one occasion.

Mandy's absconding from Ferintosh is seen as concerning, and appears to be rising in number. Mandy was away from Ferintosh at the time of this meeting. Mandy has received several charges which are linked to her absconding, and there are Police charges outstanding which have not yet gone to the Reporter. When Mandy returns to the Centre she appears emotionally settled. However, it has been noted by staff that she is able to 'switch off' her emotions. It was noted that Mandy is very committed to her boyfriend. She also writes to other young men who are in prison. There may be an aspect of feeling safe with this type of distanced relationship. Staff have noted that Mandy has talked of a 'love pact' with her boyfriend, meaning if he goes to a secure unit then she will too.

Cath spoke of Mandy within the educational setting at Ferintosh where she copes well with school work. Mandy is generally well motivated and organised in her work. When local schools refused to consider a place for Mandy, Jane English, Educational Psychologist, became involved. Jane English then explained how Alness Academy and Dingwall Academy had been consulted, but were unable to offer a place. There were concerns expressed about Mandy's network of friends in these areas. Invergordon Academy may be a viable option, and Jane is to meet with school to discuss a possible place and a special timetable.

Cath explained that Mandy's current behaviour patterns may be connected to her boyfriend, and that Mandy may settle down again now that he is not in the close vicinity. It was felt that Mandy's education was a secondary problem and she works well in education unit, although limited subjects. Jane commented that a Residential School may not be suitable given this information.

Mandy's safety is paramount consideration. Both Jim and Bruce were concerned that Mandy's current relationships with staff in Ferintosh are not enough to secure her and keep her safe, although they felt that Mandy could be worked with. Ferintosh could work towards stabilising Mandy if Hearing allows this time.

Jenny stated that there is no consideration to fostering of Mandy at this time.

Discussion centred around the appropriateness of a Residential School or Secure Unit. It was felt by all that Mandy's problems are not educational in nature, and that she had not been given a chance to prove that mainstream education could be successful for her. A Secure Unit would offer Mandy a safe environment, yet her problems may still be evident on return to the community, for example, in returning to this area she may still be drawn to Alness.

It was decided that Mandy should be given a chance to attend mainstream school from Ferintosh Children's Centre. However, as the meeting was unsure of the possible success, or not, of this option a further Child in Care Review was planned for June. This was in recognition that things may well break down during this time.

21. Decisions and Recommendations (include access, parental rights, custodianship, adoption, discharge from Care)

1. Jane English is to meet with Invergordon Academy re possible place for Mandy and special timetable.
2. Mandy is to remain at Ferintosh. However, there are concerns about her level of commitment.
3. Recommend to Children's Hearing that Supervision Order continues and that next Child in Care Review will look at overall picture.
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5. Secure accommodation not appropriate at this stage, partly due to boyfriend's own situation.
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7. Jane English will continue involvement till end of June, 1994, as long as Mandy is in agreement with this.

Access Form 'O' completed? Yes No

Chairperson of Review Meeting

Designation *AM*

Date *22/7/94*



Principal Officer

Date

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

INITIAL REVIEW/PERIODIC REVIEW * (Please delete as appropriate)

Note - Complete questions 1 - 18 prior to Review

1. Name of Child AMANDA GOLABEK 2. Date of Birth 12.11.79

3. Address of Parents

Mother - Unknown, Edinburgh
Father - 66 Firhill, Alness

4. Present Address of Child

c/o Ferintosh Children's Centre, Conon Bridge

5. Legal Position/Section under which Child is in Care

Section 44 (1)(a) Social Work (Scotland) Act, with a Condition of Residence at Ferintosh Children's Centre.

6. Date of Admission into Care 28.7.89

7. Date of Review 15.4.94 8. Date of Previous Review 15.9.93

9. Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate)

1. Mandy's placement at Ferintosh is to continue.
2. A place for Mandy in mainstream school is to be sought as a matter of urgency. Invergordon would be the first choice.
3. Access - Mandy should continue to be able to have frequent informal access with her family as she wishes.
4. The recommendation to the Children's Hearing Review for Mandy will be that there should be no change to her present Supervision Order with Condition of Residence at Ferintosh.
5. Review in three months.

10. **Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Child since previous Review/Reception into Care**

Mandy has been visited at Ferintosh Children's Centre on a fortnightly basis since the last Review.

11. **Date and nature of Social Worker's contact with Family since previous Review/Reception into Care**

Mandy's father has been informed of Review. There has been no contact with Mandy's mother by the Social Work Department.

12. **Present situation with Family since Reception into Care/Last Review (full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family - substantiate if Care of Child cannot be assumed by them)**

Mandy has had no contact with her father but has visited her sisters in AIness.

Mandy made contact with her mother in Edinburgh, by placing an advert in a national newspaper. This contact was brief, and during my last discussion with Mandy she stated she did not wish to continue this contact.

13. **Present situation of Child since Reception into Care/Last Review (include schooling, health, behaviour, religious upbringing, etc.)**

The aim of Mandy's placement at Ferintosh was to break her pattern of absconding. This aim was achieved. However, Mandy has begun this again and has gone missing on several occasions. During these periods away from Ferintosh Mandy has been charged with various offences by the Police, including fraud and theft. Ferintosh Staff will be able to comment upon this more fully, and also her behaviour within the unit itself.

Mandy has not yet returned to mainstream education and the Education Staff at Ferintosh will have more information available about this area.

Many has been in good health with no major problems.

14. Contact between Parents and Child (how have access arrangements operated; what requires changing)

See Section 12.

15. Areas of Concern (if any)

(a) Family

Mr. Golabek does not wish to resume contact with Mandy at this stage. Mandy and her mother have not continued contact.

(b) Child

Mandy's absconding behaviour and related offending are causing serious concern, and she is putting herself at risk.

(c) Substitute Family

Mandy does not hold a commitment to a possible foster placement at present.

16. Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies)

Mandy's current behaviour patterns are causing concern and her placement at Ferintosh may need to be re-examined at this stage.

Mandy has an Annual Hearing Review on Wednesday 27th April, at which two charges against her will also be considered. I am aware that further charges have since been brought.

All aspects of Mandy's current placement should be considered and a clear way forward should be identified by the Review Meeting.

17. General Comments and Recommendations (access, long-term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation)

Mandy's current placement at Ferintosh and her possible return to mainstream education need to be assessed at this stage.

18. Invited to attend Review

Jenny Tidey, Area Team Leader, Dingwall
Neil Campbell, Manager, Ferintosh Children's Centre
David Morton, Children's Resources, Dingwall
Grace Welsh, Social Worker for Mandy, Dingwall
Mr. Golabek, Mandy's father
Jane English, Educational Psychologist
Jim Mason, Key Worker, Ferintosh
Bruce Chisholm, Key Worker, Ferintosh
Mandy Golabek, Subject

Signed *Grace Welsh*

Designation Social Worker

Date 6 April 1994

MINUTES OF REVIEW MEETING

MANDY GOLABEK

19. Date of Review:	01.12.93
Location:	Ferintosh House, Conon Bridge
Chairperson:	Leslie Martin, Reviewing Officer (Childrens Services - North), Wick
Names and Designations of those attending: Jim Mason, Senior Care Officer, Ferintosh Dave Morton, Social Worker (Childrens Resources) Bruce Chisolm, Key Worker, Ferintosh Mandy Golabek Cath Neil, Teacher, Ferintosh Jenny Tidey, Area Team Leader, Dingwall Grace Welsh, Social Worker, Dingwall	
Invited but unable to attend:	

20. Summary of Discussion:

Written reports were provided by Grace Welsh, Cath Neil and Bruce Chisolm (see attached). Mandy remains clear that she wishes to stay at Ferintosh and to commence attending mainstream school. She had been very unsettled in past weeks as she was involved as a witness in a court case. The court proceedings are nearly finalised now. Cath Neil reported that the new Headteacher at Alness had been clear that he did not want Mandy to attend the school. This request had only recently been made and no other schools have yet been approached. The meeting felt it was still possible that Invergordon might accept Mandy and Cath would ensure a request would be put forward as soon as possible. Bruce feels that Mandy is feeling more settled now that she has been told there will be no further action in respect of the court case. She has been under some stress and has been moody during the period up to this. Even despite this staff have noticed very positive changes in Mandy and she has been taking major steps forward. The major concern now is to get Mandy into mainstream school and support her through her settling in period. Invergordon is one of the smaller High Schools and Mandy did attend one of the Feeder Primary Schools. She may know some of the children attending the school. She has already missed the start of the standard grade course so it is a matter of urgency to get her enrolled. It was felt appropriate for Mandy to continue residing at Ferintosh until it is felt she is well settled in her new school.

There are at present no real problems with Mandy's informal arrangements to have contact with her family. She goes to see them quite regularly and Tina is still able to visit her at Ferintosh. Mandy also has phone contact with her family. For their own reasons the Golabeks at present do not wish to have any contact with Mandy's Social Worker.

21. Decisions and Recommendations (include access, parental rights, custodianship, adoption, discharge from Care):

1. Mandy's placement at Ferintosh is to continue.
2. A place for Mandy in mainstream school is to be sought as a matter of urgency. Invergordon would be the first choice.
3. Access - Mandy should continue to being able to have frequent informal access with her family as she wishes.
4. The recommendation to the Childrens Hearing Review for Mandy will be that there should be no change to her present Supervision Order with Condition of Residence at Ferintosh.
5. Review in three months.

Access Form '0' completed?

Yes

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Chairperson of Review Meeting:

Leslie McQueen

Designation:

R. J. A.

Date:

15.12.93

Principal Officer:

Date:

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

INITIAL REVIEW/PERIODIC REVIEW * (Please delete as appropriate)

Note - Complete questions 1 - 18 prior to Review

1. Name of Child AMANDA GOLABEK 2. Date of Birth 12.11.79

3. Address of Parents

Father - 66 Firhill, Alness
Mother - Edinburgh

4. Present Address of Child

c/o Ferintosh Children's Centre, Conon Bridge

5. Legal Position/Section under which Child is in Care

Section 44 (1)(a) Social Work (Scotland) Act, with a Condition of Residence at Ferintosh Children's Centre.

6. Date of Admission into Care 28.7.89

7. Date of Review 1.12.93 8. Date of Previous Review 15.9.93

9. Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate)

1. Mandy's placement at Ferintosh will continue. A foster placement for the future is not ruled out but is not being looked for at present.
2. Peter Jamieson and Cath Neil are to try to negotiate a place for Mandy at Alness Academy or if that fails at another mainstream school.
3. Information about Mandy's recent involvement in alleged offences has been forwarded to the Reporter and will be dealt with in due course.
4. Access - Grace Welsh is to see Wendy Golabek, Mandy's stepmother. Grace hopes to make clear arrangements for Mandy to visit her family at agreed times.
Mandy's sister, Tina, can visit her at Ferintosh as often as she likes.
5. A full medical on Mandy was done in May 1993. Her skin complaint is clearing up.
6. Review in early December.

10. **Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Child since previous Review/Reception into Care**

Mandy has been visited at Ferintosh Children's Centre on a regular basis since the last Review.

11. **Date and nature of Social Worker's contact with Family since previous Review/Reception into Care**

Mandy's father has been informed of the Review. I have had contact with Mr. Golabek by letter and two telephone conversations with Mrs. Golabek.

12. **Present situation with Family since Reception into Care/Last Review (full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family - substantiate if Care of Child cannot be assumed by them)**

Mandy has had no contact with her mother since her last Review.

I have contacted Mr. Golabek to arrange a meeting to discuss possible access and visits between Mandy and the family. However, Mrs. Golabek contacted me to say this would be unnecessary. Mrs. Golabek does not wish her family to have contact with Mandy at this stage, and was speaking on behalf of her husband.

13. **Present situation of Child since Reception into Care/Last Review (include schooling, health, behaviour, religious upbringing, etc.)**

The aim of Mandy's placement at Ferintosh was to break her pattern of absconding. This aim has since been achieved, and Mandy is very settled within the unit at present. Staff will be able to comment upon Mandy's behaviour.

Mandy's route back into mainstream education was to be followed up by Ferintosh staff, who will be able to comment upon this more.

Mandy spent a few days in hospital at the end of October which revealed a 'troubled appendix'. Apart from this incident, Mandy's health has been good.

Mandy has been referred to the Reporter, following an incident on 19th August, 1993, and this is currently being dealt with.

14. **Contact between Parents and Child (how have access arrangements operated; what requires changing)**

See Section 12.

15. **Areas of Concern (if any)**

(a) **Family** Mr. and Mrs. Golabek do not wish to resume contact with Mandy at this stage.

(b) **Child**

(c) **Substitute Family**

16. **Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies)**

Mandy appears very settled within the unit at Ferintosh and finds it difficult to consider living elsewhere at present.

The move to mainstream education is still being planned and as yet a school has not been identified for Mandy to attend.

At present, the overall long-term plan remains as previously, Mandy should return to mainstream education and reside at a suitable foster placement.

17. **General Comments and Recommendations (access, long-term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation)**

Mandy's current placement at Ferintosh and her return to mainstream education need to be assessed at this stage. A clear way forward in these areas needs to be identified by the Review Meeting.

18. **Invited to attend Review**

Leslie Martin, Reviewing Officer
Jenny Tidey, Area Team Leader
Neil Campbell, Principal, Ferintosh Children's Centre
Mandy Golabek, Subject
Mr. Golabek, Mandy's Father
Grace Welsh, Social Worker for Mandy

Signed

Grace Welsh

Designation Social Worker

Date 23 November 1993

REVIEW REPORT

Mandy's last review was held on 15.9.93 when the recommendations were as follows:-

- 1) Mandy's placement at Ferintosh will continue. A foster placement for the future is not ruled out but is not being looked for at present.
- 2) Education staff at Ferintosh to try to negotiate a place for Mandy at Alness Academy.
- 3) Information about Mandy's involvement in alleged offences has been forwarded to the Reporter and will be dealt with in due course.
- 4) Social Worker to visit Mandy's step-mother in order to make clear arrangements regarding visits.

As described in previous reports, Mandy's behaviour within the unit has been of a generally acceptable level, however, her mood swings have caused some concern and she seems to have transferred her need to run away from her problems, to hiding from them and, at times, it has been difficult to persuade her to get up in the mornings. Mandy is not always capable of communicating her feelings and it seems it is at these times she finds her own company preferable. Mandy generally gets on well within her peer group and holds a fairly dominant position, sometimes becoming involved in "silly games" but usually knowing when to stop. Her attitude to staff is varied and apparently fairly selective. She will relate well to certain staff and openly talks about her problems whilst proving fairly stubborn in responding to the requests of other staff members.

Since the last review Mandy has had one or two health problems and spent two days at Raigmore Hospital with suspected appendicitis. This was closely followed by a bad cold. Mandy has requested orthodontic treatment and an appointment has been made for this, although cannot be fitted in until January.

Mandy has continued her education at Ferintosh whilst education staff seek a viable alternative (Alness Academy have decided against readmitting Mandy).

EC/MD

1 December 1993

Ferintosh House
Regional Specialist Children's Centre
Sellar Place
Conon Bridge

EDUCATION REVIEW REPORT.

7th 14yrs.

Amanda Golabek

Date of Birth: 12.11.79

Since her last review on 15.9.93, Mandy has continued to attend the Education Unit at Ferintosh. She is currently in a group with three boys and following a curriculum of Maths, English, Social and Vocational Studies and Art. Since September we have noticed a distinct change in her behaviour and general attitude. She has become rather unpredictable, some days she is quite content to work and appears relaxed, at other times she seems sad, listless and apathetic, and at other times she can be rude and defiant to staff and can be very unco-operative.

She has often complained of feeling unwell and has been absent from school a total of eight days as a result of ill-health.

The decision to contact Alness Academy with a view to re-integration was postponed until after her court appearance as a witness on October 8th 1993. Alness Academy have now been approached and have refused to consider Mandy's re-enrollment.

It is felt that Mandy needs a move forward as soon as possible and that a lot of her unsettled behaviour is as a result of her feeling that " nothing is happening. "

Mandy has expressed a wish to attend Invergordon Academy and perhaps it would be pertinent at this time to consider this option.

C.N. November 30th 1993.



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RECORDED DELIVERY

Mr Golabek
66 Firhill
ALNESS
Ross-Shire

Dear Mr Golabek

This letter is to give you written confirmation of the decision taken at the Child In Care Review meeting held on 1st December 1993 regarding your daughter **Mandy**.

The decisions of the meeting were as follows.

1. Mandy's placement at Ferintosh is to continue.
2. A place for Mandy in mainstream school is to be sought as a matter of urgency. Invergordon would be the first choice.
3. Access - Mandy should continue to be able to have frequent informal access with her family as she wishes.
4. The recommendation to the Childrens Hearing Review for Mandy will be that there should be no change to her present Supervision Order with Condition of Residence at Ferintosh.
5. Review in three months.

I have to inform you of your right to appeal the decisions of this review. Any such appeal should be addressed to John Dunlop, Principal Officer (Care Management), Wick. If you have any queries about the contents of this letter please raise them with Grace Welsh, Social Worker or Jenny Tidey, Area Team Leader at Dingwall.

Yours sincerely

LESLIE MARTIN
REVIEWING OFFICER (CHILDRENS SERVICES - NORTH)

cc Jenny Tidey, Area Team Leader, Dingwall
Grace Welsh, Social Worker, Dingwall

19. Date of Review 15.09.93

Location Ferintosh House, Conon Bridge

Chairperson Leslie Martin, Reviewing Officer (Childrens Services - North), Wick

Names and Designations of those attending

Bruce Chisolm, Mandy's Key Worker At Ferintosh
Cath Neil, Teacher At Ferintosh
Dave Morton, Social Worker (Childrens Resources)
Mandy Golabek
Jim Mason, Senior Care Officer, Ferintosh House
Grace Welsh, Social Worker For Mandy
Jenny Tidey, Area Team Leader, Dingwall

Invited but unable to attend

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20. Summary of Discussion

Written reports were provided by Grace Welsh and Ferintosh House (see attached). Since the last review Mandy was moved from Coulpark to Ferintosh. The reason for this move was the very high level of absconsions by Mandy and the length of time she was away. There were very grave concerns for Mandy's safety at that period. Bruce Chisolm reported that there had been no behaviour problems from Mandy at all recently. She is able to form relationships with staff and other residents and even the recent changes with who was resident in the unit has not disrupted Mandy too much. Bruce finds that Mandy questions instructions that she is given and if she understands the reasons as found she always does as she is asked. Quite recently Mandy was forbidden to go to Alness for a four week period. This was connected to the rather unstructured way Mandy was gaining access to her father and sister. Mandy was able to accept this rule with good grace.

Mandy attended the West Coast Adventure week during the holidays and did well on it. She took part in other trips out of the Centre. Regarding schooling at Ferintosh Mandy had been a day attender at the school from Coulpark. She now attends the school as a Ferintosh resident. At first she was rather withdrawn but has shown great changes recently. She is keen on her work and does well. She is just starting work for her standard grades being in third year and Mandy is saying that she wants back to mainstream school. She certainly has been demonstrating much more mature behaviour. The meeting acknowledged that there is still a slight risk of Mandy/

1. Mandy's placement at Ferintosh will continue. A foster placement for the future is not ruled out but is not being looked for at present.
2. Peter Jamieson and Cath Neil are to try to negotiate a place for Mandy at Alness Academy or if that fails at another mainstream school.
3. Information about Mandy's recent involvement in alleged offences has been forwarded to the Reporter and will be dealt with in due course.
4. Access - Grace Welsh is to see Wendy Golabek, Mandy's step mother. Grace hopes to make clear arrangements for Mandy to visit her family at agreed times.
Mandy's sister Tina can visit her at Ferintosh as often as she likes.
5. A full medical on Mandy was done in May 1993. Her skin complaint is clearing up.
6. Review in early December.

Access Form 'O' completed? Yes No

Chairperson of Review Meeting .. *Kathie Kerby*

Designation .. *R.O.F.*

Date .. *27.9.93*

Principal Officer

Date

20. Summary Of Discussion (Continued)

Mandy failing at mainstream school because of social influences. Mandy has been expelled from Alness Academy due to her frequent absconsions from there. The risk should she return to Alness would be that she would resume friendships with people who tend to have a bad influence on her. Mandy feels confident this will not be the case. She prefers to return to Alness School, feeling quite negative about going to Dingwall Academy. Peter Jamieson and Cath Neil will undertake to try to negotiate Mandy a place at Alness Academy. The meeting was in agreement that Mandy should be helped to get her schooling right before consideration is given to any other changes. However a foster placement for Mandy is not ruled out for the future.

Clear access arrangements need to be negotiated so that Mandy can have contact with her father and sister. In the past such access has been very informal with Mandy taking the bus through to Alness when she felt like a visit. This now needs to be formalised and care staff need to know that Mandy is going to a specific place in Alness in order to meet her relatives. Mandy is not quite clear how her father feels about her resuming contact at the moment. Some friction has been apparently caused in the family by Mandy's step sister. It was felt that Grace needs to work with Mandy's step mum to clarify exactly what the position is. Mandy felt quite happy about this. Mandy's father works and is not quite so easy to meet as Wendy is, but Grace would attempt to see Mr Golabek as well. As regards Mandy seeing her sister Tina, Tina can visit Ferintosh at any time and is welcome. This arrangement would seem to suit both girls.

Mandy was involved in an incident with some other young people and this matter has been referred to the Reporter. The outcome for Mandy depends on proof of allegations against some co-offenders and it is believed that a trial at the Sheriff Court is to go ahead. Mandy will be dealt with by the Childrens Hearing but there will be some delay until the Court matters have been cleared up and this certainly will not be before 8th October. Naturally Mandy is rather anxious about this.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REVIEW FORM FOR CHILD IN CARE

INITIAL REVIEW/PERIODIC REVIEW * (Please delete as appropriate)

Note - Complete questions 1 - 18 prior to Review

1. Name of Child AMANDA GOLABEK 2. Date of Birth 12.11.79

3. Address of Parents

Father - 66 Firhill, Alness
Mother - Edinburgh

4. Present Address of Child

c/o Ferintosh Children's Centre, Conon Bridge

5. Legal Position/Section under which Child is in Care

Section 44 (1)(a) Social Work (Scotland) Act, with a Condition of Residence at Ferintosh Children's Centre.

6. Date of Admission into Care 28.7.89

7. Date of Review 15.9.93 8. Date of Previous Review 26.2.93

9. Summary of decisions from last Review (if appropriate)

1. Mandy's placement at Coulpark will continue.
2. In the event of a crisis in Mandy's behaviour, Martin will negotiate a place if at all possible at Ferintosh.
3. In the event of a major crisis with Mandy's behaviour putting her at risk, a further referral to the Children's Panel will be necessary.
4. Contact
 - Former foster family (Frasers) - Mandy can contact and visit them if she wishes.
 - Father and sister - informal contact will continue as before.
 - Mother - Mandy to discuss her wishes in this respect with staff.

10. Dates and nature of Social Worker's contact with Child since previous Review/Reception into Care

Grace Welsh became Mandy's new Social Worker on 23rd August, 1993. Mandy has been visited since then at Ferintosh Children's Centre.

11. Date and nature of Social Worker's contact with Family since previous Review/Reception into Care

Mandy's father has been informed of Review. However, no other contact has been made with either parent.

12. Present situation with Family since Reception into Care/Last Review (full consideration to be given to all relatives, extended family - substantiate if Care of Child cannot be assumed by them)

Mandy has had no contact with her mother since last Review.

Mandy has also had no contact with her father but has met her sister on occasion in Alness. Visits between Mandy and her sister have also occurred at Ferintosh Children's Centre.

13. Present situation of Child since Reception into Care/Last Review (include schooling, health, behaviour, religious upbringing, etc.)

Following the last Children's Hearing on 10th May, 1993, Mandy became a resident at Ferintosh Children's Centre where she has remained since. The main aim of this placement was to stabilise Mandy and stop her pattern of absconding.

Although Mandy has absconded from Ferintosh, the occasions have been less than in previous placements, and Mandy appears settled within the unit.

Mandy attends school at Ferintosh and the staff will be able to comment upon this area.

Mandy was involved in an incident on 19th August, when she left Ferintosh during the night with two other residents. A car was stolen and later crashed. The charges resulting from this incident have been referred to the Reporter. A future Panel meeting may jeopardise Mandy's placement at Ferintosh.

14. **Contact between Parents and Child (how have access arrangements operated; what requires changing)**

See Section 12.

15. **Areas of Concern (if any)**

(a) **Family** Contact with family members is an area to be considered by Mandy and her new Social Worker.

(b) **Child**

(c) **Substitute Family**

16. **Plans for Child (length of placement, type of placement, parental contact, involvement of other agencies)**

Mandy seems to be quite settled within the unit at Ferintosh, and within the Education setting. Plans for Mandy to be re-integrated into mainstream education may now be suitable. However, Ferintosh staff will be able to comment upon Mandy's educational progress and the appropriateness of this move.

Mandy's placement at Ferintosh should continue at present with the overall long-term plan being an appropriate foster placement and mainstream education. However, Mandy does not have the commitment needed to make a foster placement work in the immediate future.

Mandy seems to be finding it difficult to look at the future as she is extremely anxious about the recent incident and its possible consequences.

17. **General Comments and Recommendations (access, long-term planning including changes in legal status, rehabilitation)**

18. **Invited to attend Review**

Leslie Martin, Reviewing Officer
Jenny Tidey, Area Team Leader
Neil Campbell, Principal, Ferintosh
Mandy Golabek, Subject
Grace Welsh, Social Worker
Mr. Golabek, Mandy's Father

Signed

Designation Social Worker

Date 13 September 1993

REVIEW REPORT

Amanda Golabek

Date of Birth: 12.11.79

Last Review held on 06.07.93 - with recommendations as follows:-

- i) Ferintosh staff to contact Mr. Golabek to monitor home visits.
- ii) Amanda's time in Alness to be regulated and efforts made to determine the suitability of her associates.
- iii) Education to be investigated next term.
- iv) Review to be set after identification of new Social Worker.

Observed Behaviour:

As described in previous reports, Mandy's behaviour within the unit has been of a generally acceptable standard and she has not presented any serious management problems other than those listed below which are the direct result of our inability at present to completely eliminate her occasional desire to absent herself from the building.

Relationship with Peers:

Mandy's position within the group of other residents has strengthened again since the last Review and it is felt by staff that she holds a fairly dominant position within the group and is capable of influencing their behaviour. She is very strong willed and shows no signs of backing down when involved in confrontational situations with other children. There has also been some concern over slightly flirtatious behaviour with some of the boys and this was particularly apparent with a boy whom she seemed to be particularly influenced by. Despite holding this "dominant position" Mandy seems well liked and does not need to be aggressive in order to hold this position.

Relationship with Adults:

Mandy has remained capable of communicating well with adults, appears to be able to understand what is expected of her and she is not shy to request advice on certain problems. Mandy can be openly defiant but this is fairly unusual and in most situations she will ask "why?" she is being asked to do something and will normally comply when the reason is explained.

Breakdown of Events since last Review:

- 16/07 Through to Alness to visit sister - failed to return and reported missing - collected from Alness Police Station later the same evening.
- 17/07 Absconded from building and reported missing - missing for 3 days - later admitted to having been in Alness with several different people but exact whereabouts unknown.
- 24/07 Mandy absconded and was missing until 26th. Refused permission to go to Alness for one month, this she accepted without complaint.
- 01/08 On a trip to West Coast Adventure - all reports positive.
- 23/08 Absconded with 2 other children and involved in theft of car (at this point in time, it is unsure how the police/court proceedings for these charges will be concluded).

Conclusion:

It is hoped, at this Review, that a number of issues surrounding any future planning for Mandy's future be discussed, e.g, education, proposed future living base etc.

In working with Mandy, it would be suggested that she has gained a reasonable level of stability, in comparison to the chaotic state she found herself in when moved from Coulpark.

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13 September 1993

JM/MD