

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

See Section 12.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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

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

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## 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.
4. Review to be held on June 29th at 3.30 p.m. 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.

Access Form 'O' completed?  Yes  No

Chairperson of Review Meeting



Designation *AM*

Date *22/7/94*

Principal Officer

Date

# Rossie School

Montrose, Angus

DD10 9TW

Chief Executive:  
A.A.Thompson

Telephone:  
Farnell (0674) 820204. 820271  
Fax: (0674) 820249

Report for Review to be held on 29 June 1994

Name: Amanda Golabek      Address: c/o Rossie School,  
Montrose.

Date of Birth: 12.11.79      Date of Admission: 25.5.94

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## Legal Status

Amanda resides within Rossie School on a full 44 (1) (B) + 58a(3) Order issued by the Children's Hearing in Dingwall on 30.5.94.

## Health

On admission to Rossie Amanda was found to be in good health. This was confirmed on 31.5.94 when she was given a full medical by the School doctor. However, workers from Ferintosh did pass on that Amanda does suffer from psoriasis which now is thankfully cleared up. Apart from this, Amanda does suffer from the occasional sore head or sore stomach.

## Profile within Rossie

Amanda presents herself as a well built, tall young lady who takes a certain pride in her hygiene and well being. She eats and sleeps well and is settled into the unit with her peer group and staff alike. Amanda keeps herself busy during the evenings visiting Tay Unit, particularly one of the male residents there, whom Amanda has known for a number of years. Amanda is a likable young lady who hardly ever has to be reprimanded concerning bad behaviour or bad language. Saying this, she to a small degree has been involved in some of the 'winding up' and carrying on which is part of the everyday life in Rossie.

## Education

Amanda attends all classes willingly. An education report is attached.

## Outside Contacts

Amanda does not appear to keep in contact with any family outside Rossie whatsoever and her only real contact with home is Ferintosh, which she has 'phoned on numerous occasions.

## Ongoing Work

Since arriving in Rossie Amanda has discussed her past and her/

/her wishes for her future with her key worker. She has stated that the troubles she has had in the past have all been because she is involved with , and every time he gets into trouble so does she. She states that now she doesn't want to get into any more trouble or abscond and with this in mind her only wish is to return to Ferintosh and get on with life as 'normal'.

Summary

Since arriving in Rossie Amanda has settled in well and has displayed no management or behavioural problems whatsoever. She has moved through our privilege system quickly and is now on full privileges. She does everything asked of her without complaint and is normally so quiet one would hardly think she is around at all. We believe she is beginning to face up to her problems re offending and absconding and is always ready to discuss each issue with her key worker. We at Rossie feel that now is the time to begin constructing a leave plan for Amanda to integrate her back into her own community. This would also give her a target to achieve and help her on her way to eventual return to the Inverness area, where, by her own admission, she clearly wishes to be.

We look forward to discussing this report at the Review.



S Marshall,  
Key Worker.

24 June 1994.

ROSSIE SCHOOL

MONTROSE DD10 9TW

Tel No 0674 82 204 or 271

EDUCATION REPORT:

INITIAL ASSESSMENT

PUPIL:

AMANDA GOLABEK

DATE OF BIRTH:

121179 (14yrs 7mths)

DATE OF ADMISSION:

250594 (3wks)

DATE OF ASSESSMENT/REVIEW:

260694

DATE/S OF PREVIOUS REPORT/S:

NONE

TEST RESULTS: WESCHLER OBJECTIVE READING DIMENSION:

Basic Reading	16.0yrs
Spelling	17.0
Reading Comprehension	11.0
Date Tested	310594

PUPIL TO BE INVITED TO READ AND SIGN COMPLETED REPORT:

SIGNED:... *Amanda Golabek* .....DATED:... *23.6.94* .....

Mr J.C.Kearney, B.A.(Hons.), C&GLI FTC,  
HEAD OF EDUCATION.

SIGNED:... *J.C. Kearney* .....DATED: 160694

NAME

Amanda Bolabek

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

All pupils experience a general course covering observation, recording and creativity.

This involves the techniques and skills of drawing, painting, and various craftwork.

**OBJECTIVES**

- 1) Make and paint plastic book ends
- 2) Freehand drawing project

**OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED?**

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

**COMMENTS**

**EDUCATIONAL**

Amanda has settled well and worked consistently since her first day in class. Her art work is of a good standard and she is able to make her own decisions and is well motivated

**GENERAL**

EFFORT

**B**

BEHAVIOUR

**B**

- A) Excellent
- B) Good
- C) Satisfactory
- D) Causing slight concern
- E) Causing serious concern

ASSESSMENT GRADE

**2**

- 1) Completed objectives to a very high standard.
- 2) Completed objectives to a high standard, including a few areas of difficulty.
- 3) Completed objectives.
- 4) Completed objectives at a basic level.
- 5) Completed part of objectives to a basic level.
- 6) Failed to complete objectives.
- 7) Failed to start objectives.

SCOT VEC Ref \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) 2)
- 3) 4)
- 5) 6)

TEACHERS SIGNATURE

E. A. Taylor

DATE

13<sup>th</sup> June 94

NAME Amanda Solabe

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course offers a "Core of Information" which the pupils develop and enhance. Work is carried out in Theory and Practice, and aims to motivate the pupil through positive achievement. As students gain self confidence they also broaden their horizons towards employment opportunity.

This course is Modular based.

OBJECTIVES

- 1) USE TOOLS AND MACHINERY PROPERLY
- 2) MAKE A MODEL

OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED?

YES  NO

COMMENTS

EDUCATIONAL

Amanda is capable of achieving in all areas of Craft and Design technology. She possesses the ability to relate to what is being taught and apply her knowledge to practical situations.

Amanda uses tools and machines with confidence and she takes pride in order to produce good practical work.

GENERAL

Amanda will start a SCOTVEC module after the summer break

EFFORT

A

BEHAVIOUR

A

- A) Excellent
- B) Good
- C) Satisfactory
- D) Causing slight concern
- E) Causing serious concern

ASSESSMENT GRADE

3

- 1) Successfully completed objectives to a very high standard.
- 2) Successfully completed objectives to a high standard, including a few areas of difficulty.
- 3) Successfully completed objectives.
- 4) Successfully completed objectives at a basic level.
- 5) Completed part of objectives to a reasonable level.
- 6) Failed to complete objectives.
- 7) Failed to start objectives.

SCOT VEC Ref \_\_\_\_\_

Learning Outcomes Completed

- 1) 2)
- 3) 4)
- 5) 6)

TEACHERS SIGNATURE

George Alexander

DATE 15th June 94

NAME Mandy Golabek

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course covers writing, reading, talking and listening activities which incorporate the skills required to achieve levels of performance in written and spoken English to enable them to pass 'S' Grade or Scot-Vec at their appropriate level. These activities include - Formal and imaginative writing ; Reading for comprehension and critical evaluation ; formal and informal talk.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Reading for understanding
- 2) Writing to provide information
- 3) Listening - understanding

OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED?

YES  NO

COMMENTS  
EDUCATIONAL

Has good basic skills for the most part - needs to pay attention to detail though. Is fluent & ordered writer.

Will go on to look at aspects of language & purposes of writing

GENERAL

No management problem

EFFORT

BEHAVIOUR

- A) Excellent
- B) Good
- C) Satisfactory
- D) Causing slight concern
- E) Causing serious concern

ASSESSMENT GRADE

- 1) Completed objectives to a very high standard.
- 2) Completed objectives to a high standard, including a few areas of difficulty.
- 3) Completed objectives.
- 4) Completed objectives at a basic level.
- 5) Completed part of objectives to a basic level.
- 6) Failed to complete objectives.
- 7) Failed to start objectives.

SCOT VEC Ref \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) 2)
- 3) 4)
- 5) 6)

TEACHERS SIGNATURE

*[Handwritten Signature]*

DATE 17 June 94.

NAME Awartha Golubeck

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course seeks to develop basic skills in Geography, encompassing areas in :-

- 1) Local studies
- 2) Weather
- 3) Space
- 4) Global environmental issues
- 5) A personal project involving Geographical issues.

Aims will be delivered in five main topics and subdivided into attainment targets.

OBJECTIVES

- 1) To examine Global Environmental
- 2) issues - Pollution and Soil.

OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED?

YES  NO

COMMENTS

EDUCATIONAL

Awartha works fairly well in class. She has a good understanding and background knowledge of Environmental issues. However, a little more effort would not go amiss.

GENERAL

EFFORT  BEHAVIOUR

- A) Excellent
- B) Good
- C) Satisfactory
- D) Causing slight concern
- E) Causing serious concern

ASSESSMENT GRADE

- 1) Completed objectives to a very high standard.
- 2) Completed objectives to a high standard, including a few areas of difficulty.
- 3) Completed objectives.
- 4) Completed objectives at a basic level.
- 5) Completed part of objectives to a basic level.
- 6) Failed to complete objectives.
- 7) Failed to start objectives.

SCOT VEC Ref \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) 2)
- 3) 4)
- 5) 6)

TEACHERS SIGNATURE

P. Gray

DATE 16.6.94

NAME *Amanda Golabek*

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Part 1

A practical course which aims to develop manipulative skills, safety awareness and social skills.

Part 2

This consists of a Scot-Vec module of 40 hours duration, having three learning outcomes. This module is designed to help the students to develop basic cookery skills to aid independent living.

OBJECTIVES

- 1) ~~To weigh & measure accurately~~
- 2) ~~To use tools & equipment safely~~

OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED?

YES  NO

COMMENTS

EDUCATIONAL

*Needs to concentrate more on following written instructions.*

*Practical work of a good standard.*

GENERAL

*Caused no discipline problems.*

EFFORT

A  B  C  D  E

BEHAVIOUR

A  B  C  D  E

- A) Excellent
- B) Good
- C) Satisfactory
- D) Causing slight concern
- E) Causing serious concern

ASSESSMENT GRADE

1  2  3  4  5  6  7

- 1) Completed objectives to a very high standard.
- 2) Completed objectives to a high standard, including a few areas of difficulty.
- 3) Completed objectives.
- 4) Completed objectives at a basic level.
- 5) Completed part of objectives to a basic level.
- 6) Failed to complete objectives.
- 7) Failed to start objectives.

SCOT VEC Ref \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) 2)
- 3) 4)
- 5) 6)

TEACHERS SIGNATURE

*K. Whyte*

DATE

*15/6/94*

NAME Amanda GOLABEK

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The first objective of the Mathematics course is to diagnose any weaknesses that the Pupil may have. Remedy takes place through the 'SMILE' resource based approach to Mathematics. 'SMILE' presents a Mathematics course that is set in a lively and varied way, with much of the work set in Real-Life contexts. Work is tailored to the individuals needs, and builds on previous knowledge and explores new areas.

OBJECTIVES  
1) YEAR GROUP WORK

OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED?

YES N/A NO     

**COMMENTS**

**EDUCATIONAL** Amanda has a very good grounding in Maths and shows no weak areas. I have therefore placed her on her normal year group work. I would like her to sit the Scot Vec Maths Grade 4 next term.

**GENERAL**

Although a very capable worker Amanda is easily distracted by other class group members (especially boys). She is usually well behaved, and can produce excellent work.

EFFORT

**B**

BEHAVIOUR

**B**

- A) Excellent
- B) Good
- C) Satisfactory
- D) Causing slight concern
- E) Causing serious concern

ASSESSMENT GRADE

**2**

- 1) Completed objectives to a very high standard.
- 2) Completed objectives to a high standard, including a few areas of difficulty.
- 3) Completed objectives.
- 4) Completed objectives at a basic level.
- 5) Completed part of objectives to a basic level.
- 6) Failed to complete objectives.
- 7) Failed to start objectives.

SCOT VEC Ref. N/A

- 1) 2)
- 3) 4)
- 5) 6)

TEACHERS SIGNATURE

*R. R. Charlton*

DATE 13/6/94

NAME A. GOLDBECK

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The Physical Education course caters for all pupils to work at different levels in the core areas of gymnastics, games and aquatics. These core areas include; basketball, volleyball, football, unihoc, badminton, swimming, lifesaving, and personal survival techniques. In addition to the core, certain pupils will be able to participate in outdoor activities such as Hillwalking, skiing and canoeing.

**OBJECTIVES**

- 1) To assess Games & Swimming Ability
- 2) To get to know the pupil.

**OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED?**

IN PART.

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

**COMMENTS**

**EDUCATIONAL**

Although hardly enthusiastic, Mandy takes part in P.E. without complaint. The aim for the future would be to encourage Mandy to increase her participation in sports for enjoyment and health reasons.

**GENERAL**

Mandy is a quiet girl who is normally very co-operative.

**PRACTICAL PERFORMANCE**

ASSESSMENT GRADE

4

- 1) Shows excellent skill levels.
- 2) Shows a high level of skills.
- 3) Shows good skills levels.
- 4) Shows competent skills levels.
- 5) Shows low skill levels.
- 6) Shows poor skill levels.
- 7) Fails to participate.

**AFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT**

ASSESSMENT GRADE

3

- 1) Always shows a high level of co-operation and teamwork.
- 2) Usually shows a high level of co-operation and teamwork.
- 3) Is able to show a good level of co-operation and teamwork.
- 4) Sometimes shows co-operation and teamwork.
- 5) Seldom shows co-operation and teamwork.
- 6) Has difficulty working in groups/teams.
- 7) Unable to work with others.

TEACHERS SIGNATURE

R. Wells

DATE 17/6/94



**Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel**

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**Reporter  
for Highland Region**  
Peter S Ferguson BA

**Divisional Reporter**  
Ross & Cromarty  
Sutherland  
Mrs Hilary Macpherson

**Caledonian House**  
High Street  
Dingwall IV15 9RY  
Tel: 0349 865128 Fax 0349 865290

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Please ask for **Mrs Macpherson**

Our ref: **HM/SJ(rsocial.1a)**

22 June 1994

Mrs J Tidey  
Area Team Leader  
Department of Social Work  
Highland Regional Council  
"Slioch"  
Castle Street  
DINGWALL IV15 9HU



Dear Mrs Tidey

**Amanda Golabek : dob 12.11.79**  
c/o Rossie School, Montrose  
h/a 66 Firhill, Alness

I write to advise that I have arranged a Children's Hearing for the purpose of reviewing the secure accommodation in respect of the above named child.

This Hearing will take place on **Wednesday 17 August 1994 at 2.00 pm** within Caledonian House (above the Caledonian Hotel), High Street, Dingwall (entrance at rear beside the Croft Restaurant) and I would be grateful if you would advise the Social Worker concerned.

I look forward to receiving a report by Wednesday 10 August 1994.

Yours sincerely

**Hilary Macpherson**  
Divisional Reporter

*faxed send*



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Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel

Reporter  
for Highland Region  
Peter S Ferguson BA

Divisional Reporter  
Ross & Cromarty  
Sutherland  
Mrs Hilary Macpherson

Caledonian House  
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Please ask for Mrs Macpherson

Our ref: HM/SJ(lsocial.nfa)

7 June 1994

Mrs J Tidey  
Area Team Leader  
Department of Social Work  
Highland Regional Council  
"Slioch"  
Castle Street  
DINGWALL IV15 9HU

Dear Mrs Tidey

Amanda Golabek : dob 12.11.79  
c/o Rossie School, Montrose  
h/a 66 Firhill, Alness

The above named child has been referred to me on the undernoted grounds.

I now write to advise that, after careful consideration, I have decided that I need take no formal action in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Hilary Macpherson  
Divisional Reporter

GROUNDS OF REFERRAL

1. Between Sunday 10 April 1994 and Monday 11 April 1994, at a place to the complainer unknown, she did, while acting together, reset a quantity of money, the exact amount being unknown, the same having been dishonestly appropriated by theft.
2. About 1100 hours on Tuesday 19 April 1994, she did, while acting together, steal a "Sooty" Charity Collection Box containing an unknown amount of cash from Deas The Tearoom, High Street, Dingwall, District of Ross and Cromarty.



Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel

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Reporter for Highland  
Region  
Peter S. Ferguson B.A.

Divisional Reporter  
Ross & Cromarty  
Sutherland  
Mrs. Hilary Macpherson

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Dingwall IV15 9RY  
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Please ask for Mrs Macpherson

Our ref: HM/MK

31 May 1994

Mrs. J. Tidey,  
Area Team Leader,  
Social Work Department,  
Highland Regional Council,  
"Slioch",  
Castle Street,  
DINGWALL  
IV15 9HU

Dear Mrs. Tidey,

**Children's Hearing**

The cases noted below have been considered by a Children's Hearing and disposed of as follows:-

PLACE Caledonian House, High Street, DINGWALL DATE 30.05.94

**CASE**

**RESULT**

Amanda Golabek, b.12.11.79,  
h/a 66 Firhill,  
ALNESS

Supervision requirement varied  
authorising placement in Rossie  
School.

I enclose a copy of the requirement together with a copy of the Reasons for Decision for your confidential information.

Yours sincerely,

Hilary Macpherson,  
Divisional Reporter

Encs.

## SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

## Variation of Supervision Requirement to Authorising Placement in Secure Accommodation

At DINGWALL  
on 30th May, 1994

A children's hearing for Highland Region, by way of variation of the supervision requirement

dated 9th May, 1994

to which Amanda Golabeck, h/a 66 Firhill, Alness

is subject, being satisfied that Amanda Golabek

[the said child has a history of absconding and is likely to abscond unless kept in secure accommodation and that if the said child absconds it is likely that ~~his~~ her physical, mental or moral welfare will be at risk]

[~~the said child is likely to injure himself / herself or other persons unless kept in secure accommodation~~]

hereby require ~~him~~ her to be under the supervision of Highland Region Social Work Department and

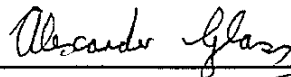
to reside in Rossie School, Montrose, Angus DD10 9TW

subject to the conditions noted below and the said requirement dated 09.05.94 is hereby revoked.

[~~The operation of this supervision requirement is postponed until~~ ]

## Conditions referred to in the foregoing supervision requirement

1. The child is liable to be kept in secure accommodation in the above mentioned residential establishment at such times as the person in charge of that establishment, with the agreement of the Director of Social Work of Highland Regional Council, considers it necessary that the child do so.
2. The child is required to observe the rule of conduct of the residential establishment
3. Subject to condition 1 above, the requirement to reside is subject to the discretion of the managers of the residential establishment to grant leave of absence from time to time.
- 4.



Chairman of Children's Hearing

**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**

**Notification of a Decision of a Children's Hearing**

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Amanda Golabek,  
c/o Rossie School,  
Montrose,  
ANGUS DD10 9TW

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**The Decision**

On 30th May, 1994 a Children's Hearing for Highland Region at DINGWALL decided to vary the supervision requirement in respect of you authorising placement in Rossie School.

(a copy of any Warrant or Supervision Requirement is enclosed)

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**The Reasons**

Because Mandy has a long history of absconding and particularly during the month of May, she is placing herself at physical and moral risk.

It is hoped that this placement will help her overcome her reasons for absconding and that she will develop the necessary internal controls to prevent her absconding.

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**Your Rights**

You have the right to appeal against this decision.

Any appeal must be made within **THREE WEEKS** of the day the decision was made. It must be lodged with the Sheriff Clerk at the Sheriff Court nearest to the place where the Hearing was held. You are advised to consult a solicitor. You may be entitled to legal aid. You will be notified of when the appeal will be heard. An appeal against a Warrant will be heard within **THREE DAYS** of it being lodged. Please read carefully any leaflet with this letter. If you do not understand something please contact the Reporter at the Divisional Office, Caledonian House, Dingwall Tel: 0349 65128.

Reporter.....*Kyle Napthorn*.....

31 May 1994

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 GOWAREK

Present Address\* ... FERINTOSH MOUSE ... LONDON BRIDGE
New Address\* ... ROSSIE SCHOOL ... MANTROSE

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

School Attended (Children only) ... FERINTOSH ... LIVERGORDON ACADEMY
To ... 25.5.94

Date of Change ... 25.5.94

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

FOSTERING PAYMENTS/COMMUNITY CARER FEES (Delete)

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Name of FP/CC ...

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Temp. Change

EFFECTIVE DATE

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

Establishment ... ROSSIE SCHOOL MANTROSE

Financial Assessment Attached  DHSS Supplementation applied for

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Action to be taken ... Effective Date ...

Reason ...

Signed ... G. Welsh Date ... 26.5.94

Authorised ... Date ... 27.5.94

OFFICE Action taken ... updated Register

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



Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel

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Please ask for Mrs Macpherson

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Mrs. J. Tidey,  
Area Team Leader,  
Social Work Department,  
Highland Regional Council,  
"Slioch",  
Castle Street,  
DINGWALL  
IV15 9HU

Dear Mrs. Tidey,

**Children's Hearing**

The case noted below has been considered by a Children's Hearing and disposed of as follows:-

**PLACE** Caledonian House, High Street, DINGWALL **DATE** 24.05.94

**CASE**

**RESULT**

Amanda Golabek, b.12.11.78,  
h/a 66 Firhill,  
ALNESS

Hearing continued for  
identification of Secure  
accommodation placement.

Yours sincerely,

Hilary Macpherson,  
Divisional Reporter

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL  
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

PERSONAL DETAILS

**Surname:** GOLABEK **Forenames:** Amanda

**Address:** c/o Ferintosh Children's Centre, Conon Bridge  
Currently - Rossie School, Montrose

**Date of Birth:** 12.11.79 **Occupation:** School Pupil

**Marital Status:** Single **Religion:**

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**Report requested by:** Reporter to the Children's Hearing

**Purpose:** Following Section 44 (6) Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968

**Date and Place of Hearing:** 30.05.94, Caledonian House, High Street, Dingwall

**Prepared by:** Grace Welsh **Designation:** Social Worker

**Decision:**

## BASIS OF REPORT

This report is based on contact with Mandy and discussions with the Director of Social Work, and Rossie School, Montrose.

## CURRENT SITUATION

Mandy's last Hearing was held on 24th May, 1994, and it was felt appropriate that a place in a Secure Unit be sought for Mandy. Following this Children's Hearing a secure place was identified at Rossie School, Montrose. Permission from the Director of Social Work and the residential establishment was obtained, and Mandy was moved to Rossie School on 25.5.94, under Section 44 (6) Social Work (Scotland) Act, 1968. This was given due to Mandy being subject to Section 44 (1)(a) of the above Act, and that it was deemed to be in Mandy's best interests to be placed in a Secure Unit at this stage.

## CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

I would like to recommend that Mandy's Supervision Requirement be varied that she does reside at Rossie School, Montrose.

An initial period of three months at Rossie School has been identified to examine Mandy's absconding behaviour.

*Grace Welsh*

Grace Welsh  
Social Worker

"Slioch",  
Castle Street,  
Dingwall.

26 May 1994

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL  
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

PERSONAL DETAILS

**Surname:** GOLABEK **Forenames:** Amanda

**Address:** c/o Ferintosh Children's Centre, Conon Bridge

**Date of Birth:** 12.11.79 **Occupation:** School Pupil

**Marital Status:** Single **Religion:**

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**Report requested by:** Reporter to the Children's Hearing

**Purpose:** Review of Supervision Requirement

**Date and Place of Hearing:** 24.05.94 - Caledonian House, High Street, Dingwall

**Prepared by:** Grace Welsh **Designation:** Social Worker

**Decision:**

## BASIS OF REPORT

This report is based on contact with Amanda at Ferintosh Children's Centre, and continuous contact with staff at Ferintosh.

## REASONS FOR REFERRAL

Following a Children's Hearing held on Monday 9th May, 1994, Amanda has continued to abscond from Ferintosh Children's Centre on a regular basis.

## PRESENT SITUATION

Amanda has begun attending Invergordon Academy and has been completing a part-time timetable. However, Amanda has continued to abscond from Ferintosh, putting herself at risk.

### **Absconded on:**

9th May till 2.30 a.m. on 10th May, 1994  
13th May till 1.30 a.m. on 15th May, 1994  
15th May, 10.00 p.m. till 12.30 a.m. 16th May 1994

At this stage it was felt appropriate to consider Amanda's Supervision Requirement.

## CONCLUSION

I would recommend that further measures are required to ensure Amanda's safety and well-being.

Following the Hearing on 9th May 1994, Amanda's name has continued to be held on the waiting list for Rossie School. At present there are no available places at this facility.

Contact has also been made with Kerelaw, Kenmuir and St. Mary's School, and although no secure places are available there may be vacancies in the near future.

Amanda's application will be considered by a screening Panel who allocate all places in the above facilities. The next Screening Panel is to be held on Wednesday, 25th May, 1994, and there may be an available place then.

I will be able to update this information further at the Hearing on 24th May, 1994.

*Grace Welsh*

Grace Welsh  
Social Worker

"Slioch",  
Castle Street,  
Dingwall.

18 May 1994

2.15 Wed 1st June, 94  
Placement Screening Panel  
in Strathclyde.

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REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING

TO BE HELD ON 24th. MAY 1994

Amanda Golabek

Date of Birth: 12.11.79

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At the previous Panel on 9th. May it was hoped that Mandy would be able to make some progress after gaining a place at Invergordon Academy. As can be seen from the following incidents, it is obvious that Ferintosh can no longer guarantee Mandy's safety.

9th. May at 9.45.a.m. - Children's Hearing

In the afternoon Mandy failed to return from visit to sister. She phoned for a lift at 2.30a.m.

13th. May - Mandy again failed to return from visit to Alness. She was picked up by the police on 14th. May at 11.30.p.m.

15th. May - Mandy absconded late evening. She returned via the police on 16th. May at 6.15.a.m.

16th. May - Mandy absented herself from Ferintosh and was returned by Jane English who met her in Dingwall, 3 hours later.

17th. May - Mandy absented herself from Invergordon Academy, returning on 20th. May after phoning from Alness to be picked up.

Bruce Chisholm  
Care Officer

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

20th. May 1994

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

AUTHORITY FOR TRANSFER OF CHILD UNDER SECTION 44(6)  
OF THE SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

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

Mother ... MRS GOLABEK .....

Address ... UNKNOWN, EDINBURGH .....

Father ... MR GOLABEK .....

Address ... 60 FIRHILL .....

... AUNESS .....

Date of Supervision Requirement ... 10<sup>th</sup> May, 93 .....

Residence Named in Supervision Requirement ... FERINTOSH HOUSE .....

... LONDON BRIDGE .....

Address to which child is being Transferred ... ROSSIE SCHOOL .....

... MONIROSE .....

Reason SECURE PLACEMENT NEED IDENTIFIED BY CHILDRENS HEARING,  
NOW AVAILABLE

Signature of Social Worker ... *W. Welsh* ..... Date ... 25.5.94 .....

I hereby authorise the above proposed transfer of .....

Signature ... *[Signature]* ..... Date ... 25-5-94 .....

Director of Social Work

Transferred on ..... Date .....

Signed .....

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname: GOLABEK Forenames: Amanda

Address: c/o Ferintosh Children's Centre, Conon Bridge.

Date of Birth: 12.11.79 Occupation: School Pupil

Marital Status: Single Religion:

Report requested by: Grace Welsh, Social Worker

Purpose: Annual Review of Supervision Requirement

Date and Place of Hearing: 27.4.94 - Caledonian House, High Street, Dingwall

Prepared by: Grace Welsh Designation: Social Worker

Decision: Continued until Mon 9th May, 94 for further reports from Educational Psychologist and information about place vacancies in Rossie School.

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COMPANY: GRACE WELSH, S.W. DINGWALL

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## BACKGROUND TO CASE

Amanda was admitted to care in 1989 and has spent some time living with foster parents and at Coulpark Children's Centre, Alness. On Monday, 10th May, 1993, a Children's Hearing varied Amanda's Supervision Requirement, naming Ferintosh House, Conon Bridge. Amanda has continued to live at Ferintosh House since this time, having been given a last chance to show that she could stop absconding.

Amanda's mother lives in Edinburgh, and there has been no continuous contact. There is no prospect of sustained contact or rehabilitation in this area. Amanda's father lives in Alness, but again contact has not been upheld. Amanda continues to have contact with her sisters in Alness.

## PLACEMENT AT FERINTOSH HOUSE

On Monday, 10th May, 1993, a Children's Hearing varied Amanda's Supervision Requirement naming Ferintosh House. Amanda has continued to live at Ferintosh House since this time.

Amanda's first Review Report from Ferintosh in July, 1993, stated that she had settled down well within the unit. The aim within the unit was to structure Amanda's time. Amanda's behaviour within the unit was described as of an 'acceptable standard', and she was not considered to be a management problem. It was noted that Amanda was able to communicate well with adults and she had settled down well within her peer group. Although Amanda did abscond from Ferintosh, the occasions have been less than in previous placements.

Amanda remained quite settled in Ferintosh until August 1993, when she was involved in an incident with a stolen car. This was, however, dealt with and no formal action was taken.

Amanda's Review Reports in September, 1993, again reflect someone who was well settled in her surroundings. The overall long-term plan at this stage was towards an appropriate foster placement and mainstream education. However, it was felt important to establish mainstream education before a foster placement could be considered.

## EDUCATION

From an educational point of view, Amanda continued to attend Ferintosh Education Unit. She is following a limited curriculum of Maths, English, Art and Social and Vocational Studies. Occasionally Amanda has been upset about events outwith the Education Unit and has become withdrawn and sometimes unco-operative. This type of behaviour was far more apparent when Amanda first moved to Ferintosh and is now seldom seen. Amanda has been stating that she wishes to return to mainstream education and this is currently being investigated by Ferintosh and Jane English, Senior Educational Psychologist. It is acknowledged that there is still a real risk of Amanda failing at mainstream school because of social influences. However, it is felt that Amanda should be helped to get her schooling right before consideration is given to any other changes. A foster placement for Amanda is not ruled out for the future.

## RECENT OFFENCES

During the period of Christmas and New Year, Amanda was involved in incidents which related to charges by Police. Amanda was finding this time of year extremely difficult to cope with, and she was feeling extremely unhappy about her personal circumstances. Two charges, both of stealing property on 7th January 1994 have not yet been dealt with. Having spent time discussing these incidents with Amanda, she is aware that this was unacceptable behaviour.

## PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

There has been great concern expressed about Amanda's recent stays away from Ferintosh overnight.

She has been involved with other individuals in delinquent activities which put herself at risk. Activities which are worrying include sleeping rough, being with people who are drug-using, her anti-authority attitude, and concerns about her sexual activity.

Amanda's Child in Care Review on 1.12.93 recognised such anxieties but felt that Amanda was more settled than in previous years (Coulpark).

At Amanda's latest Child in Care Review on 21.4.94, many concerns were expressed. It was noted that Jane English, Educational Psychologist, who has been working with Amanda, had approached Alness Academy and Dingwall Academy, both of whom had refused to consider a school place for Amanda. However, Invergordon Academy was approached and a meeting was arranged by Jane English on Tuesday 26th April, to discuss the possibility of a place for Amanda. Although concerns were expressed about Amanda's behaviour outwith Ferintosh, it must be noted that there was very positive comments about Amanda in the Living Unit and in the Education Unit at Ferintosh. Ferintosh are committed to working with Amanda towards mainstream education and re-stabilising her behaviour patterns.

### CONCLUSION

Given all the information contained within this Report, I would like to recommend that Amanda's Supervision Order, with a Condition of Residence at Ferintosh Children's Centre, be continued. However, a further Child in Care Review has been arranged for 29th June to reconsider current concerns expressed. At this stage a further Hearing will be called if it is felt that a change of placement is required.

*Grace Welsh*

Grace Welsh  
Social Worker

"Slioch",  
Castle Street,  
Dingwall.

22 April 1994

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REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING TO BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 1994

Amanda Jane Golabek

Date of Birth: 12.11.79

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Education:

Mandy is currently still receiving her education within Ferintosh Education Unit. This has continued as a result of problems in finding a mainstream school placement. (see separate Education Report).

Residential:

Mandy has continued to reside within the medium/long term unit at Ferintosh and whilst within the unit has not presented staff with any serious management problems. However, certain aspects of Mandy's behaviour have given cause for concern.

In some ways it appears that Mandy has lost her sense of direction, this, quite possibly influenced by the delay in finding a school placement, and, also the fact that despite strenuous efforts on Mandy's part she has been unable to rebuild any significant relationships with her family. The result of this lack of motivation appears to have drawn Mandy towards various negative influences. She has failed to return from Inverness on arranged free time and absconded on several occasions. It is at these times that Mandy has been unable to control her behaviour and in the last incident of unauthorised absence she received several charges. (see separate list).

A major influence on Mandy during this period has been her relationship with a 15 year old boy, a former resident of Ferintosh. Mandy had been in his company during most of her unauthorised absences and though she has been given professional advice regarding sexual matters, this has still given rise to serious concern.

Mandy's relationship with staff at Ferintosh remains fairly selective and although reasonably happy to confide in some staff she can be openly hostile to others and has, on occasions, chosen to ignore any advice or guidance offered.

Family Contact:

Mandy has still very occasionally visited her sister in Alness although most contact has been by telephone. A new development in Mandy's life has been the renewed contact with her mother. This has been by telephone only and at one point reached 3 or 4 calls a week. However, Mandy admits to finding it difficult in speaking to her mother about certain aspects of her life, particularly when she feels she would not approve of her actions, e.g. absconding, charges, etc.

Given that earlier on this year Mandy regained contact with her mother and it then very quickly ceased, we would not wish to build up any hopes that this contact will develop in a positive direction.

Conclusion:

Mandy has openly stated that she wishes to remain at Ferintosh but, her actions do not demonstrate that this is a viable option. As the attached list shows we are unable to guarantee Mandy's safety and it seems to us that we are now in a similar position as a department as we were when Mandy was transferred from Coulpark to Ferintosh.

It is unclear whether the transfer of Mandy to another establishment elsewhere in the country would allay the fears expressed above for her long-term future as the pressures which result in Mandy behaving in this fashion would still be there. Staff at Ferintosh are committed to working with Mandy, the most important issue at the moment appears to be getting some recognition from Mandy that she is in some difficulty.

It is probably worth pointing out that at the time Mandy was exhibiting similar behaviour at Coulpark the boy with whom she is currently involved was not around. It would be naive to assume that the answer to Mandy's problems is to remove her current boyfriend from the equation.

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

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11 April 1994

Amanda Golabek

Incidents of Concern

- 31/12 - Absconded (remained out overnight)
- 06/01 - Absconded (held by police on 8 January) charged with the following:
  - 1) Theft of handbag
  - 2) Theft of charity box
  - 3) Breaking into locked shed
  - 4) Taxi fraud
- 26/02 - Failed to return from Inverness (returned by police 2.15 a.m.)
- 10/03 - Absconded 7 p.m. (collected from police 1 a.m.)
- 11/03 - Absconded (collected by staff 12/03 boyfriend's house)
- 15/03 - Absconded 12.30 a.m. (collected from police 5.30 p.m.)
- 24/03 - Absconded (missing until 27/03 - in the company of others - spoken to by police regarding several incidents e.g. housebreaking, handbag theft, vandalism and automobile theft)
- 09/04 - Absconded - missing until 12/04. Charged with reset - in the company of 2 boys charged with theft
- 18/04 - Left the building without permission in the afternoon to link up with who was at a Children's Hearing in Inverness and was returned by staff from Alness Police Station on 24.4.94. We believe that Mandy has been charged with one theft and one housebreaking.

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EDUCATION REVIEW REPORT

Amanda Jane Golabek

Date of Birth: 12.11.79

Mandy has been continuing her schooling within the Education Unit at Ferintosh.

She continues to follow a curriculum of Maths, English, Art/Music and Social and Vocational Studies.

In Maths she has completed Level 2 of KMP Cards and is now working her way through "Mathematics in Action" Book 2. She is generally keen on Maths and concentrates well.

In English Mandy has been doing a project on Victorians. She has made several trips to Dingwall Library and has put considerable effort into this work. She has continued this project during social and vocational studies, looking at the life of Queen Victoria and Victorian Railways.

In Music/Art classes, Mandy has spent time listening to tunes by the Beatles and learning to play these on the keyboard. She has collected literature about John Lennon and ordered books about him and the Beatles from the library.

Mandy's behaviour in the school is generally of an acceptable standard. She does have mood swings and at times she finds it difficult to motivate herself to work.

She can be giggly and silly and sometimes defiant. Generally, however, she is pleasant and co-operative and shows a positive attitude to her academic work.

Since her review on 15th. september 1993 we have been trying to reintegrate Mandy into mainstream education. Alness Academy, Invergordon Academy and Dingwall Academy were all approached. All three declined to consider Mandy.

In January 1994 Jane English was contacted. Mandy has visited Jane on two occasions and Jane is, at present, trying to find a suitable mainstream place for Mandy.

Mandy often voices her concerns and fears about both her present uncertain situation regarding school and her future. It is hoped that something definite can soon be arranged for Mandy enabling her to focus her thoughts and allay her fears about her immediate future.

Ferintosh House  
Sellar Place  
Conon Bridge

21st. April 1994

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

AUTHORITY FOR TRANSFER OF CHILD UNDER SECTION 44(6)  
OF THE SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

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

Mother ... MRS GOLABEK

Address ... UNKNOWN, EDINBURGH

Father ... MR GOLABEK

Home ... 610, FIN III

Business

Date of Supervision Requirement ... 10th May, 93

Residence Named in Supervision Requirement ... FERINTOSH HOUSE

CONON BRIDGE

Location to which child is being transferred ... ROSSIE SCHOOL

MONTROSE

Reason ... SECURE PLACEMENT... NEED IDENTIFIED BY CHILDRENS HEARING,  
NOW AVAILABLE

Signature of Social Worker ... J. Welsh ..... Date ... 25.5.94

I hereby authorise the above proposed transfer of

Signature ... [Signature] ..... Date ... 25.5.94  
Director of Social Work

transfer effected on ... Wed 25th May, 94 ..... Date ... 25.5.94

Signed ... J. Welsh



Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel

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Please ask for **Mrs Macpherson**

Our ref: HM/SJ(1social.nfa)

11 May 1994

Mrs J Tidey  
Area Team Leader  
Department of Social Work  
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"Slioch"  
Castle Street  
DINGWALL IV15 9HU

Dear Mrs Tidey

**Amanda Golabek : dob 12.11.79**  
c/o Ferintosh Children's Centre, Conon Bridge

The above named child, who is presently under supervision, has been referred to me on the undernoted grounds.

I now write to advise that, after careful consideration, I have decided that I need take no formal action in this matter.

Yours sincerely

**Hilary Macpherson**  
Divisional Reporter

**GROUND'S OF REFERRAL**

About 9.00 pm on Saturday 23 April 1994, she did, whilst acting together, break into the office premises of Pat Munro (Alness) Ltd, Caplich Quarry, Alness, District of Ross and Cromarty, with intent to steal therefrom.

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# Highland

## Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel

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Our ref: **HM/SJ(sw)**

10 May 1994

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DINGWALL IV15 9HU

Dear Mrs Tidey

### Children's Hearing

The case noted below has been considered by a Children's Hearing and was disposed of as follows:-

**PLACE** Dingwall

**DATE** Monday 9 May 1994

**CASE** Amanda Golabek : dob 12.11.79  
c/o Ferintosh Children's Centre, Conon Bridge

**RESULT** The supervision requirement was continued.

I enclose a copy of the requirement together with a copy of the Reasons for Decision for your confidential information.

Yours sincerely

**Hilary Macpherson**  
Divisional Reporter

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# SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

## Notification of a Decision of a Children's Hearing

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Amanda Golabek  
c/o Ferintosh House  
Regional Specialist Children's Centre  
Sellar Place  
CONON BRIDGE IV7 8BU

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### The Decision

On Monday 9 May 1994 a Children's Hearing for Highland Region at Dingwall decided to continue the supervision requirement.

(a copy of any Warrant or Supervision Requirement is enclosed)

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### The Reasons

Mandy, since the beginning of this year, has had a history of absconding and involvement in offending while absconding. She has been placed, and has placed herself, in physical and moral danger. Therefore, the panel had to seriously consider secure accommodation as an option for Mandy, who has been placed on the waiting list for Rossie School. Part of Mandy's problem has been that there have been considerable difficulties in getting a mainstream school to accept her. Invergordon Academy has expressed its desire to take Mandy and she wishes to make a success of it. The Social Work Department have given us a firm undertaking that, should Mandy's absconding continue or the educational arrangements not work out, they will call for a Hearing immediately in order that the placement at Rossie may still be taken up.

Edith Blake

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### Your Rights

**You have the right to appeal against this decision.**

Any appeal must be made within **THREE WEEKS** of the day the decision was made. It must be lodged with the Sheriff Clerk at the Sheriff Court nearest to the place where the Hearing was held. You are advised to consult a solicitor. You may be entitled to legal aid. You will be notified of when the appeal will be heard. An appeal against a Warrant will be heard within **THREE DAYS** of it being lodged. **Please read carefully any leaflet with this letter.** If you do not understand something please contact the Reporter at CALEDONIAN HOUSE, HIGH STREET, DINGWALL (Phone 0349 65128)

Reporter.....*Kate Napier*.....

10 May 1994

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Instrument continuing supervision requirement

dated 10.5.93 in respect of:-

Amanda Golabek  
c/o Ferintosh Children's Centre  
Conon Bridge

(Place and date) at Dingwall on 9.5.94

A children's hearing for Highland Region

considering that [the foregoing supervision requirement]\* [~~the supervision requirement attached and  
documented with reference hereto]~~ is due to expire on 10.5.94, and being satisfied that it is  
proper so to do, hereby continue the said requirement in force.

*Edna Blake*  
Chairman of  
the Children's Hearing

\*Delete where appropriate



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Our ref: HM/SJ(rsocial.1a)

17 May 1994

Mrs J Tidey  
Area Team Leader  
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Highland Regional Council  
"Slioch"  
Castle Street  
DINGWALL IV15 9HU

Dear Mrs Tidey

Amanda Golabek : dob 12.11.79  
c/o Ferintosh House, Conon Bridge

I write to advise that I have arranged an urgent Children's Hearing, at your request, to review the supervision requirement in respect of the above named child.

This Hearing will take place on Tuesday 24 May 1994 at 3.30 pm within Caledonian House (above the Caledonian Hotel), High Street, Dingwall (entrance at rear beside the Croft Restaurant) and I would be grateful if you would advise the Social Worker concerned.

I look forward to receiving a report as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



Department of Reporter to the Children's Panel

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Our ref: **HM/SJ(sw)**

27 April 1994

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Dear Mrs Tidey

**Children's Hearing**

The case noted below has been considered by a Children's Hearing and was disposed of as follows:-

**PLACE** Dingwall

**DATE** Wednesday 27 April 1994

**CASE** Amanda Golabek : dob 12.11.79  
c/o Ferintosh House, Conon Bridge

**RESULT** The Hearing was continued for information from an Educational Psychologist and a possible placement at Rossie School. A further Hearing has been arranged for Monday 9 May 1994 at 10.00 am.

Yours sincerely

**Hilary Macpherson**  
Divisional Reporter

## **SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**

### **Notification of a Decision of a Children's Hearing**

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**Amanda Golabek  
c/o Ferintosh House  
Regional Specialist Children's Centre  
Sellar Place  
CONON BRIDGE IV7 8BU**

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#### **The Decision**

**On Wednesday 27 April 1994 a Children's Hearing for Highland Region at Dingwall decided to continue the Hearing for information from an Educational Psychologist and a possible placement at Rossie School.**

(a copy of any Warrant is enclosed)

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#### **The Reasons**

**A further Hearing has been arranged for Monday 9 May 1994 at 10.00 am, and you will receive official notification at a later date.**

**If you do not understand something please contact the Reporter at the Divisional Office, Caledonian House, Dingwall (tel 0349 65128).**

Reporter.....

*W. G. Napier*

**27 April 1994**

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL  
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

PERSONAL DETAILS

**Surname:** GOLABEK **Forenames:** Amanda

**Address:** c/o Ferintosh Children's Centre, Conon Bridge.

**Date of Birth:** 12.11.79 **Occupation:** School Pupil

**Marital Status:** Single **Religion:**

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**Report requested by:** Grace Welsh, Social Worker

**Purpose:** Annual Review of Supervision Requirement

**Date and Place of Hearing:** 27.4.94 - Caledonian House, High Street, Dingwall

**Prepared by:** Grace Welsh **Designation:** Social Worker

**Decision:** Continued until Mon 9th May, 94 for further reports from Educational Psychologist and information about place vacancies in Rossie School.

## BACKGROUND TO CASE

Amanda was admitted to care in 1989 and has spent some time living with foster parents and at Coulpark Children's Centre, Alness. On Monday, 10th May, 1993, a Children's Hearing varied Amanda's Supervision Requirement, naming Ferintosh House, Conon Bridge. Amanda has continued to live at Ferintosh House since this time, having been given a last chance to show that she could stop absconding.

Amanda's mother lives in Edinburgh, and there has been no continuous contact. There is no prospect of sustained contact or rehabilitation in this area. Amanda's father lives in Alness, but again contact has not been upheld. Amanda continues to have contact with her sisters in Alness.

## PLACEMENT AT FERINTOSH HOUSE

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Amanda's first Review Report from Ferintosh in July, 1993, stated that she had settled down well within the unit. The aim within the unit was to structure Amanda's time. Amanda's behaviour within the unit was described as of an 'acceptable standard', and she was not considered to be a management problem. It was noted that Amanda was able to communicate well with adults and she had settled down well within her peer group. Although Amanda did abscond from Ferintosh, the occasions have been less than in previous placements.

Amanda remained quite settled in Ferintosh until August 1993, when she was involved in an incident with a stolen car. This was, however, dealt with and no formal action was taken.

Amanda's Review Reports in September, 1993, again reflect someone who was well settled in her surroundings. The overall long-term plan at this stage was towards an appropriate foster placement and mainstream education. However, it was felt important to establish mainstream education before a foster placement could be considered.

## EDUCATION

From an educational point of view, Amanda continued to attend Ferintosh Education Unit. She is following a limited curriculum of Maths, English, Art and Social and Vocational Studies. Occasionally Amanda has been upset about events outwith the Education Unit and has become withdrawn and sometimes unco-operative. This type of behaviour was far more apparent when Amanda first moved to Ferintosh and is now seldom seen. Amanda has been stating that she wishes to return to mainstream education and this is currently being investigated by Ferintosh and Jane English, Senior Educational Psychologist. It is acknowledged that there is still a real risk of Amanda failing at mainstream school because of social influences. However, it is felt that Amanda should be helped to get her schooling right before consideration is given to any other changes. A foster placement for Amanda is not ruled out for the future.

## RECENT OFFENCES

During the period of Christmas and New Year, Amanda was involved in incidents which related to charges by Police. Amanda was finding this time of year extremely difficult to cope with, and she was feeling extremely unhappy about her personal circumstances. Two charges, both of stealing property on 7th January 1994 have not yet been dealt with. Having spent time discussing these incidents with Amanda, she is aware that this was unacceptable behaviour.

## PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

There has been great concern expressed about Amanda's recent stays away from Ferintosh overnight.

She has been involved with other individuals in delinquent activities which put herself at risk. Activities which are worrying include sleeping rough, being with people who are drug-using, her anti-authority attitude, and concerns about her sexual activity.

Amanda's Child in Care Review on 1.12.93 recognised such anxieties but felt that Amanda was more settled than in previous years (Coulpark).

At Amanda's latest Child in Care Review on 21.4.94, many concerns were expressed. It was noted that Jane English, Educational Psychologist, who has been working with Amanda, had approached Alness Academy and Dingwall Academy, both of whom had refused to consider a school place for Amanda. However, Invergordon Academy was approached and a meeting was arranged by Jane English on Tuesday 26th April, to discuss the possibility of a place for Amanda. Although concerns were expressed about Amanda's behaviour outwith Ferintosh, it must be noted that there was very positive comments about Amanda in the Living Unit and in the Education Unit at Ferintosh. Ferintosh are committed to working with Amanda towards mainstream education and re-stabilising her behaviour patterns.

### CONCLUSION

Given all the information contained within this Report, I would like to recommend that Amanda's Supervision Order, with a Condition of Residence at Ferintosh Children's Centre, be continued. However, a further Child in Care Review has been arranged for 29th June to reconsider current concerns expressed. At this stage a further Hearing will be called if it is felt that a change of placement is required.

*Grace Welsh*

PP Grace Welsh  
Social Worker

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REPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HEARING TO BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 1994

Amanda Jane Golabek

Date of Birth: 12.11.79

Education:

Mandy is currently still receiving her education within Ferintosh Education Unit. This has continued as a result of problems in finding a mainstream school placement. (see separate Education Report).

Residential:

Mandy has continued to reside within the medium/long term unit at Ferintosh and whilst within the unit has not presented staff with any serious management problems. However, certain aspects of Mandy's behaviour have given cause for concern.

In some ways it appears that Mandy has lost her sense of direction, this, quite possibly influenced by the delay in finding a school placement, and, also the fact that despite strenuous efforts on Mandy's part she has been unable to rebuild any significant relationships with her family. The result of this lack of motivation appears to have drawn Mandy towards various negative influences. She has failed to return from Inverness on arranged free time and absconded on several occasions. It is at these times that Mandy has been unable to control her behaviour and in the last incident of unauthorised absence she received several charges. (see separate list).

A major influence on Mandy during this period has been her relationship with a 15 year old boy, a former resident of Ferintosh. Mandy had been in his company during most of her unauthorised absences and though she has been given professional advice regarding sexual matters, this has still given rise to serious concern.

Mandy's relationship with staff at Ferintosh remains fairly selective and although reasonably happy to confide in some staff she can be openly hostile to others and has, on occasions, chosen to ignore any advice or guidance offered.

Family Contact:

Mandy has still very occasionally visited her sister in Alness although most contact has been by telephone. A new development in Mandy's life has been the renewed contact with her mother. This has been by telephone only and at one point reached 3 or 4 calls a week. However, Mandy admits to finding it difficult in speaking to her mother about certain aspects of her life, particularly when she feels she would not approve of her actions, e.g. absconding, charges, etc.

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Given that earlier on this year Mandy regained contact with her mother and it then very quickly ceased, we would not wish to build up any hopes that this contact will develop in a positive direction.

Conclusion:

Mandy has openly stated that she wishes to remain at Ferintosh but, her actions do not demonstrate that this is a viable option. As the attached list shows we are unable to guarantee Mandy's safety and it seems to us that we are now in a similar position as a department as we were when Mandy was transferred from Coulpark to Ferintosh.

It is unclear whether the transfer of Mandy to another establishment elsewhere in the country would allay the fears expressed above for her long-term future as the pressures which result in Mandy behaving in this fashion would still be there. Staff at Ferintosh are committed to working with Mandy, the most important issue at the moment appears to be getting some recognition from Mandy that she is in some difficulty.

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Amanda Golabek

Incidents of Concern

- 31/12 - Absconded (remained out overnight)
- 06/01 - Absconded (held by police on 8 January) charged with the following:
  - 1) Theft of handbag
  - 2) Theft of charity box
  - 3) Breaking into locked shed
  - 4) Taxi fraud
- 26/02 - Failed to return from Inverness (returned by police 2.15 a.m.)
- 10/03 - Absconded 7 p.m. (collected from police 1 a.m.)
- 11/03 - Absconded (collected by staff 12/03 boyfriend's house)
- 15/03 - Absconded 12.30 a.m. (collected from police 5.30 p.m.)
- 24/03 - Absconded (missing until 27/03 - in the company of others - spoken to by police regarding several incidents e.g. housebreaking, handbag theft, vandalism and automobile theft)
- 09/04 - Absconded - missing until 12/04. Charged with reset - in the company of 2 boys charged with theft
- 18/04 - Left the building without permission in the afternoon to link up with                    who was at a Children's Hearing in Inverness and was returned by staff from Alness Police Station on 24.4.94. We believe that Mandy has been charged with one theft and one housebreaking.

EDUCATION REVIEW REPORT

Amanda Jane Golabek

Date of Birth: 12.11.79

Mandy has been continuing her schooling within the Education Unit at Ferintosh.

She continues to follow a curriculum of Maths, English, Art/Music and Social and Vocational Studies.

In Maths she has completed Level 2 of KMP Cards and is now working her way through "Mathematics in Action" Book 2. She is generally keen on Maths and concentrates well.

In English Mandy has been doing a project on Victorians. She has made several trips to Dingwall Library and has put considerable effort into this work. She has continued this project during social and vocational studies, looking at the life of Queen Victoria and Victorian Railways.

In Music/Art classes, Mandy has spent time listening to tunes by the Beatles and learning to play these on the keyboard. She has collected literature about John Lennon and ordered books about him and the Beatles from the library.

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She can be giggly and silly and sometimes defiant. Generally, however, she is pleasant and co-operative and shows a positive attitude to her academic work.

Since her review on 15th. september 1993 we have been trying to reintegrate Mandy into mainstream education. Alness Academy, Invergordon Academy and Dingwall Academy were all approached. All three declined to consider Mandy.

In January 1994 Jane English was contacted. Mandy has visited Jane on two occasions and Jane is, at present, trying to find a suitable mainstream place for Mandy.

Mandy often voices her concerns and fears about both her present uncertain situation regarding school and her future. It is hoped that something definite can soon be arranged for Mandy enabling her to focus her thoughts and allay her fears about her immediate future.

Ferintosh House  
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