

CASE REVIEWS — CHILDREN IN CARE

SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT

Please include comments under the following headings:—

Pen picture of the child (including interests as well as physical and emotional attributes);

Summary of Work done since last Review (including frequency of visits):

Suitability of Placement (does it meet the child's needs? What are his views);

School Report (facts about attainment and potential. Also any behavioural or relationship difficulties);

Health (date of last medical and details of any treatment in addition to description of health);

Contact with natural parents/current home situation/parents' views re future;

Parental Contributions: Has parental assessment form been submitted to HQ.?

Social Workers's views re future action (indicating why any change in direction has taken place since last review/initial assessment. Also indicate why particular goals are used and link with understanding of child's behaviour).

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ADDRESS IN CARE

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Andrew Jones

Ann Street Children's Home

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Pen Picture of the Child: Andrew is a smallish thin boy with brown hair. He is normally a quiet reserved boy but can hold his own in his current group at Ann Street. He does not have a particularly close current group at Ann Street. He does not have a particularly close friend but he receives a lot of respect amongst his peers and is popular with them. Andrew seems very unaffected by all that his family have been through he has the ability to shut himself off from the family's problems. However, he was more closely affected this time by his mother's last illness. He is very loyal to his family and tries to cover up for a lot of his mother's failings. He has few interests at present but he does take part in all the group activities at Ann Street.

Summary of work done since review dated 25 January: I have visited Andrew weekly at Ann Street and got to know him more closely and I have liaised very closely with the residential staff concerning his progress. A great deal of work with Andrew has centred round his contact with mother. He had been going home to see her originally on a Saturday but now goes on a Sunday. This arrangement started on 20 March. The visits have been monitored closely and have gone well. It is important to note that any involvement with Andrew is only a small part of my overall involvement with the family. Andrew of them all is the most settled and stable and the one who shows a sign of coping and coming to terms with the problems within his family.

Suitability of Placement: Andrew has settled in well at Ann Street. He is popular, he keeps himself and his room clean and he is happy there. He attends Kirkton High School and in fact volunteers to return to Ann Street for his lunch. Ann Street has given him the stability he requires and he has responded well.

School Report: Since going to Ann Street Andrew's school work has improved. He is in his first year at Kirkton High School and is seen as being a bright boy with a special aptitude for Art. Andrew is a good pupil and Kirkton High School are happy with his progress.

Health: On the whole Andrew keeps good health but he has recently had a virus resulting in him coming out in spots, anti-biotics cleared this up. He will be receiving his medical soon for being in care.

Contact with natural parents/current home situation/parents views re future: Andrew goes home to his mother every Sunday afternoon. His mother visits every Wednesday and she takes Sarah out on a Saturday. Andrew has the option to go along on a Saturday. Mother, Miss Ann Mill is now out of hospital. She attends Day Care at Liff Hospital 2 days a week and her mental state is very much improved. Unfortunately mother tends to attract all and sundry to her door. There are always young school kids at home and there is an 18 year old boy staying, called [REDACTED]. He seems a bit backward and it is uncertain whether he is a lodger or a cohabitee. Ann Mill would ultimately want Andrew home. She has not pursued this actively as when Andrew was last in care. Andrew himself seems happy enough to visit home but he seems to be content living in Ann Street.

Parental Contributions: Ann Mill is on supplementary benefit and therefore pays no contributions.

Social Worker's view re future action: It appears that Andrew will be long-term at Ann Street as his mother would not be able to offer the care and attention and the right atmosphere Andrew requires to develop and mature. Depending on the co-operation of Ann Mill's consultant Psychiatrist Dr. Dick to provide a suitable medical opinion our department should begin to consider taking steps for assuming parental rights. This is not a decision which should be taken lightly but it will help give Andrew the stability and continuity of care which he really needs. It would still be beneficial for Andrew to keep in contact with his mother but I do not envisage supporting any moves to increase his time at home at present.

Close liaison should also continue between all interested parties.

Signed *Chris J. Y. [Signature]*
(Social Worker)

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