

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. I do my best to keep in touch with Thirley, as could you possibly have her near the phone on Tuesdays and Fridays, as that is when I phone her. It will be round about 6:45 to 7 P.M. usually if I can get through. I lost the first 2/6 last night when I phoned as nobody else come on the phone after you said you would get Thirley, she never came on. I had to phone again at 8 o'clock as I told her on her Post Card that I would phone her Friday night but she never listens to what I write or say. Sorry to trouble you, but I thought it would be better writing you myself.

[REDACTED]

20th. May 1969

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter.

Please don't stop sending Shirley postcards, but please do have a look at the jokes to see what eight year old Shirley will make of them.

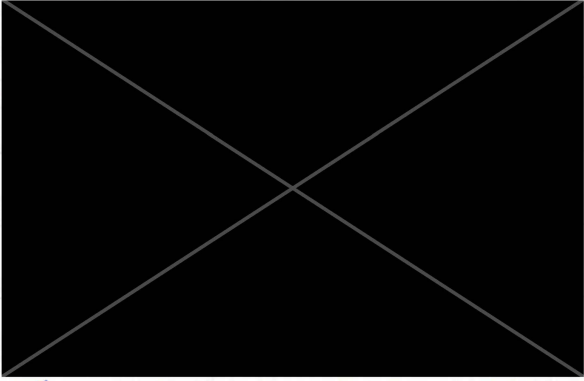
I hope you will feel free to discuss with [REDACTED] what can be expected of Shirley. I was interested to hear about [REDACTED]. How much about this does Shirley know ?

She is a little backward in school , but nothing to worry about yet. She is obviously worried about home, and why she is thought to be so naughty there.

I'm sorry that we still have Shirley's blanket. I will arrange for [REDACTED] to bring it back.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



May 14th 1969.

Dear 

I received your letter this morning, and sorry to see that you are not pleased with me checking Shirley for asking questions that I reckon should not be asked till a little older. She comes on with some of the stupidest questions you just don't know what to say to her.

She does not act nor play like a girl of 8 yrs old and I must say that I myself thinks she is very back ward with her schooling. She was

put down there for proper attention
which I am unable to give her also
to learn how to behave, well she is
just not doing those things. She
thinks she has only, her [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to come out
and play with her otherwise she just
can't behave unless we are watching her
she has to be Boss. of every Child she
used to play with. Well she has to learn
that is not right and can't always get
her own way. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

the reason I want Shirley to have a better
life. She plays more with Men than children
her own age. I want to be sending anymore
Post Cards if they are not satisfactory as
she has had all the ones here, and Shirley
likes a joke I do know that. By the way
I had letter from [REDACTED] saying he
would be calling someone in the near
future would you oblige me by giving
him home Shirley's Blanket.

So sorry to cause trouble but
was not intended too.

Yours Sincerely
[REDACTED]

P.S. I did let [REDACTED] see the
letter. As I see her now and again on behalf
of my own nerves and worry

16th. May 1969

Dear [REDACTED]

Shirley has come to me with her postcard from you. She is very puzzled why you should consider her question (as to whether [REDACTED] is having a [REDACTED] is awful, silly and why you are not pleased with her.

I should like to point out that for an eight year old girl this is quite a natural sort of question, with absolutely no suggestive undertones. Marriage and babies go together, and Shirley simply would not understand the suggestion of [REDACTED]

I wonder if you may not be expecting too much of Shirley, who is, after all only eight years old. She may not always understand why you think she is naughty, and further she may get into the habit of thinking she is naughty, and end up by being more than just a mischevious and high spirited, but quite normal, eight year old.

I think it might be worth your while to discuss this with [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

P.S. I find myself relectant to give your latest postcard about the Chinese virgins to Shirley because she won't be able to understand it, and the explanations must be rather above her head. X

[REDACTED]

8th. May 1969

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter. I have passed the stamps on to [REDACTED]

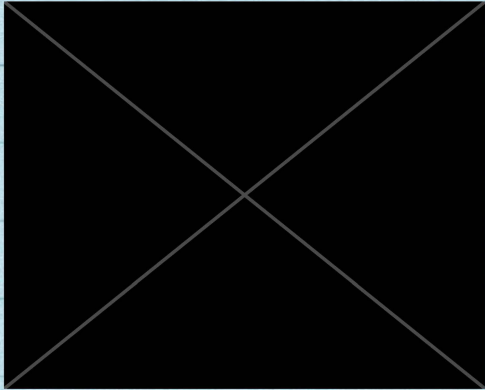
I am sorry to hear that things have not gone so well during the holiday. It seems that financially you have had a rough time as well as it being unsettled. I hope that things will improve financially.

I must say that one or two parents have found the rather long holiday at this time somewhat difficult, as you have.

I shall be through to Aberdeen some time this term and will call in to see you.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



May 12th 1969.

Dear [REDACTED]

This is stamps for Shirley's
Pocket Money as I can't afford anymore
meantime. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The
has not been up to standard this time
either hardly goes out to play and just
want do what she is told, with out being
shorted at. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

altogether and I might get Shirley home for good then, until I do it is senseless to try and get her home. The upkeep of clothes and fares are too much for me, with other things to pay for. I hope you will understand and try and get Shirley to behave herself better.

[REDACTED] Yours Sincerely [REDACTED]

12/- Stamps

12th, March 1969

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter. Let me take your points one at a time.

We will tell the dentist about Shirley's difficulties with injections, and I am sure he will know the best solution for her.

We have got Shirley up at midnight since the beginning of the term, and this seems to help her. She has been dry more often than wet. In my experience of bed wetting children there is no good cure. We have tried most things on many children, and just occasionally something helps one or other child. But all too often the child starts to do something else, like biting nails, sucking thumbs or fingers, or such like. We now believe that a child will grow out of the bed wetting when he or she feels secure and less highly strung. I would rather not give pills, or bells. But take as little notice of the wet beds as possible and simply help by getting the child up once at night. I think the waking every hour is good neither for child nor parent.

We are experimenting with a barrier cream on Shirley's bottom - trying to prevent the soreness rather than cure it too late.
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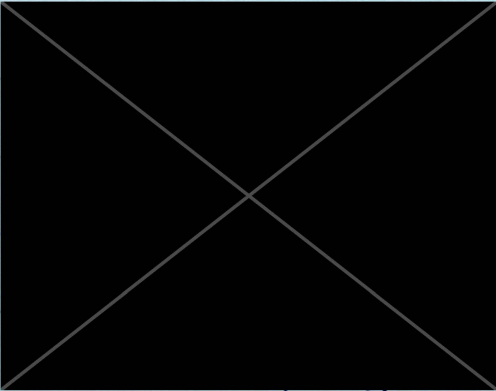
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Perhaps you could remind Shirley about the children's programme nearer the time.


Please don't hesitate to write to me about anything that is worrying you. I am here to answer any questions or anxieties.


Yours sincerely,

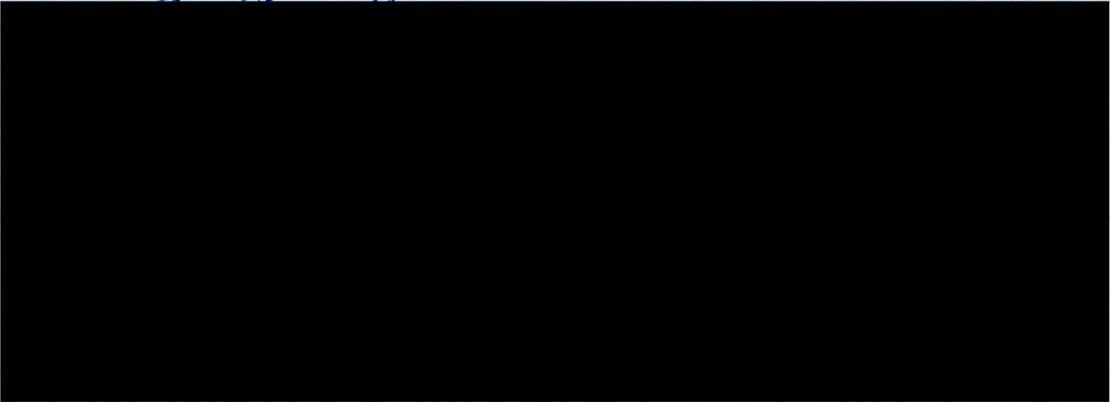




Sunday 9th March 1969.

Dear 

I am sorry to trouble you
but if Shirley has to get some teeth out
she can't take the needle as her mouth
breaks out in ulcers, also she is too nervous
The Dentist gave her a very good try here
 Aberdeen, but said it was no use, just
to make an appointment for her and she
always gets gas to have teeth extracted



we will phone about 8 o'clock instead
of 4. Hoping this will be better. Is there
any remedy there for Shirley's Bed Wetting
and I have tried every time she is home
at the doctor but nothing seems to help
and I have been noticing her bottom is
awfully red looking and scaly when she
comes home. I manage to get that cleared
up, as I wake her every hour, but of course
I can't expect any body else to do that.
I have also written to the B.B.C. Childrens
Hour for an request for Shirley on her Birthday
for Saturday morning 22nd could you try
and get her to listen in case it comes through
for her as she is always singing the Northern
Lights of Old Aberdeen so that is what I put
in for. Once again I am sorry to trouble you
hoping everything turns out all right for her,
as I worry about her very much. Thank you once
again for all you are doing to help. Yours Sincerely

13th. February 1969

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

The mid-term break starts on Friday 21st. February 1969. We have written to the [REDACTED] asking for transport to be provided for the journeys. We will let you know the outcome of this.

The School starts again on Monday 3rd. March 1969.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

15th. January 1969

Dear [REDACTED]

Shirley has returned very happily to school. She appears to have had a very successful Christmas holiday and is keen to get on with her school work.

I hope you all had a good holiday and that 1969 will be a most successful year for you.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

22nd. October 1968

Dear [REDACTED]

We have not yet heard anything about the travel arrangements for Shirley when she comes home for the mid-term break. The holiday is from Friday 25th. October to Monday 4th. November.

Could you let us know if you will be down to collect Shirley or if some other arrangement is being made.

Yours sincerely,

25th. September 1968

Dear [REDACTED]

If you have Shirley's Medical Card would you please send it on to us as the School Doctor requires it.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

ROYAL ABERDEEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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Telephone 23423

Ext. 2994

Cornhill Road,

Aberdeen, AB9 2ZG.

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[REDACTED] 17th April, 1973

Dear [REDACTED]

Shirley Turner, 211 Hilton Drive, Aberdeen

I have been arranging with Mrs. Turner to take Shirley to be tested by the City Child Guidance Service as a first move in attempting to place her in school when she returns from Harmeny in the summer. However I thought you would be interested to know that when I spoke to [REDACTED] today [REDACTED] told me that Shirley has asked [REDACTED] if she could stay at Harmeny a further year, and [REDACTED] has agreed to this request being put to you. I do not know whether such a thing could be contemplated by you, or whether it would be even thought of as being a useful plan for Shirley, but I should be grateful for your comments on this before I see [REDACTED] on Wednesday of next week, April 25th. Apparently Shirley has told her [REDACTED] that there is a [REDACTED] in the school and therefore she herself would see it as feasible that she could remain for a further year with you.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Harmeny House School,
BALERNO
EH14 7JY

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
3rd May, 1973

[REDACTED]
Harmeny School,
Balerno,
Midlothian.

Dear [REDACTED]

Shirley Turner

[REDACTED] rang me this morning to tell me that Shirley is not pleased at the idea of attending Beechwood School. She has said to her [REDACTED] over the telephone, that it is a school for fools, and 'you have got what you wanted'. [REDACTED] is beginning to have doubts about the wisdom of having suggested Beechwood, but I reminded [REDACTED] that the [REDACTED] had also confirmed the school as most suitable for Shirley.

I told [REDACTED] I would let you know [REDACTED] had phoned and that perhaps you could talk to Shirley about the situation. It may be possible to arrange for Shirley to see the school during her half-term if you think that might be helpful.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

OK to visit the school when
Suggested
[REDACTED]

ROYAL ABERDEEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Telephone 23423
Ext. 2994

Cornhill Road,
Aberdeen, AB9 2ZG.

1st May, 1973

[REDACTED]
Harmeny School,
Balerno,
MIDLOTHIAN

Dear [REDACTED]

Shirley Turner, 128 Girdleness Road, Aberdeen

I attach a copy of the Psychologists report on Shirley from which you will see that [REDACTED] agrees with the suggestion that Beechwood would be a suitable school for her.

[REDACTED] is going ahead with the necessary arrangements for Shirley's admission to school in September. I have also made application for Shirley to attend the Play Centre during the summer vacation.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

6th April, 1973

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Harmony House School,
Balerno,
Midlothian.

Dear [REDACTED]

Shirley Turner (D.O.B. 22.3.61)
128 Girdleness Road, Aberdeen

I am writing to inform you that I have now seen Shirley's [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] was reiterating [REDACTED] statement that [REDACTED] would like Shirley to attend Beechwood School. I have discussed this with [REDACTED], our [REDACTED] and we are considering two possibilities. Firstly her admission to Beechwood as a day pupil, and secondly her admission to the local Rudolph Steiner School where if the situation at home breaks down she might become a residential pupil. We are arranging for [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] to assess her during the Easter holidays, and I will let you know the results of this assessment, and what plans we are able to make when I have a firmer idea of what is feasible. I should have written before this to thank you for your hospitality on my visit to see Shirley. I will hope to come down and see her again before she leaves Harmony.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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CORPORATION OF ABERDEEN - EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CHILD GUIDANCE CENTRE

PSYCHOLOGIST'S REPORT

Ref. No.

NAME..... Shirley TURNER Date of Birth..... 22.3.61

ADDRESS..... 128 Girdleness Road, Aberdeen,

Name of Parent/Guardian

Occupation

School Harmeny House

Referred by

Date 5.4.73

Reason for Referral

Test Details:

Date of test: 19.4.73

Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children

Verbal Scale I.Q. - 72
Performance Scale I.Q. - 74
Full Scale I.Q. - 70

Neale Analysis of Reading Ability

Reading Age
- Accuracy - 9 years 0 months
- Comprehension - 8 years 7 months

Burt Spelling Test

Spelling Age - 8 years 3 months

Ballard One-Minute Arithmetic Test

Arithmetic Age - 7 years 6 months

Shirley presents as a plain rather dull looking child. Speech is heavy, overlaid with an Edinburgh accent but clear. She tended to answer in monosyllables or phrases rather than full sentences. She was compliant in the test interview, showing very little animation or interest. She responded promptly to what she knew but gave up quickly and had insufficient motivation to 'try'. Latterly Shirley yawned a great deal and became restless but I did not have the impression that this affected an already very modest performance.

The above I.Q. places Shirley on the borderline of Mental Handicap. An assessment carried out by Harmeny House School in 1971 is slightly higher (Verbal Scale I.Q. 80, Performance Scale I.Q. 78, Full Scale I.Q. 74).

Attainments in the basic processes except number reflect steady progress, and are almost at the level of her intellectual potential. Shirley has obviously benefitted from the special provision of Harmeny House School.

I think that transfer to Secondary School in Aberdeen would be too big a step for/

for her, both educationally and emotionally. I am of the opinion that transfer to Beechwood School with its special provision would provide the most satisfactory next stage in Shirley's education.



Copies to: [redacted]
Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital.



[redacted]
Beechwood School.



24th April, 1973.

Shirley's file

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Telephone 23423
Ext. 2994

Cornhill Road,
Aberdeen, AB9 2ZG.

28th February, 1973

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Harmeny School,
Balerno,
MIDLOTHIAN

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 27th February. I shall be pleased to visit you at Harmeny on the 14th March, arriving about 2 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Psychiatrists
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE

3 RILLBANK TERRACE
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TELEPHONE 031 - 667 6951

[REDACTED]
13 March 1973

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[REDACTED]
Harmeny House School
BALERNO
EH14 7JY

Dear [REDACTED]

SHIRLEY TURNER (22.3.61) 128 Girdleness Road, Aberdeen
School: Harmeny House

I saw Shirley again at Harmeny. She seemed very anxious and eager to see me although she found it hard to say so outright. She is worried about her future. She has set her heart on going home although she also has some mixed feelings about how she will manage with her [REDACTED]

When we discussed her, you made it clear that the school staff feel that Shirley should go home to her [REDACTED] but you thought that if Shirley got a place at a special school for mentally retarded children, she would find this environment more supportive than an ordinary school, and that this might help her also to manage better at home.

[REDACTED] will be visiting the school in the near future and I hope very much that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] can agree to Shirley at least having a trial at home to see whether she cannot after all cope.

If Shirley does return home, a move I too would support, she will clearly need a great deal of social support in her neighbourhood as well as at school. I understand that [REDACTED] arranged for her to attend a play centre during the holidays, and I hope similar opportunities will be available for Shirley at other times also.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc [REDACTED]

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ROYAL ABERDEEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

[REDACTED]
Telephone 23423
Ext.

Dept. of Child & Family Psychiatry.

Cornhill Road,
Aberdeen, AB9 2ZG.

19th February, 1973.

[REDACTED]
Department of Psychological Medicine,
R.H.S.C. Edinburgh,
3 Rillbank Terrace,
Edinburgh, EH9 1LL.

Dear Sula,

Shirley Turner, (d.o.b. 22.3.61)
128 Girdleness Road, Aberdeen.

At present at Harmeny School, Balerno.

Thank you for your letter about Shirley. I discussed this with [REDACTED], who is much more in touch with Shirley and [REDACTED] than I am. [REDACTED] found [REDACTED] a rather intractable personality who remains extremely ambivalent about this child so that one cannot really envisage Shirley's return home. At the same time [REDACTED] is by no means reconciled to have her living away, in spite of the fact that each holiday contact very quickly re-kindles the conflicts. The suggestion of a Day School nearer home from a Children's Home would be reasonable although there are considerable difficulties to overcome, [REDACTED] might agree to residential school but may not consent to a child care facility, also residential accommodation within the city is very scarce and [REDACTED] would be of the opinion that this would be too close to [REDACTED] and the rather more ample facilities outside the city are under the County Authority. My feeling is that these difficulties may well be insuperable and therefore I would be grateful if you would be kind enough to approach Thorntoun School, you will be in much closer touch with them than I.

Regarding Shirley's intelligence, I enclose a copy of our Assessment.

[REDACTED]

Many thanks for your help.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

c.c. [REDACTED], Harmeny School, Balerno, Midlothian.

Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital/CHHX

UNIT No. Contact No. **DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY**

Patient's Name..... SHIRLEY TURNER

Doctor.....

(d. o. b. 22.3.61)

Date seen: 8.5.68

Intellectual AssessmentStanford-Binet Intelligence Scale:

Chronological Age - 7 years 2 months
 Mental Age - 5 years 10 months
 Basal Age - 5 years
 Top Limit - 5 items out of 6 correct at 6 year level
 - no score at 7 year level.
 I.Q. - 79

Goodenough Draw-a-Man Test:

Score - 20
 Mental Age - 7 years 6 months
 I.Q. - 104

Shirley was shy and timid about expanding any of her answers. Her ability to copy designs (Bender Gestalt Test) was considerably below her chronological age level. Her vocabulary is just above the 6 year level. The discrepancy between the two I.Q. scores probably represents an impoverished background. Scholastically she will be operated at the lower I.Q. level, but with increased environmental stimulation and sympathetic handling she may achieve a general performance nearer the potential indicated by the Goodenough I.Q.

On the Raven Matrices, however, Shirley's score lies in the 5th percentile which may indicate that, in spite of the Goodenough score her potential in academic achievement is not very great.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
27th February, 1975.

Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital,
Cornhill Road, Aberdeen.

Dear [REDACTED]

Shirley Turner (22.3.61)
211 Hilton Drive, Aberdeen.

Thank you for your letter of February 23rd.
I am glad to note that you will be available during the afternoon of
Wednesday, 14th March, and would very much like to meet to discuss
Shirley's future. Perhaps you could come off to the school sometime
between 2 and 2.30p.m.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
23rd February, 1973

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Harmeny School,
Balerno,
Midlothian.

Dear [REDACTED]

Shirley Turner (22.3.61)
211 Hilton Drive, Aberdeen

Thank you for your letter of 22nd January.
I must apologise for my delay in writing, but I have
been trying to work out when I can next be in Edinburgh.
I now have to be in Edinburgh on Wednesday, 14th March
and could be available any time during the afternoon.
If it would be possible for us to meet then, perhaps
you would contact me, and I shall be pleased to come.

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ROYAL ABERDEEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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9th January, 1973.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Harmeny School,,
Balerno,
MIDLOTHIAN.

Dear [REDACTED]

Shirley Turner (22.3.61)
211 Hilton Drive. Aberdeen

I received a letter signed on behalf of [REDACTED] and dated 4th January, concerning the above-named girl, and I should be grateful if we could discuss potential future plans for this child's education after the summer.

I saw [REDACTED] and Shirley recently during the Christmas holidays. [REDACTED] informed me that Shirley had been very difficult and "she is as bad as when she first went away". At that point I commented that [REDACTED] did not seem very pleased with Shirley, to which she replied very firmly that [REDACTED] never was pleased with her. I think this indicates that the home situation with Shirley remains very difficult for her to cope with, and I personally cannot see her return home as being feasible. However I appreciate that there may be considerable difficulty in placing Shirley in a residential senior school, and also that when it comes to the changeover, Shirley's [REDACTED] may go back on [REDACTED] present statements about [REDACTED] ability to cope with her.

Under these circumstances, I feel it is essential that we begin to work now with the [REDACTED] towards

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establishing some plan for Shirley's next stage of education and would be grateful for your comments on this.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Psychiatrists
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN
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[REDACTED]
8 February 1973

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[REDACTED]
Royal Aberdeen Hospital for Sick Children
Westburn Drive
ABERDEEN
AB9 2ZG

Dear [REDACTED]

SHIRLEY TURNER (22.3.61) 128 Girdleness Road, Aberdeen
At present at Harmeny School, Balerno

I think the staff at Harmeny House School will have been in touch with you, and certainly with [REDACTED], about this girl's future which is concerning us all.

You will know that she is a very dull girl who has learned to read at Harmeny School.

I gather that the home situation is quite difficult with an [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] for much of the time.

When I last saw Shirley (I had not seen her very often since she arrived at Harmeny in 1968) she told me at some length about [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. She seems happy about her [REDACTED]. She is, however, clearly very worried about her [REDACTED], whose [REDACTED] were, according to Shirley, [REDACTED]. Shirley described at some length how [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] It is clear that these very real tragedies as the result of inadequate care, worry her and that she related them to her own occasional aggressive feelings, although in fact she gives vent to them verbally rather than in deeds.

I found Shirley much preoccupied with angry feelings and their possible consequences.

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She asked me (and I could not answer her) "will I be going to another boarding school?".

What she would really like is to go to a day school. She is quite pleased with her educational progress but finds it difficult to "settle" at times, feeling that other children, if noisy, distract her.

I don't know how you view the situation, nor what the facilities are in Aberdeen to provide this girl with adequate care nearer her own home.

I think the general feeling is that she stands little chance of an admission to [REDACTED] because of her poor intellectual endowment and their very long waiting list.

On the other hand, I have certainly not applied for her to go there and I am not sure whether you have.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

cc

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Royal Aberdeen Childrens Hospital,
ABERDEEN.

22nd January, 1973.

Dear [REDACTED]

Shirley Turner (22.3.61)
211 Hilton Drive, Aberdeen.

Thank you for your letter of the 9th January re the possibilities for Shirley's future when she leaves Harnemy School this summer.

Shirley is becoming increasingly anxious about leaving here as she now realises that the time is near. She has been at Harnemy School for many years and is becoming an institutionalised child. Due to her limited ability, I feel there may be some difficulty in finding her suitable secondary residential education.

Perhaps the time is ripe for a detailed discussion with you, and I should be grateful if you could let me know if there is any possibility of you visiting Harnemy in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4th January, 1973.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Royal Aberdeen Childrens' Hospital,
Cornhill Road,
ABERDEEN.

Dear [REDACTED]

ref: Shirley Turner (22.3.61)
211 Hilton Drive, Aberdeen.

Although I had hoped to get through to Aberdeen to discuss Shirley,
I find that time has gone, and [REDACTED]

I have had no success in finding a residential school which might
consider Shirley, but my search has not been exhaustive.
[REDACTED] will be writing to you in the near future to arrange a
time to discuss Shirley's future with you.

Yours sincerely,

for: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

30th October, 1972.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital,
Cornhill Road,
ABERDEEN.

Dear [REDACTED]

ref: Shirley Turner, 211 Hilton Drive,
Aberdeen.

Thank you for your letter about Shirley. In fact the school staff, myself, and [REDACTED] discussed Shirley as a leaver next summer, on 23rd October at our Case Conference.

Points that came out of the discussion were that in her academic work, Shirley seems to be achieving about up to her potential, although this is so slow as to make it difficult to place her in a suitable secondary residential school for maladjusted children. On the other hand there was a general feeling that her grasp of social situations was good, and that she was no great management problem. Some concern was expressed as to whether she was becoming 'too institutionalised', having been away from home too long.

As you can see, some of these points indicate the possibility of considering the option of a supportive day school setting, and her staying at home.

I will make a few informal enquiries about the availability of residential places in the meantime, and will be in touch.

[REDACTED]
Yours sincerely,

25th August, 1972.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
St. Nicholas House,
Broad Street,
ABERDEEN.

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd August enclosing the letter
from [REDACTED] and the 15 pence from you for Shirley. We will let
Shirley know that the loan has been paid and will credit it to her
pocket money.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
St. NICHOLAS HOUSE
BROAD STREET
ABERDEEN AB9 1BY

Tel. No. 0224 - 23456 Ext. 597

Your Ref.....

In reply please quote. [REDACTED].....

23rd August, 1972

[REDACTED]
Harmeny House School,
Balerno,
Midlothian,

Dear Sir,

Ref: Shirley Turner
211 Hilton Drive, Aberdeen.



Please find enclosed, a letter from Shirley's [REDACTED] which I forgot to deliver when I returned Shirley to the school on 21st August. Also enclosed is 15 pence of stamps (5 x 3p) - I had borrowed money from Shirley for the Forth Road Bridge Toll, having had no change, and forgot to return this to her before I left. I would be grateful if you would cash these stamps and, remit the money to Shirley, with my apologies.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

Encs.

28th March, 1972.



Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital,
Cornhill Road,
ABERDEEN.

Dear 

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd March. This Holiday Play Centre sounds the ideal solution for Shirley, and I trust that you will manage to persuade Mrs Turner to allow her to attend. We will leave this matter with you and shall look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,





ROYAL ABERDEEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Telephone 23423
Ext. 2712

Cornhill Road,
Aberdeen, AB9 2ZG.

22nd March, 1972

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Harmony School,
Balerno,
Midlothian,
EH14 7JY

Dear [REDACTED]

Shirley Turner
211 Hilton Drive, Aberdeen

Thank you for your letter of 20th March. I was glad that Shirley has had two reasonable holidays at home - and would agree that a major factor at Christmas would have been the presence of [REDACTED] in the home.

It would be possible for me to arrange for Shirley to attend a Holiday Play Centre during six weeks of the summer holidays but the problem lies not in 'getting Shirley [REDACTED] but in getting [REDACTED] to allow Shirley to get away. [REDACTED] has very strong needs to keep Shirley with [REDACTED] and to inhibit her from finding attachments outside the home. Now that Shirley is the only remaining child at home I think that [REDACTED] is likely to make even more demands for

2.

Shirley to be with [redacted] as much of the holiday time as possible. [redacted] will make many complaints about Shirley's failure to meet [redacted] needs of [redacted] but will equally resist any plans to give Shirley outside interests.

However, I will see [redacted] in the near future, and put to [redacted] the possibility of the [redacted] and let you know [redacted] response to this suggestion.

Whilst I appreciate the change in Shirley I regret that [redacted] to her remains unaltered and would have grave doubts of Shirley's ability to resist the pressures [redacted] puts upon her. The home situation remains as it was when [redacted]

Yours sincerely,

24th November 1971

[REDACTED]
Department of Psychological Medicine,
Royal Hospital for Sick Children,
3 Rillbank Terrace,
EDINBURGH EH9 1LP

Dear [REDACTED]

Shirley Turner

Thank you for your letter of 23rd November. I note that [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED] will come to Harmany on Thursday, 25th, at 10 am.

As we appear to have some difficulty with our telephone from time
to time I think it is best to make all appointments, etc., in writing.
This saves any confusion.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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PATIENTS SEEN BY APPOINTMENT

23rd November, 1971.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Harmeny School,
Balerno,
Midlothian.

Dear [REDACTED]

Shirley Turner

I have tried to phone you several times this afternoon and eventually got the exchange to check your line. There is a fault and this will be remedied - sometime - so I am dropping you a note instead.

As you have had trouble recently with transport, [REDACTED] has decided to come out on Thursday, 25th, with [REDACTED] at 10 o'clock and will see Shirley at Harmeny.

Yours sincerely,

14th October 1971

[REDACTED]
Department of Psychological Medicine,
3 Rillbank Terrace,
EDINBURGH

Dear [REDACTED]

Would it be possible for [REDACTED] to test two of our children and discuss with us possible programmes?

The children I have in mind are Shirley Turner(22.3.61) from Aberdeen, where [REDACTED] has asked for her to be tested here if possible and K [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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ROYAL ABERDEEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Telephone 23423
Ext. 2712

Cornhill Road,
Aberdeen, AB9 2ZG.

[REDACTED]
11th October, 1971

[REDACTED]
Harmeny House School,
BALERNO
EH14 7JY

Dear [REDACTED]

Shirley Turner

[REDACTED] has passed on your letter to me concerning Shirley Turner, and I feel that I should reply to it. I would certainly be in agreement with you that the possibility of Shirley being able to return home within the foreseeable future is not to be contemplated. I am of the opinion that if she came home she would have no alternative other than to act out in response to her [REDACTED], and that she might well choose an delinquent way out of the situation. I think it is possible for me to help the [REDACTED] to let her stay away from home, and shall continue my efforts in this direction as long as they are required.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
PP [REDACTED]

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Ref. [REDACTED]

11th October, 1971

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Harmeny House School,
Balerno,
EH14 7JY,
Midlothian.

Dear [REDACTED]

Shirley Turner

Thank you for your letter about Shirley. I discussed the situation with [REDACTED] and we felt that, taking into account [REDACTED], it would be most appropriate if you could arrange for assessment for Shirley with the Edinburgh Clinic. Doing it here would inevitably stir up [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

30th September 1971

██████████
Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital,
Cornhill Road,
ABERDEEN

Dear ██████████

Shirley Turner d.o.b. 22.3.61

I note that Shirley has not been tested since May 1968, when she scored IQ 79 in Stanford Binet. There was some indication that this was an underestimate.

She is at present performing better in school, although not satisfying ██████████. It would be useful to us to have a more up to date test result (a WISC if possible).

Whatever her score it might be useful to communicate to ██████████ that Shirley is functioning as well as she can in class, and try to help her not to put pressure on her that creates anxiety.

We are grateful to ██████████ for ██████████ efforts to alleviate ██████████ anger towards us, and wonder if ██████████ agrees with us that there is little prospect of Shirley being able to return home for any part of her school career. I imagine that Shirley will spend the remainder of her primary school career with us.

Yours sincerely,

██████████

12th May 1970

[REDACTED]
Royal Hospital for Sick Children,
Aberdeen

Shirley Turner
Home Visit - 6.5.70

I saw both [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said that the Easter holidays had been difficult but that Shirley seemed much better on the day of the interview.

[REDACTED] insists that [REDACTED] has been advised not to have Shirley at [REDACTED] and accepts this reluctantly.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

16th. May 1969

██████████
Psychiatric Social Worker,
Royal Aberdeen Hospital for Sick Children,
Westburn Drive,
Aberdeen

██████████
Text

██████████ has talked to you about the postcards to Shirley.

I have written this letter to her in awareness that it may act as a fuse. ██████████ has threatened again to remove Shirley, and the current insecurity is doing Shirley no good.

I hope this action meets with your approval.

Yours sincerely.

██████████

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