

Person Details - Confidential

S1042564 : MISS Claire FORBES

<u>Family Name</u>	<u>First Name(s)</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Initls</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Gender</u>
FORBES	Claire	MISS		18-12-1975	50	Female

ADDRESSES: (most recent first)	Type	Start Date	End Date
46 POLINAR PLACE, INVERURIE, AB51 3YZ	MAIN	04-04-1997	
SWINDEX, ROSEBANK, CARLUKE, ML8 5QB	PREVIOUS	07-10-1989	04-04-1997

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Current Client:	N

CLASSIFICATIONS:			
Top Category	Sub Category	Notified Date	Classified By
Primary Client Group	Former Swindex Code	01-01-1900	No such person

PERSONAL NETWORK: (*W* indicates a warning)				(Sorted by Age)		
Name	Contact	ID No.	Relationship	Age	Deceased	Role(s)
Jean INGLIS	06512 3291	S3001488	PARENT	71		*Other

OBSERVATIONS:			
Started	From	Subject	Information Source
22-03-1999		Casual Notes (converted from CF5)	Converted From Casual Notes Record (xxx Casual Notes (converted from CF5))
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150488 SCHOOL CONCERNED RE CHILD NOT ATTENDING & PRESENTING PROBS			
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281188 CHILDCARE PROBLEMS-ABSENT FROM SCHOOL			
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**MINUTES OF CHILD CARE REVIEW HELD ON CLAIRE FORBES AT BON-ACCORD
CHILDREN'S HOME ON THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER, 1990**

Present:	Brian MacDonald	:	Social Work Manager
	[REDACTED]	:	Officer in Charge, Bon-Accord
	[REDACTED]	:	Residential Child Care Officer
	Jessie Clerk	:	Social Worker
	Mr. Mathews	:	Teacher
	Miss J. Inglis	:	Mother
	[REDACTED]	:	[REDACTED]
	Claire Forbes	:	

The meeting was called to discuss Claire's progress within Bon-Accord in general terms and also to look to the planning of the next stage of Claire's care.

For Bon-Accord [REDACTED] indicated that the staff at Bon-Accord had not seen much of Claire over the last three weeks due to her being on extended leave at home. From information obtained, it appeared that Claire was managing in a fairly reasonable manner at home with her mother and [REDACTED] and she had indicated that she wanted to stay at home and, her mother had equally indicated that she wanted Claire to stay with her.

She indicated that she thought there had been a change in her personality. She described herself as being more relaxed, and when pursued to qualify this, Claire said that she is far happier at home, not arguing with her mother. At the time of the review, Claire was engaged in a work experience project with Grampian Roads Department and she described this as being a fairly positive experience.

Jessie Clerk, Social Worker indicated that there had been enormous changes within the family's response to Claire from both of her parents.

Jessie said that, as far as she could perceive it, things at home had improved to the point where her mum and [REDACTED] enjoyed having her around. [REDACTED] indicated that he saw Claire's move into the home as being a beneficial move, although not being without some teething difficulties. He described the progress over the last couple of weeks as having been from three individuals towards being members of the one household.

Claire's mum endorsed this view. Cynthia Smail, Social Worker from Inverurie said that she had observed what had happened, and had formed the opinion that the crisis within Claire's family had passed. She did not see a major role for the Social Work office in Inverurie but left it up to the family to choose to have involvement.

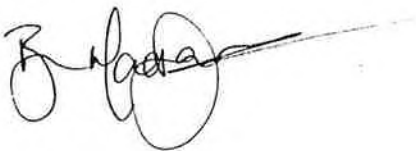
[REDACTED] from Claire's school said that from the school's point of view Claire had only been there one month and that there had been difficulties with some classes. These early difficulties had been resolved, and things seemed better now that Claire had a course which she was pursuing and attended fairly regularly. From Claire's point of view she that school was no longer a problem, there was perhaps a significance in the difference in the schools and there was also equally a significance in the difference in Claire's attitude.

Claire's mum felt that initially Claire was testing things out, and this may also have contributed to her early difficulties at school. However, once things had been resolved in the early stages, Claire was not particularly disobedient and her mum was really pleased in the way in which things had progressed.

In conclusion, it was agreed that Claire's progress had been quite marked over the last few months and the very positive attitude which she was now displaying had given everyone involved cause for optimism.

It was accepted that Claire's family perhaps no longer need the support of the Social Work Department and therefore it was agreed that steps would be taken to secure Claire's discharge from care.

It was further agreed that in due of the progress made, it would be inappropriate to keep a bed available for Claire at Bon-Accord.



Brian MacDonald
Social Work Manager
BMacD.AG
14 January 1991'

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CASE SUMMARY FORM

Division: Kinc/Deeside

Social Worker: [REDACTED]

Case No.:

NOTE - Each entry should be headed to show whether it refers to an Initial Assessment, Review, Transfer or Closure summary.

Date 12th December 1990

Full Name of Client CLAIRE L. FORBES (dob 18.12.75)

The points to be covered for assessments, reviews, transfers and closures are detailed in Section 1.2 of the Procedures Manual. This form should also be used for specialised childcare reviews; the points to be covered for such reviews are in Section 2.2 of the Procedures Manual.

Date

CHILD CARE REVIEWto be held at Bon-Accord Children's Home on 13.12.90

12.12.90

Claire was admitted to Bon-Accord on 16.08.90, the day the Children's Hearing endorsed the need for residential assessment with Section 44(1)(b) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

Claire was able to confront the demands that had failed before by meeting with [REDACTED], undertaking Home Tuition at Gilcomston School, and re-assessing her own position with regard to her father, mother and their respective partners.

Difficulties within the resident group at Bon-Accord may have catalysed Claire's development in care but in any event she made rapid strides in orienting her feelings and making use of the resources of adults and young people around her.

Assessment by the Home Tutor was rapid and the wish was soon expressed to place Claire in mainstream school. Schooling in the city was considered and two places offered in October. Claire's anxieties spilled over into sniffing gas to the point of hospital admission to check out the consequent period of unconsciousness. Mother was away on study placement that week and Claire's unease showed through. By the time the Home Tutor re-assessed the timing of entry into mainstream school, Claire's time at home with mother and partner was increasing successfully to the point where Inverurie Academy was seen to be the more appropriate place to return to school. Obvious drawbacks arose from further delaying entry into school rendering Claire less likely to be accepted into school at all, into fourth year or having to cope with changing from a city school to Inverurie.

Mr. Hogg, Home Tutor at Inverurie Academy offered Claire a place after interview on 25.10.90 and Claire started full-time schooling on 29.10.90.

To Claire's immense credit and achievement, she has been coping well with the task of full-time attendance - eased by already knowing various young people at the Academy from Oldmeldrum.

Father has been working in the Oldmeldrum area since Claire came into care and after some awkward moments, contact was made easily between them. Claire overcame fears and animosity with father's partner when baby [REDACTED] was in hospital six weeks ago.

Both Father and his partner [REDACTED] say that Claire is welcome to visit their home and they both acknowledge that Claire is doing well: crucially, conforming at school (Inverurie) which was impossible at Mackie. Father states particularly and has always said that she can live at home ([REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] but states that if Claire is happy then it is fine that she stays with her mother. He is up to date with events; this Child Care Review, introduction of Cynthia Smail and if the impending Hearing to endorse recommendations of the Child Care Review.

[REDACTED] There has been some awkwardness in the contacts between Claire and Debbie [REDACTED]

CLAIRE FORBES (cont)

SUMMARY

Claire has relaxed and allowed her mature self to develop admirably. Contact with [REDACTED] shows that Claire is fine within herself but has needed this period to work out her relationship with each parent and their respective partners.

The task of adjusting to full-time, mainstream school has commenced in a very positive way, given the extreme difficulties experienced in the past. The full demands of schooling have yet to be imposed upon Claire but her position at home should promote appropriate responses as mutual responsibilities and commitments already rest with mother, [REDACTED] and Claire.

The Assessment Team Meeting of 06.11.90 indicated the timing of introducing (Cynthia Smail) a Social Worker from Inverurie. Full discussion between Social Workers and from the most recent family meeting indicate consensus for recommending the consideration of discharge of the Section 44(1)(b). Contact by Claire or any adult would become a voluntary matter, thereby reinforcing the co-operative value of support and advice or, in case of difficulties, intervention that would help Claire move through school and into a satisfying occupation and independence.

[REDACTED]
Social Worker

12th December 1990
JKC/DWM



Grampian Regional Council

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10 December 1990

Mrs J Clerk
Social Worker
Social Work Department
52 Cameron Street
STONEHAVEN

Dear Mrs Clerk

CLAIRE LORRAINE FORBES (D.O.B. 18.12.75)

This is to confirm the discussion and agreements reached at the Assessment Team meeting on the above named girl.

[REDACTED]

Claire had been received into care in August 1990 and the initial intention had been to integrate her into mainstream education at Kincorth Academy. However, events had overtaken this intention through Mrs Forbes taking a greater interest in, and becoming more involved in her daughter's welfare. This development had led to Claire spending increasing periods with her mother at Oldmeldrum and because of this a view was taken that Claire should be tried at Inverurie Academy on the basis that she might eventually move to live with her mother. Admission to Inverurie was eventuated mid October and while it was far too early to say Claire had settled at the Academy preliminary indications were she is trying to make the placement work. The same could be said about the mother's re-involvement i.e. it is far too early to be confident it is working but Mrs Forbes and Claire appear to want to try and make it work. There is another complication however in the shape of Mrs Forbes' boyfriend (he lives with her) who is largely an unknown quantity to Claire and those responsible for her future.

[REDACTED]

Prior to admission to Bon-Accord, Claire had lived with her mother for about a month following the breakdown of Claire's relationship with her father. In the time Claire had been at the children's home she had made it clear where her heart lay - with her mother - and by and large had responded to the home's regime in such a way as to facilitate this.


Grampian's Going Places

[REDACTED]

Expressed surprise on hearing of Claire's admission to Inverurie as Mackie Academy had at times found her to be a very difficult pupil to manage in class. This had been compounded by Mr Forbes' attitudes to the schools difficulties, these attitudes were described as consistently obstructive and the school had apparently not been helped from other sources in its attempts to overcome these problems.

[REDACTED]

Had been surprised when she had found Claire to be open and friendly, this contrasting so much with the Academy's description of their experiences. When this was added to the developing possibility of Claire returning to the care of her mother, the plan to integrate Claire at Kincorth had been called into question. This had led [REDACTED] to discussing the case with the Assistant Divisional Education Officer, Aberdeen, and arising from this it had been agreed to try Claire at Inverurie Academy.

[REDACTED]

Had been as surprised as [REDACTED] on learning of Claire's admission to Inverurie and was concerned this had occurred without reference to the Psychological Service. [REDACTED] questioned the appropriateness of this placement because of Claire's severe learning difficulties.

[REDACTED]

Had been similarly surprised to [REDACTED] by Claire's openness and honesty especially about her difficulties when living with her father i.e. within the home and at school. [REDACTED] looked favourably on the possibility of Claire's moving to live with her mother but identified a number of difficult areas including:

- (i) what were the implications of the mother's abandoning her daughter when aged 6/7 years.
- (ii) what was the meaning of Claire's contacts or alleged contacts with her mother while Claire resided with Mr Forbes.
- (iii) the role of Mrs Forbes' boyfriend (this was a view shared by others) and his willingness to take on some responsibility/involvement for Claire's care and management.
- (iv) in her urge to make living with her mother work, Claire could build a 'fake' honeymoon period that could come crashing down around her ears.

It was against this background the following plan was agreed:

- (a) The current gradualist approach of moving Claire to the care of her mother would continue and a careful eye would be kept on developments, with Claire and mother along with boyfriend being counselled - this to be shared by [REDACTED]
- (b) Inverurie Academy would be kept up to date with events and be alerted to any arising difficulties - [REDACTED] to undertake this along with keeping [REDACTED] informed of developments.

- (c) [REDACTED] did not think it necessary or appropriate for her to see Claire again (unless the situation deteriorated) but would be willing to be approached for consultative purposes by those continuing to work with Claire.
- (d) [REDACTED] will emphasise to her management and via them to Gordon Division the need for Claire's supervision to be transferred to a social worker from that Division.

The above is what I recall was agreed by the Assessment Team but should anyone who attended the meeting and will be receiving a copy of this letter wish to comment on its content, I would expect this to be done in writing to me. Should it then be necessary I would circulate to the others involved.

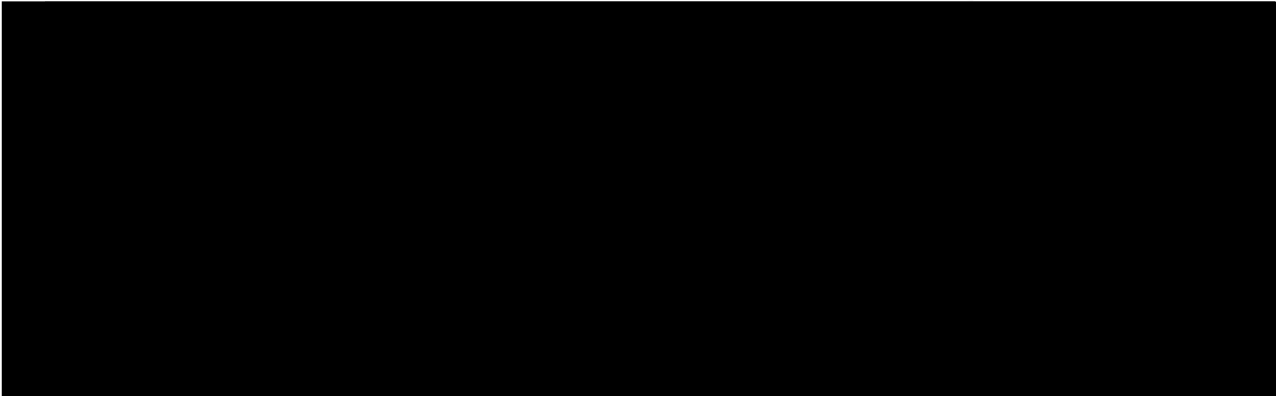
Please note I am copying the letter and reports to [REDACTED], Principal Educational Psychologist for his information.

Yours sincerely



BRIAN MCWILLIAM
PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WORK OFFICER

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REPORT FOR THE CHILDREN'S PANEL

Name: Claire Lorraine Forbes

Date of Birth: 18.12.75

Date of Hearing: 10 January 1991 at 11.00 am.

Claire was admitted to Bon Accord Children's Home on 16 August 1990 and although she found her change of residence difficult initially, did settle, making friends easily with the other residents.

During her time with us there were one or two minor delinquent behaviours, but in the main Claire remained within the boundaries set by Bon Accord.

Claire has managed some very difficult group situations within the house and has managed these well. From the outset it was clear that Claire saw her future as being firmly linked with her mother and has worked hard towards this. Equally so from the beginning mother's commitment to Claire was consistent and strong. Claire in the early stages tested out her relationship and boundaries with her mother and gained in trust from the responses she received. Mother in turn remained caring, but firm throughout this testing out period.

Home leave commenced with overnight stays, increased to weekends and finally Claire was returning to Bon Accord for only one or two evenings. Communication was excellent between all parties concerned during the time Claire remained away from Bon Accord and progress was good. Claire was not in mainstream schooling initially, but following a period of time with a home tutor for assessment, she commenced at Inverurie Academy and is managing the transition well.

Claire has now been home on leave since 7 November 1990 with only two overnight stays during that period. Given the above and taking into account that all areas of Claire's life are going well, I would like to recommend to the Children's Hearing that Claire be discharged from Bon Accord Children's Home.

[REDACTED]
Residential Child Care Officer

LR/VS

3 January 1991

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ABERDEEN

Don't know

I am anxious with respect of the work required
for me to be able to do it as far as I will
be able to do it.

Have all probably left for Wednesday 12th D. number
to Friday 21st D. number. She will be travelling from Oldmills
most days so I would suggest that a 9.45 start might be
a good idea. I had some idea that the 10.00 start would be
better, but it is

SAF

Chen, Chen to the new Reading (1.95 21453) where he
 grandson is also in [redacted] at the

For more information he will be staying with his
mother, 1001 Taylor St. N.E., Lakeland, Okla.

Yes, I can help you.

140, 69, 10p

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INITIAL ENQUIRY REPORT

NAME CLAIRES LORRAINE FORBES

DATE OF BIRTH 18.12.75 AGE 14 years SEX Female

ADDRESS 75 Provost Barclay Drive, Stonehaven

PREVIOUS OFFENCES

29.09.87	Police Warning for theft	Initial Enquiry
17.11.87	Fraud	Initial Enquiry
13.02.89	Vandalism - denied	No further action

GROUND OF REFERRAL

The school referred due to truancy

This report is based upon contact with Claire, her family, and Social Work Department records.

FAMILY

Father Terence Forbes (16.11.54)

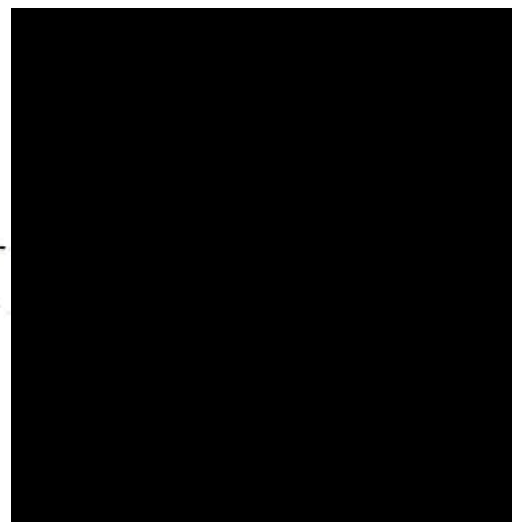
Brother Michael Forbes (27.06.72)

Sister Deborah Forbes (05.10.73)

Subject Claire L. Forbes (18.12.75)

Father's Partner 


Mother Jean Inglis or Forbes (34)



SCHOOL

On roll at Mackie Academy, Stonehaven

HOME CONDITIONS

The ^{four}three-bedroomed, semi-detached Council house, which is in a modern Council estate, is comfortable. When finance permits, decoration progresses to make a pleasant home.

FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES



CLAIRE LORRAINE FORBESHISTORY

The family lived in Aberdeen until approximately 1982 when, it is alleged, the mother wished to live in the country; they moved near Banff when Claire was six years old, and lived on the farm for four months. Mother left home at Christmas 1982.

Father removed with the children to a cottage near Auchenblae. He brought up the three children there for five years before taking the present home three years ago.

Claire is said to have had a normal birth but had kidney failure when aged 4½ years and was in hospital. A recurrent problem with kidneys meant hospital checks until she was eleven years old. She is prone to kidney infection and has missed a lot of schooling, particularly in the early years, due to this.

Claire enjoys Air Cadets, which her sister is also committed to. She had a horse when living near Auchenblae and has a continuing interest in horses. Bikes also form a real interest and activity.

In several ways a pleasant child, Claire can provoke adults with an unco-operative, quiet attitude. Her positive strengths need to be worked with.

EMOTIONAL
CIRCUMSTANCES

Mr. Forbes had worked offshore prior to his wife's departure, on a two weeks on/two weeks off basis. He then did not work for six years as the children were dependent on him. In many ways this appears to have been domestically successful. He is a very young father for the family and did not conform himself whilst young.

Claire has no contact with her own mother unless she or her sister initiate it. She does not get on with her mother's partner and is very uncertain of the relationship with her mother.

THIS REFERRAL

Claire has a physical ailment which has seriously interfered with primary school attendance. Her mother left home when Claire was six years old; consequent to that crisis, the family moved twice from Aberdeen to Banffshire to near Auchenblae in Claire's first years at school.

CLAIRE LORRAINE FORBES

Claire was brought up as the baby of the family by a young, single father and was indulged with superb and well-used opportunities for activities, e.g. having the horse.

Father has exercised control through laissez-faire attitudes which have utterly failed in maintaining Claire's motivation for schooling at Mackie Academy. While school itself is not, in my opinion, felt to be the fundamental problem (Claire has enjoyed periods at school) the breakdown of respect and co-operation between family and Mackie Academy has allowed Claire to find it easier to opt out. Father has not coerced her to attend. His partner has made attempts but only out of affection and concern for Claire.

Other issues about Claire's place in the family with [REDACTED] fully settled and the arrival of baby [REDACTED] interfere with Claire's motivation. There is also difficulty around contacts with natural mother which has to be resolved.

An interview at Portlethen Academy resulted in the positive offer of enrolment there if father and Claire take up the issues within and adhere to the obligatory contract between school and family. This was as a result of father's application to transfer Claire from the incompatibilities at Mackie.

Whatever the outcome of enrolment at Portlethen Academy, Claire and her family have been referred to the Young People's Department at Royal Cornhill Hospital by the Social Work Department and the Divisional Education Officer.

Concerns about Claire's behaviour socially and outside the school in schooltime have caused concern at Mackie Academy.

SUMMARY AND
CONCLUSION

Claire's history points to many reasons, which need to be addressed, for difficulties around school attendance. There are feelings of injustice at home for the attitudes held at school. These are being addressed through referral to Portlethen Academy who have confronted these very issues. Whether or not full attendance and motivation are achieved, Claire is to be assessed at the Young People's Department at Cornhill to support either mainstream schooling or the process of seeking and sustaining alternative education. Issues around her total welfare will be inevitably confronted.

To this end it is respectfully suggested that the need to endorse school attendance is already being addressed in the most appropriate and effective way. The need to attempt to enforce through the Children's Panel any other method is not, at this stage, appropriate. The option of residential education cannot be seen to be of any benefit in addressing Claire's problems, and alternatives are already being actively pursued.

GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL - EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CHILD GUIDANCE SERVICE

Ref. No.

NAME CLAIRe FORBES Date of Birth 18.12.75
ADDRESS 75 Provost Barclay Drive, Stonehaven

Name of Parent/Guardian Mr Forbes G.P.
School Mackie Academy
Referred by School Date of assessment: 19.6.90
Reason for Referral Negative attitude to school and authority. High absence rate. Concern over home environment.
Test Details:

Results of present assessment

Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (R.S)

Verbal IQ: 94 } Average ability range
Performance IQ: 108 }
Full Scale IQ: 100 }

Burt Spelling Test

Chronological Age: 14 years 6 months
Spelling Age: 8 years 6 months

Burt Reading Test

Chronological Age: 14 years 6 months
Reading Age: 10 years 3 months

Claire was referred by Mackie Academy on 30 April 1990, having received Mr Forbes' reluctant permission. Claire failed her first appointment on Friday 15 June, she also failed to see [REDACTED] at the Young People's Department at Cornhill Hospital on 13 June, and again on 29 June. It is therefore a matter of some urgency that this girl be reviewed at a Hearing as soon as possible.

I called at Claire's home at 2.00 pm on 15 June. Mr Forbes, Claire and the baby were present. It was difficult to have a discussion with Mr Forbes as he constantly complained about the negative attitude of school staff towards Claire and himself, as well as having a long harangue on the involvement of professionals making decisions about Claire when they didn't know Claire at all. Eventually, however, he admitted that he had not told Claire about that day's appointment, so I offered a second appointment in the office at 9.30 am on Tuesday 19 June. Claire agreed to attend and indeed she did arrive 45 minutes late.!

Claire Forbes (18.12.75)

Throughout the individual assessment Claire appeared quite relaxed and talkative. She was open about the numerous incidents (well documented by the Guidance Department) which had led up to her conditional exclusion and also to her recent suspension pending the outcome of police investigations (fire raising incident). She was adamant in talking to me that she had not done this. She is very much aware of the trouble she is in but not too concerned to be on her way out of Mackie Academy.

Her attitude to school was not all negative, however she is a girl of average intellectual ability, who is aware of her spelling difficulties. She does not find subjects such as Biology easy and she dislikes things she can't do. As a result she fails to come to school, preferring to take the easy way out, as she sees it. She does enjoy subjects such as Art, Craft & Design and Computing and she feels she is coping reasonably well with these.

In discussion about education in fourth year, Claire expressed a preference to attend a city school rather than Portlethen or Mearns Academy. She felt that she knew too many people in both these Academies and that she found it hard to resist the temptation to act in the way expected by her peer group. Claire had heard of Oakbank, Cordyce and the Reading Centre. She was very clear that she would not want to live away from home. Throughout the interview it was clear that she had an accurate picture of her father's personality, but that she was defensive and very loyal towards him.

Claire is the youngest member of Mr Forbes' family except for the baby to his present girlfriend. Claire's sister and brother have both left school now but live in the family home. Claire's parents separated about seven years ago and Mr Forbes has always cared for Claire since then. She does see her mother from time to time but does not live with her, nor would she want to. However Claire wanted her mother to be present at the next hearing.

As to the future, Claire is very interested in becoming a stable hand and would be trying to get a YTS placement on leaving school. She attends Army Cadets and enjoyed a recent weekend working with disabled people. It might be possible to involve her in Riding for the Disabled. We talked about this and she seemed interested.

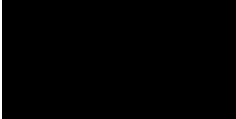
Claire feels that school has very little to offer her, but perhaps in the correct, supportive environment there would be enough structure to bring out the better side to Claire's personality and allow her to develop in a more meaningful way. In my view, Claire would benefit from being away from home and perhaps being residential at Oakbank at least for an assessment period. I do not see any future for Claire in a mainstream Academy as her history of truancy and lack of self-discipline in time keeping etc would make this a non-starter.

Claire Forbes (18.12.75)

Claire has agreed to see me again to discuss the results of my assessment. I would be very interested in participating in an assessment team meeting or in attending a Hearing on this girl. I would strongly recommend that a Hearing be re-convened as quickly as possible as I feel that Claire is not benefitting from the present delays brought about by her father's failure to comply with Social Work Department advice.


Educational Psychologist

c.c.

 Divisional Education Officer, Stonehaven
Social Work Department, Cameron Street, Stonehaven ✓
The Reporter, The Childrens Panel, 4 Albyn Place, Aberdeen



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26th October, 1990

Your Ref:

Principal Social Work Officer,
Grampian Regional Council,
Woodhill House,
Westburn Road,
ABERDEEN.

Dear [REDACTED]

Claire Lorraine Forbes

I enclose copies of correspondence relating to Claire Forbes who was excluded from school at the end of May, 1990 following her alleged involvement in a fire in the girls' toilets on 29th May and her inappropriate reaction to me on 30th May when I sent for her to discuss certain allegations against her. She has not returned to school since that date and it is therefore not possible to provide a report on Claire after that date. The copies of correspondence enclosed will provide information about Claire's behaviour, attendance and attitude which led to her exclusions from school.

Yours sincerely,


RECTOR.

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Attendance

Claire has been absent from school with increasing regularity. When she does return she rarely brings an absence note and seems to have little concern about bringing one. She has missed a great amount of classwork and even with the attention of her teachers it is unlikely that Claire, with her poor attitude will catch up.

Latecoming

If not absent Claire is almost invariably late. This applies both in the morning and in the afternoon. She fails to follow the correct procedure for latecomers and will go to class direct rather than "signing in". She has on occasion been marked absent A.M. and P.M. but appeared in class.

General Attitude

When she is in class, Claire presents little problem. She can work reasonably well and will contribute to class discussion. The problem is getting her away from a negative approach to work. She has little commitment to her work apparently seeing no point in it. If she is spoken to by staff she becomes sullen and withdrawn and barely communicates at all. If she is reprimanded for her timekeeping or general appearance she speaks back. She becomes defiant and insolent. All too often absences follow reprimand in school.

Home Background

Claire's home life gives cause for concern. She freely admits that she "just sleeps in". Despite the efforts of her father's fiancée, [REDACTED] to get Claire up and dressed ready to leave in the morning Claire would appear to go back to bed as soon as [REDACTED] had left the house. Claire's father appears to have no time for the school. He has failed to keep appointments to come in to discuss Claire's progress with myself and Mr. Macdonald, Depute Rector.

On 22nd September, 1989 the matter was referred to the Divisional Education Office. [REDACTED] Divisional Education Officer asked the Social Work Department to investigate. This they did through a [REDACTED] who visited the house but got no reply and wrote letters to Mr. Forbes asking him to attend two separate appointments. Neither meeting was attended.

On 26th September, 1989 [REDACTED] came into school and discussed Claire's problems with Mr. Macdonald and myself. She volunteered information about Claire being very difficult at home and that Mr. Forbes was "washing his hands" of the situation. It has also been reported to me that Claire has also stayed away from home overnight on more than one occasion, apparently without her father's permission or prior knowledge.

Claire seems to lead a life of her own choosing. She admits to staying out late, irrespective of the day and seems to have little care or concern as to what she does.

I am concerned that the lack of interest and discipline at home is causing Claire to be exposed to an unacceptably high risk to her moral and physical welfare. She at present seems unconcerned as to her predicament but I fear that she may fall victim to outside pressures and/or influences if she has not done so already.

27th November, 1989

R.D. Hay, Principal Teacher, Guidance.

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Our Ref: RDH/DDM/KS/9(b)

17th May, 1990

Your Ref:

Mr. T. Forbes,
75 Provost Barclay Drive,
STONEHAVEN.

Dear Mr. Forbes,

Claire Forbes 3UF5

With reference to my telephone conversation with [REDACTED] on Monday, 14th May regarding Claire's absence from school and the alarming incident in which Claire was involved in school yesterday I write to confirm the content of our conversation and the consequent action to be taken.

[REDACTED] informed me -

1. That Claire has been absent from school between 30th April and 14th May without your knowledge or permission.
2. That Claire has defied your instruction or advice to come to school.
3. That you believe that Claire has hidden or destroyed correspondence to you relating to her progress in school.
4. That Claire has stayed away overnight at a friend's house without your permission.

As a consequence of the above, Claire will be issued each day with an attendance form which she will carry to every class for the teacher's signature. It will then be brought home to you for your signature before being returned to school the next morning.

With regard to Claire's apparent state of health yesterday in school and the manner and attitude that she displayed it is essential that the help and advice offered to you from various agencies i.e. the School, the Social Work Department and the Child and Family Psychiatry Unit are followed up. Claire would appear to have enormous difficulty in adopting a positive view to her situation and there is little doubt that were this attitude to continue she would find herself in even greater difficulty.

In order that we may discuss this matter fully I have arranged an appointment for you next Wednesday, 23rd May at 11.15am. I would be grateful if you would confirm that you will be able to attend.

Yours sincerely,

R.D. Hay,
Principal teacher, Guidance.

All correspondence should be addressed to the Rector

Our Ref: DDM/im/9b

Your Ref:

18 May 1990

Mr Forbes
75 Provost Barclay Drive
STONEHAVEN
AB3 2GE

Dear Mr Forbes

CLAIRE FORBES 18.12.75

I am writing to inform you that I have decided to exclude your daughter Claire from Mackie Academy.

The reasons for this decision are:-

Following Claire's recent admitted truancy and Wednesday morning's alarming incident in school. Claire reported to school at 9.30am on Thursday morning, with the result that special arrangements were required for her History examination. After the interval, she failed to report for her Craft and Design examination and had apparently left school without permission.

In the afternoon, she failed to report for registration and later disrupted the second paper of the History examination by laughing and giggling, and finally had to be removed from the examination room.

This morning, she again failed to attend registration and went directly to her first period class, without first reporting her presence in school at Reception.

The reasons for her exclusion may be summarised as defiance of the authority of the school, concern for the safety of staff and pupils, and disruption of the education of other pupils.

I would refer you to our previous correspondence dated 17 May, 25 April, 28 March 1990 and previous letters.

Under the terms of the regional policy on exclusions, this exclusion is classed as a Conditional Exclusion. Re-admission to Mackie Academy will be subject to agreed conditions signed by yourself and Claire.

I must point out that this is a very serious step and I wish to invite you to the school at 11.15am on Wednesday 23 May 1990 to discuss the conditions under which Claire may be re-admitted to Mackie Academy. If you are unable to attend at this time, please telephone the school to arrange an alternative appointment.

I would remind you of your legal responsibilities to supervise Claire during school hours and would advise you that Claire must not appear within the school grounds or buildings until I write to inform you of the date for re-admission.

I would further remind you that you have the right to appeal against this exclusion and that if you so decide, the appeal should be made to the Director of Law and Administration, Grampian Regional Council, Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen.

Yours sincerely

D D Macdonald
DEPUTE RECTOR

SAR COPY

Our Ref: DDM/IM/9b

Your Ref:

23 May 1990

Mr T Forbes
75 Provost Barclay Drive
STONEHAVEN
AB3 2GE

Dear Mr Forbes

CLAIRE FORBES 3UF5

I am writing to confirm the conclusions of our meeting in the school today, at which Mr Hay, Principal Teacher of Guidance was present.

We agreed that you would discuss with Claire the conditions under which the Rector would be prepared to re-admit her to school following her conditional exclusion. We also agreed to amend Condition No 2 on the list which was given to you this morning as follows - "Mr Forbes will bring Claire to school in time for morning and afternoon registration every day".

As indicated in our discussion Mr Hay and I are strongly of the opinion that you and Claire should make use of expert advice, such as that provided by the Young People's Department in Cornhill Hospital to assist Claire in sorting out the problems which have contributed to the present difficulties.

I should be pleased if you would contact the school to arrange a further interview, at which Claire and yourself would be present in order to sign the list of conditions prior to re-admission.

Yours sincerely

D D Macdonald
DEPUTE RECTOR

Our Ref: JF/IM/9b

Your Ref:

Mr T Forbes
75 Provost Barclay Drive
STONEHAVEN
AB3 2GE

Dear Mr Forbes

CLAIRE FORBES 3UF5

Further to our meeting at Mackie Academy on Thursday, 31 May, I am writing to confirm that I have decided to exclude your daughter, Claire, from Mackie Academy.

The reasons for this decision are:

- 1 It has been alleged that Claire was involved in the incident in which a cistern in the girls' toilet was set on fire on Tuesday 29 May 1990. Owing to the serious nature of the incident, it was necessary to involve the Police and I am obliged to refer the matter to the Divisional Education Officer.
- 2 Claire's totally inappropriate reaction to Mrs Macdonald and myself on Wednesday, as a result of which she was removed from the girls' toilets by the Police gives cause for anxiety as to her ability and willingness to comply with the conditions under which she was re-admitted to school on Tuesday 29 May.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, I would suggest that you contact [REDACTED], Divisional Education Officer (Tel No 63671).

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Yours sincerely

RECTOR

Our Ref: JF/IM/9b

Your Ref:

5 June 1990

Assistant Reporter to the Children's Panel
Reporter's Office
4 Albyn Place
ABERDEEN
AB1 1YH

Dear [REDACTED]

CLAIRE FORBES (DATE OF BIRTH 18.12.75)

Further to the Children's Panel Hearing on Friday 25 May, which was attended by Mr Macdonald, Depute Rector and Mr Hay, Principal Teacher of Guidance, Claire was readmitted to school on Tuesday 29 May. A copy of the conditions for readmission is attached.

On Tuesday 29 May, Claire was alleged to have been jointly responsible along with another pupil for setting fire to a cistern in the girls' toilets. The fire was detected by workmen in the school and the school required to be evacuated.

When the Rector attempted to interview Claire on the Wednesday, she left his office without permission and locked herself in a toilet.

When all attempts to persuade her to leave the toilet area had failed, the Police were called and Claire was arrested and removed from school.

Claire has again been excluded from school and the matter has been referred to [REDACTED], Divisional Education Officer.

A copy of the exclusion letter is attached.

Yours sincerely

D D Macdonald
DEPUTE RECTOR

CLAIRE FORBES

30 MAY 1990

At 9.50am Mrs Macdonald collected Claire from her Art Class. Accompanied her to Rector's Office.

Rector informed Claire that as she had been implicated in the fire raising incident of 29 May, he was suspending her from school pending the outcome of police investigations.

Claire rushed out of the Rector's Office, dropping her bag. Mrs Macdonald followed her to the Main Block Girls' Toilets where she had locked herself into one of the cubicles. She was crying.

Mrs Macdonald spoke to her through the locked door but was unable to persuade her to open the door and come out.

Mr Hay, Claire's Guidance Teacher, along with Mrs Macdonald went into the Girls' Toilets to try to persuade her to leave the cubicle. Mrs Macdonald asked Nurse [REDACTED] to come and assist.

After some considerable time, Claire eventually opened the door when it was indicated to her that it would be necessary to have the Janitor break down the door if she did not come out.

Claire was very distressed and there followed a further lengthy period in which all 3 adults present attempted to persuade her to leave the toilets and go to one of the interview rooms in the Administration Block.

At 10.50am approximately, 2 policemen arrived and arrested Claire for breach of the peace. She was somewhat reluctant to go with them - they read her her rights before escorting her off the premises.

At 11.15am a policeman returned to school and took statements from Mrs Macdonald and Mr Hay.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Claire would not be released from police custody until the statement was taken.

[REDACTED]
At 2.25pm, the Rector telephoned the Social Work Department but was not able to speak to [REDACTED]. A message was left and a senior member of the Social Work Team will telephone at 3.45pm.

At 2.30pm, the Rector telephoned [REDACTED] the Depute Reporter to the Children's Panel, which had heard Claire's case on 25 May. The Rector spoke to him and he said that he would contact the Social Work Department.

Both phone calls were witnessed by Mrs Macdonald.

Date of Interview: 23rd May, 1990

Name of Pupil: Claire Forbes

Interview attended by: Mr. T. Forbes (Father), Mr. R.D. Hay (Guidance Teacher),
Mr. D.D. Macdonald (Depute Rector).

Reason for Interview: Claire had been excluded from school for ongoing problems
(see letter of exclusion and father's attendance was
to discuss readmission).

The school brought out the point that all the way through dealings with Claire the main aim had been to help her - the involvement of outside agencies, Social Work Department, Child Guidance etc., had been an attempt to identify her problems and help the school to act in the most appropriate manner.

Her problems of Wednesday, 16th May had brought matters to a head and following further problems - interruption of exams, general poor attitude, defiance of staff - it was decided to exclude her.

Mr. Forbes accepted this and made comment that he had an "easy going" attitude towards school and had perhaps not been as firm as he should have been. He had given Claire room to do as she wanted but now felt that it was time to pull in the rope and she would do as he told her.

The incident of 16th May and the suggestion that Claire had taken something was objected to strongly. Mr. Forbes says that when he questioned Claire she was adamant that she was not on anything. Mr. Forbes did however admit that Claire had been involved in drug taking in the past where someone in possession of pills had been handing them out like sweets to a group of youngsters and Claire had accepted them. She had been in a lot of trouble at home regarding this and would not have taken anything again.

She had stayed away overnight at a friend's house but little comment was made of this.

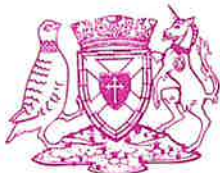
Conditions of readmission - as attached with one alteration that Mr. Forbes accepted full responsibility for getting Claire to school on time by bringing her by car himself.

Discussion of conditions to be made at home.

Children's Panel Hearing on Friday, 25th May, 1990 at 10.00am.

Mr. Forbes and Claire to come into school next week to sign readmission document.

Claire must as a condition of readmission attend the Young People's Department to be seen by [REDACTED]. After arguing about the S.W.D. and other people not knowing much, especially about Claire, Mr. Forbes accepted that it was in Claire's best interests to make her attend.



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Fax. No. 0224 664992 Telex No. 739277

1 November 1990

[REDACTED]
Residential Social Worker
Bon-Accord Children's Home
148 Bon-Accord Street
ABERDEEN

Dear [REDACTED]

CLAIRE LORRAINE FORBES (D.O.B. 18.12.75)

This is to confirm that the Assessment Team will discuss the above named on Tuesday 6 November 1990 at 10.00 a.m. in Conference Room 'C', Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WORK OFFICER

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18 October 1990

[REDACTED]
Officer In Charge
Bon-Accord Children's Home
148 Bon-Accord Street
ABERDEEN

Dear [REDACTED]

CLAIRE LORRAINE FORBES (D.O.B. 18.12.75)

The supervising Social Worker has expressed concern about the caring needs of the above named child. I have therefore arranged for the Assessment Team to meet on Tuesday 6 November 1990 at 10.00 a.m. in Conference Room 'C', Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen. I should be pleased if you could attend the meeting.

If you are preparing a report I would be grateful to receive it by 29 October for circulation.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WORK OFFICER

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REPORT TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL

Provisional arrangement: Friday 27th July 1990 at 10.30 a.m. in Stonehaven

NAME: CLAIRE LORRAINE FORBES DATE OF BIRTH: 18.12.75

ADDRESS: 75 Provost Barclay Drive, Stonehaven

Since the Hearing of 25th May 1990, the following has transpired:

1. Claire went in to Mackie Academy for readmission on Monday 28.05.90 and started the school day normally on Tuesday 29.05.90.
2. A fire was started in the girls' toilets on Tuesday 29.05.90 and the Police were involved.
3. On Wednesday 30.05.90 Claire was challenged about her possible involvement with the fire; she went and locked herself in a girls' toilet. A lengthy session with Claire, School Nurse and Mr. Hay (Guidance Teacher) almost enabled her to emerge to resolve her reaction when the Police, summoned by Mr. MacDonald (Depute Rector) arrived and charged Claire with Breach of the Peace.
4. Verbal ^{confirmation} confrontation by the Police on 30.05.90 that Claire would be charged with Breach of the Peace and Reckless Fireraising.
5. 27.06.90 - Copy of the Police Complaint received by Social Work Department from the Reporter's Office.
6. 06.07.90 - Social Worker received letter from ██████████ confirming that father and Claire were unable to attend appointments on 13.06.90 and 29.06.90.
7. Claire appears to stay out at least one night per week, against adults' wishes.
8. Contact with mother, ██████████, has recently arisen. Claire's Social Worker has been trying to contact her

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REPORT TO THE CHILDREN'S PANEL

Hearing continued from Friday 27th July 1990 to Thursday 16th August 1990 at 10 a.m. in Albyn Place, Aberdeen.

<u>NAME</u>	CLAIRE LORRAINE FORBES
<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	18.12.75
<u>RESIDENT AT</u>	
<u>MOTHER'S ADDRESS</u>	13 Rosebank, Oldmeldrum
<u>FATHER'S ADDRESS</u>	75 Provost Barclay Drive, Stonehaven

Per the requirement of the Hearing continued from 27th July 1990, a residential place has been acquired at Bon-Accord Children's Home in order to facilitate appropriate assessment of Claire's longer-term needs. This will involve the family, Education Department, Young People's Department at Royal Cornhill Hospital, and the Social Work Department.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Social Worker

10th August 1990
JC/DWM

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██████████, B.A.
Director of Social Work

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Officer-in-Charge

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BON-ACCORD CHILDREN'S HOME
148 BON-ACCORD STREET
ABERDEEN

27. 10. 90.

Report for Assessment Team.

Name:- Claire Domaine Forbes D.O.B. 18. 12. 75.

Legal Status:- Section 44(1)(b) of S.W.(Scotland) Act.

Back ground.

Claire was admitted to Bon Accord Childrens Home on 16.8.90. under the above stated Section of the Act. She found her change of residence difficult, and could not identify any reason why she should not have been left in the care and custody of her mother with whom she had been staying for approx. one month following the breakdown of the relationship between herself and her father.

Claire identified her problems as the breakdown in the relationship with her father, and education. During her stay at Bon Accord we have been able to identify other areas and issues.

Once settled into the routines, Claire made it clear that her main aim was to comply with all requirements in order to effect a return to her mother as soon as possible. She made friends with the other residents with ease and became a strong member of the group. She became involved in some delinquent behaviour with an older resident, resulting in one incident of both being absent from Bon Accord overnight. Despite this she has in the main remained within our boundaries. There have been other minor issues around for her, these have generally involved the household as a whole - for example smoking, lack of privacy, abuse of property, and general behaviour around the house. Claire has managed some very difficult house meetings, been able to own her part in group disturbances and volunteer information when asked.

Time away from Bon Accord has made it difficult for her to re-integrate, as she is not a child who centres her life on Bon Accord and its content, but has many connections with family and the community with whom she would rather spend her time. In this she has been encouraged.

She has exhibited "moods" at times when restrictions have not been to her liking, but these have been of short duration. She initially required considerable staff attention, but this need has diminished since her home leave commenced and increased. Her anger at being here, being away from mother, and father's rejection of her continued to emerge sporadically - but she was able to allow those around her to offer support with these difficult issues.

Within Bon Accord she was and still is sensitive to derogatory comments about her family and was seen as an easy target by one resident in particular. Given that this can happen in any setting and may well happen in a school situation, Claire needs to continue working on appropriate responses to this kind of personal attack.

In the main she has complied with the rules and regulations at Bon Accord, and worked hard to avoid some of the delinquent behaviour going on within the group. Staff have experienced few difficulties - but have found her to be abusive when at her most anxious - a fact she recognises herself.

School.

Claire was not in mainstream schooling when she arrived at Bon Accord. Until such time as this could be resolved and to assess her abilities and suitability for a return to school Claire attended lessons with a tutor for 1 hr. each day. She received home work, which she completed and was seen to have a commitment.

This arrangement left Claire with considerable free time, which she did not abuse, although there were many opportunities to do so. Her commitment reduced during a period of a few days only, a time when mother was away from Aberdeen and Claire herself was ill.

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Family Contact.

Claire's mother was present when Claire was admitted and this proved to be an emotional time for both of them. They remained in close contact with each other by telephone following this, and there were as many subsequent visits as possible. Ground rules for their relationship began to be established with Claire making unrealistic demands on mother and having tantrums when she did not receive. This has not diminished contact on either side and for Claire has been a time of testing boundaries. Initially unable to show anything, but her "good" side to her mother for fear of rejection, she has continued to test out boundaries, found them to be safe and allowed her mother to see the more unreasonable aspects of her personality. Mother has continued to maintain her commitment to Claire, whilst at the same time acknowledging the difficulties of taking on the care of a teenager, who to date appears not to have accepted adult authority. Claire is in the process of learning how to share her mother with mother's fiancé and accept this authority within the house as well as her mother's.

Claire's father has been the main issue for her as all contact with him had ceased from the time she went to stay with her mother. She was ^{made} both angry and unhappy by the situation between them. She could not accept that he did not care for her, yet he was unable to make contact with her, leaving her with conflicting emotions. She visited father on one occasion and was disappointed by his response, on another occasion sniffed gas to unconsciousness to blot out her misery.

Father was contacted by the team at Bon Accord inviting him to make contact either with us or Claire, but he was unable to do so. Claire eventually resolved the situation herself, sought out her father and has spoken to him on many occasions - although not in any depth, as yet. Since that time her feelings of being rejected by father are not so clearly in evidence.

Claire's attachment to Bon Accord and resident group has diminished, and she increasingly takes issues to her mother to discuss, bringing less into Bon Accord.

Relationship with Key workers.

During the time Claire and I have spent together we have been able to look at a number of issues. Initially

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being at Bon Accord rather than with mother; the loss of father and problems experienced with his 'new' family; her developing relationship with mother and mother's fiancé; her view of herself and how she presents to others - about being seen to be coping when the opposite is actually the case; acknowledging that she maintains this mature exterior at a cost to herself denying the support she requires; her future with regard to education; anger and feeling insecure. We will continue to look at these areas and any others that seem appropriate while Claire remains at Bon Accord.

Summary.

At the present time Claire is resident at Bon Accord, but spending increasing amounts of time at home with her mother and mother's fiancé. Communication between all parties has been excellent allowing us to monitor Claire's progress during her time away.

Family meetings have been held on a regular basis and will continue. Claire commences at Inverine Academy on 29.10.90. and it remains to be seen whether she manages this transition or not. Care will continue on a shared basis between ourselves and mother with a view to Claire being more or less settled at home by Xmas. The move home is being taken at a pace that both Claire and her mother are comfortable with and as such can be reviewed and amended at any time. Bon Accord offer a day to day support for mother and Claire and will be in close contact with the Academy to monitor Claire's progress here.

Copy of letter to Mr. Forbes.

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[REDACTED] B.A.
Director of Social Work

[REDACTED]
Officer-in-Charge

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Our Ref.

Your Ref.

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BON-ACCORD CHILDREN'S HOME

148 BON-ACCORD STREET

ABERDEEN

Dear Mr. Forbes,

I am aware that until now the Team at B.A. have only made contact with you via [REDACTED] S.W.

I would like to rectify this & invite you to make contact with us at B.A. either by telephone calls or visits. You can either contact myself direct or speak to any member of staff who will be able to tell you how Claire is getting on. You can also if you choose ring direct & speak to Claire yourself.

I understand from Claire that work does keep you v. busy, I also know from past experience that parents can sometimes find phone calls & visits here diff. to manage. We will try & make any contact you have with us as easy as possible for you.

I look forward to hearing from you at some point in the future.

etc

L.R.

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13th August 1990

[REDACTED]
Officer-in-Charge
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148 Bon-Accord Street
ABERDEEN
AB1 2TX

Dear [REDACTED]

CLAIRE LORRAINE FORBES (dob 18.12.75)

Due for admission 16.08.90
under Section 44(1)(b), Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

Please find enclosed relevant reports to date. Copies of forms C1-6 will be delivered following the Hearing on 16th August 1990.

Given times and distances involved, my colleague, [REDACTED], can bring Claire from Oldmeldrum to Bon-Accord on Wednesday morning - but a little earlier, at 9.30 a.m. by which time I shall arrive. I do hope this is agreeable but if it is impossible, please contact [REDACTED] and she can get me at home to alter arrangements.

I hope you all had a good holiday!

With thanks for your help always,

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]

Social Worker

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Social Worker

10th August 1990
JC/DWM

Claire Lorraine Forbes 8.12.75. (14½)

At Hearing in May '90 Claire put on s 44 (a) for poor school attendance.

poor attendance continued - also no attendance appointments with Ed Psych + [REDACTED] Also fire raising at Mackie with another girl + taking pills ^{with} a crowd of others.

Has been staying with father for past 7 yrs in Stonehouse. Very recently has moved to stay with mother + partner in Oldmeldrum [REDACTED]

Hearing on last Friday suspended for residential placement to be found.

Initial purpose: assessment with possible need in term work to be done.

Education: no arrangements at present. I stressed the need for [REDACTED] to push the Ed. dept.

Task to get information to us a.s.a.p.

admission date Thursday 16th 11 AM.

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INFORMATION FOR CARE STAFF

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Full Name of Child CLAUDE LORRAINE FORBES
 Date of Birth 18.12.1975 Religion (Practising/Nominal)

Father

Name TERENCE FORBES
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 STONEHAVEN Telephone No.

Mother

Name JOAN INGLIS
 Address 13 ROSESANK
 OLD NEWDRUM Telephone No. 06572
 3291

Brothers

Names MICHAEL FORBES 27.06.72

Sisters

Names DEBORAH FORBES 05.10.1973

Last School/Nursery/Playgroup attended

MACKIE ACADEMY
 STONEHAVEN

Most recent G.P./Health Clinic

- MEDICAL CENTRE
 ROBERT ST. STONEHAVEN

Please enter relevant medical information, including details of any current medication, and regular or pending hospital appointments

Please note briefly the arrangements for contact with family (e.g. expected frequency whether Social Worker is to arrange all visits, whether children can be taken outside home, etc.)

PROCESS OF ASSESSMENT SHOULD NOT PROHIBIT
 CONTACT BY PARENTS & SIBLINGS

NAMES

1. What is the child usually called
2. What does He/She usually call Father /Guardian/Relative
 Mother/Guardian/Relative
3. What are the familiar names, and actual relationship to the child, of the people He/She is closest to
4. Please identify anyone outside the family who is a special friend of the child

BEDTIME

5. About what time does the child usually go to bed
6. Does He/She usually sleep alone, or share a room, or a bed
7. Is the door usually left open, or a light left on
8. Does the child take a toy, or blanket, or other comforter to bed
9. Is there a special routine at bedtime (e.g. story, game, etc.)
10. Does the child have a troubled sleep pattern (e.g. nightmares or sleepwalking)
11. Does the child ever get up at night

TOILET

12. What words does the child use for the lavatory
13. Does He/She ever wet the bed
14. Does the child wear a nappy at night
15. Does He/She like having a bath, or having His/Her hair washed

30D

16. What foods or drinks does the child particularly dislike
17. What foods or drinks is the child specially fond of
18. What sort of eating habits is the child used to -
e.g. 3 regular meals per day Main meal and snacks No regular pattern
19. Within this pattern, is He/She a good or poor eater
20. Does the child usually take school meals

BEHAVIOUR

21. Please describe briefly the child's usual manner and behaviour (e.g. confident, shy, etc.)
22. What are the signs when the child is anxious or bothered about something ANXIOUS ANSWER
23. What is the best way to cope with the child when He/She sulks or is in a temper
24. Does He/She get on better with older or younger children
25. Does the child get on well with adults
26. Does the child have any nervous habits

GENERAL

27. Can the child dress by him/herself
28. Is there anything (e.g. buttons, laces) which the child cannot manage
29. Is the child frightened of or allergic to any animals, or other things or circumstances (e.g. the dark, thunder, etc.)
30. Please note any toys or possessions, and the name and type of any pet, to which the child is specially attached
31. What games does He/She like to play
32. Please describe the child's leisure activities including any regular clubs or groups attended (including playgroups and Sunday School)
33. What has the child been told about why He/She has to leave home ALL DETAILS DISCUSSED LATER

Source of Information Above SWD RECORDS MOTHER + FATHER

Social Worker's Signature Jessie R. Cook Date 16.08.1990

Had been checked over at A & E. Brought back by Out of Hours.

11/9/90 O.K morning I think though [redacted] had been provoking Claire at breakfast re: last night. Out to tutor in p.m., expected back between 3.30/4 p.m. - did not arrive until 4.30 p.m., had been talking to [redacted] - told not to when expected back for a certain time, should honour commitments. O.K over tea & dishes, spending time with [redacted], then with [redacted] talking over events of last night. After dishes done earlier, both girls hanging around downstairs loo - suspicion that they had been trying to sniff pump-action hairspray. At 9.30 p.m. - both off to bed, just after which [redacted] told both involved in sniffing the contents of a Tippex pen. Situation confronted - Claire very agitated & angry. Talking about how hee winding her up at present, bringing up bad memories of home, not wanting to be at B/A. Went to bed around 10.30 p.m. Settled O.K, still moody.

12/9/90 Waited till [redacted] out of the way this morning before coming down stairs though was awake & going about her room prior to this. Seems in better frame of mind this morning.

Spent a lot of time with [redacted] this morning - [redacted] also. Saw Claire with her teacher and a good 3 way working relationship was established.

Claire off to tutor in afternoon then to meet [redacted] off school bus - both back at 4.45.

Managed well at house meeting & was able to admit to smoking in garden. After meeting off to Central Library with [redacted] helped to make the entry successful by being enthusiastic. Took herself off to bed early.

13/2 A.M. At tutor

P.M. Spent an hour with [redacted] feedback being that Claire more settled since yesterday and no real need to have a session. [redacted] arrived at 4.30 p.m. to take Claire to his Mum's for tea.

Cont
13/9

[redacted] rang at 8:50 to say Claire on bus & it had been a great evening, inviting Claire back on Tuesday night. Claire back around 9:30, bit of cold, not feeling too great. Given hot water bottle & off to bed.

14/9 Up early this morning to have shower & get ready for tutor at 9am. Not feeling too great as cold taking a hold on her. Back a bit later 10:45am - no energy walking back. Jesse here to see Claire, out for something to eat. Back in chipper mood, getting ready to go home for the weekend.

5/ 2 phone calls - full of cold! But won't deter her from going out. Mum O.K. & The perm!

17 Back okay, having had a good weekend with mum. Out with [redacted] in the evening. Back on time. Concerned about the girls.

18 Up okay. Doing homework. While at tutor, complaining of not feeling well, no energy though Claire hadn't completed all the work allocated. Back O.K. though feeling listless, had time with [redacted] prior to [redacted] arriving to take Claire for tea. Away with [redacted] Mum phoned while Claire out, also O.K. - to phone back. Back earlier than expected, [redacted] also down with flu. Phoned Mum, then took call from O.Z. Generally O.K., had supper & off to bed, though verbalising how fed up she was of the scenario with [redacted] Battered for a short while to [redacted] then settled O.K.

19 Up for breakfast, then back to bed. Checked several times but O.K. still a bit pale

19.9.

Claire angry that she was confined to bed —
saying reasons for problems ~~at~~ with tutor not
related to ill health as tutor believes — but to disinterest
& lack of co-operation. In response to only having 5
minutes out total des. to "f... off" opened to [redacted]
as "C..." for keeping her in. [redacted] spoke to her
later & was told that never got any time for herself from
~~any~~ anyone, never got listened to, was used to it
everything came before her. des. pointed out that this was
not always the case & yes it did sometimes happen that
way.

Mae settled, spent some time in top room, to bed on
time. Slow to settle down to [redacted] speaking to [redacted] —
[redacted] had to go twice & ask them to go to sleep on the
2nd occasion. Claire admitted to smoking. [redacted]
Confiscated matches in her drawer. Settled.

20/9/90. In bed this am — appears relaxed enough.

Tutor telephoned.

To go tomorrow for 10 am. — [redacted] her ~~said~~ discussed
it with her. Family meeting fine — well done Claire.
Able to be very open with everyone. Able to have
time out this evening if she chooses. Into town for
an hour with [redacted] supporting [redacted] during
row with [redacted] saying [redacted] didn't hit
him very hard. Told hitting him at all
not acceptable. Off to bed early
with [redacted] settled quickly. Spoke
with him — [redacted] and agreed on
replacement shares (see Day Book).
Spent hour in front room with [redacted]
before bed-time. They appear to be the
best of friends!!

21/9. Up for breakfast at 8. Told to put off the T.V. attempted to argue about it. but told quite firmly that she heard extra privileges so not to push her back. Out at 9.30 with [redacted] to visit tutor. looking & sounding very much better.

Out with [redacted] in the afternoon. Went off for 3.45 Bus but didn't make it ?? des. rang Claire's mum to tell her to expect her off the bus to find out that Claire had phoned & said she would be on the next one! How with tutor went fine. Next time in - Tuesday at 2pm.

22.9. Popped in to collect shoes - looking well.

24.9. 7.30pm Tel call from Claire she is returning to B/A. - reason late home last night by 15 mins, so sounded this evening refusing to accept this - reason more complex than this & do with [redacted]

[redacted] and mum? new or discussion over Claire etc. I spoke to Claire's mum, she is not wanting Claire to come back. I spoke to Claire & Mum saying that I felt if possible they should resolve this at home, - as they would have to do in the future etc. Suggested they discuss it further & tel me back.

Ret. call Claire dept 19.45 arriving 20.45.

Fuller call Claire + mum chatting on the way to be bus, so ret home + debated further.

Call Claire has decided to ret back by 21.45

OK enough on arrival, feeling she had departed on a more even keel - will pt need to look at this further Settled.
Tel to Mum - she endorsed above.

Claire Tue, 25.9.90.

* School —

Up in OK form quiet am.

Tel call from [REDACTED] re: visit to night
[REDACTED] Claire saying she has arranged to go out
with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to telephone + make other
arrangements. [REDACTED] saying Thursday
night would be OK for her returning Claire of
8.50 too — this to be confirmed to night

[REDACTED]

25/9 cont Back from tutor O.K. Off to dentist, [REDACTED] dropping Claire off.
Sore mouth on return, mouth sores. Given time out with [REDACTED]
to collect prescription. Back for tea. Out with [REDACTED] straight
afterwards, to return for 9pm. Phone call from Claire at 9pm to
apologise for being late, asked to return A.S.A.P. - Claire unsure as to
where she was / lost - in Aberdeen though. Also unclear as to
where [REDACTED] was - only that she was in a bit of a state, but
would explain reasons on return, - getting a lift. At 11pm when still
no sign of girls, started procedure of police contact + family. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] phoned just before 12 to see if any news. None so far.

Returned by Police at 1pm Parents informed Time
had been spent at Froghall + Seaton (see daybook)
Claire spent some time with [REDACTED] telling about
situation. Hanging about the stairs most of the
evening with [REDACTED] both winding each other up +
trying to do the same with others. Nobody really
ready to have an argument with them.
Claire settled after a shower + T/C to mum.

27.9.90 Thursday.

Claire a bit moody this morning - had breakfast after the others. [redacted] phoned - Claire to see her at 10.30 am. Claire talked again about her behaviour when she came back last night & about looking for an argument which neither she or [redacted] got. Said again to her about putting anger where it belongs & working out why she's angry. Heavy stuff for 10.30 am on a morning - but she stayed with most of the discussion. Mum visiting to-day - can go out with mum if she chooses. [redacted] & Claire talked about future regard schooling.

Beck from tutor - managing well - to be around the house apart from shop trips - unless with mum.

Out with mum shopping. Claire bought a lovely picture for her sisters birthday. There was not a good feeling around tea time. Claire and [redacted] appeared to be joining, and seemed set to push limits. The atmosphere of "SW do what SW want etc" prevailed. After tea Claire organised her washing and her sisters present. She coloured her hair on by herself.

He kept a low profile until [redacted] returned from swimming, when he became the butt of [redacted] & Claire's attention - whether this was deserved or not, Todd on fire & settled.

28.9.90 To Tutor SW collected her to go to Oldmeldrum. Claire to get to go to the Dentist at 14.05. She will not get to 6/11 if she is with mum. She was given £7.70 for 10 fares, plus pocket money, plus £2 savings. She is not happy with amount will discuss this with [redacted].

Claire

29.9.90.

Returned from O/M. with [REDACTED] - seems to have managed well. Out with [REDACTED] to J.D. Concert & returned having screamed herself hoarse! To bed settled quickly.

30.9.90.

Up & O.K. T/C to [REDACTED] - organising herself to go to Grams. Mum will phone us when she arrives herself & relay time of arrival of Claire. Managed well - completed chores.

Off to Grams at 12-15. T/C to Grams to let her know & to mum. Claire should be back for lunch on Monday. - but does need to be back in time for tutor at 2pm.

Claire's Mum rang in afternoon to let us know that Claire arrived at Grams around 1pm. Will be back prior to tutor tomorrow.

1/10/90 Claire popped in prior to going to [REDACTED] for 2pm.

Unfortunately missed lunch but was able to grab a bite to eat. Time away went fine according to Claire - not time to chat unfortunately. Away O.K.

In O.K. from tutor - managed well thru' the evening - a minor squib about going to Cadets because she was wanting [REDACTED] to go - but managed & went. Enjoyed the evening.

Settled fine.

2.10.90.

Claire up after the others - tired this morning - went thru' her sheets - showered & settled to her homework.

T/C from [REDACTED] can she attend at 12-30 instead of 2pm. Did so. Called at hairdresser on her way back. Arrangement to pick up shoes from [REDACTED] to-morrow either on way to or on way back from tutor.

Back fine - a bit disappointed with her hair - I think it looks great. Quiet evening in spent watching T.V & playing

Monopoly with [REDACTED]. Cheered up a bit as others remarking on hair being nice too. Had a shower early evening and enjoyed winning game. T/c to [REDACTED] prior to bed. Settled well.

3/10/90 Claire up like a down to breakfast with others.

Intending doing homework & tidying room prior to going to lunch with Cind Susan - straight to tutor - should be back around 3pm ish.

Back OK. Seemed a bit down but struggled through the housework OK. Spent some time in her room experimenting with makeup & watched TV. film.

4.10.90. After tea (Claire made the pudding - delicious) she went out with [REDACTED] she returned in fine form & on time. She had supper & went to bed.

5.10.90 Up & out on time to tutor, then stopping for shoes.

Off to mum's OK. - though miffed about not being given her savings & was abusive as she left. I think she becomes abusive when she's anxious & maybe she doesn't realise how hurtful this can be.

6.10.90 Claire phoned [REDACTED] - wanting to know what was happening this evening. [REDACTED] said she'd phone her back - but didn't.

Claire appeared 7.30 - [REDACTED] waiting in car - to pick up her bags & clothes. Said she'd [REDACTED] going back to Oldmeldre.

7.10.90 Claire popped in at suppers time to collect tapes & speak briefly to [REDACTED]

Claire.

8.10.90

Claire's mum tel Claire on her way back, Mum felt week end went well, with Claire more relaxed, accepting limits + generally coping well — even with [REDACTED]. Mum told Claire who had been planning to meet [REDACTED] on Sat night — that she felt [REDACTED] could be seen during the week. Claire visited B/A twice — mum knows.

[REDACTED] tel (see day back),

Claire back in a positive frame of mind. Enjoyed her time at home + had a good day at school.

Went out to get toiletries before tea — but joined up with [REDACTED] who was out getting photos developed. While she was out she met her sister who bought her a pile of clothes for Layla Dayple.

Claire Back late for tea so in all evening (her army cadets were cancelled).

Enjoyed the evening until bedtime when she + Lee had a fight. Smashed a few cups/dishes + stalked around but eventually able to have meeting with [REDACTED] + the Mrs to talk through the event. Did well not to run off. Eventually to bed ok.

9.10.90

At tea time Claire complaining about there never being anything she likes eating — eventually she admitted that it wouldn't really matter what we cooked, she wouldn't like it.

Left at 6.40 to go to library with

[redacted], then to meet same friend - to return 9 p.m.

Returned on time with [redacted] done then back here - had been at boulevard.

After supper Claire doing homework - but no tutorial to-morrow. In view of this, as all rooms to be in use for interviews, meetings to-morrow morning, suggested that perhaps we'd like to phone her Mum and if suitable go out there. Mum agreed - Claire to catch 8.45 A.M. bus. Mum says that she is working at 2 p.m., but [redacted] will be there so Claire can stay longer if she wishes - Claire told to phone her and let us know when she's leaving. To bed and settled.

10.10.90

Claire up at 6.30 & showered.

All set to leave with [redacted] and [redacted] at 7.45 (to catch 8.45 bus).

When told that she shouldn't leave until 8.15 became very abusive - 50p. fine

Eventually left 8.15 - to phone her as to when she'll be back.

Tel. call from [redacted] saying [redacted] putting Claire on 6 p.m. bus - no sign. When Claire didn't arrive or tel. by 9 p.m. T/C to Mum who said she'd check around. Phoned back, Claire at [redacted] now returning. Back by 9.40 p.m. Spoken to briefly by [redacted] ^{not} telephoning to let us know

Claire

10/10 what was happening. OK to bed straight away - no hassle
cont Explained lateness would be talked through at family meeting tomorrow. Battered to [REDACTED] for a short while settled O.K. (Said lateness due to helping [REDACTED] fix his car). Also had spoken to Dad which went O.K.

11/10 Up & out for totter O.K. Back in plenty of time. Did chore & helped out with lunch. Great again

family meeting.

- 1) School. excellent reports for [REDACTED] but concerns that Claire can transfer these to mainstream schooling. [REDACTED] attempting to arrange meeting for morning with SW, Mum & School.
- 2) Home visits will gradually be extended - elongated weekends etc.
- 3) Claire to go home for holiday + Mum + Claire to decide if she comes back Friday or Sunday.
- 4) [REDACTED] is out on a limb at the moment + he is to be included in future meetings.
- 5) Claire's dad has had little contact + made little effort. Claire has v. deep + angry feelings about this + Jess is to make attempts to contact Dad + begin to try + look at issues with him.
- 6) There would be a gradual move home at a pace Claire + her mum feel comfortable with. When Claire goes home it will initially be for a trial period with a place kept here.
- 7) In mid-November Jess will put a report into the panel outlining progress. Claire's mum ~~was also~~ hoped to see Claire semi-permanently at home by Xmas.
- 8) Claire to be kept in tonight. Given choice of here or home but was unable to choose so we decided she should stay here.

In the evening I took Claire [redacted] out to buy shoes for school.

Hopefully Jess will phone in the morning with a time for Claire's meeting at school. Mum also needs to know. Jess should be able to pick Claire up on her way

Claire and [redacted] been to give [redacted] a send off. I pointed out that I felt that there had been a lot of unkindness directed to [redacted] and that they should put those energies into being kind

12.10. Up in fine form. Told of [redacted] call + that she was expected to be at the reading centre by 10am. Off. Claire's mum telephoned to see when Claire's ~~was~~ meeting was at Snoozerie - given new date and told tutor would be speaking to her.

Mum spoke to Claire + arranged that she arrive at the 12.45 bus. Mum is cancelling the dental appointment today for Claire + Liam's prep for her own dentist.

14.10.90. T/C to Claire - doing well. Her to meet her Tuesday. Lawrence spoke to Claire + gave her all B.A. gossip. Claire phoned to chat to [redacted]

15/10. Phone call for Claire to [redacted] took message

16/10. [redacted] had dinner with Claire - doing well. Subbed a little over not being able to meet

██████ in the evening - but accepted it & decided to go home on the bus. Will be returning Monday.

19. 10. 90

Called in with mum for pocket money & give details of dental appointment. Claire discovered some of her stuff had been rifled through - ██████ stuff all over the room & her bracelets missing. Said in ██████ absence I would speak to ██████ about it & leave a note for ██████ & would also take a look at the bedroom.

Claire doing well at home - talked about how she would manage coming back here having been away so long - difficulties with ██████ his ability to wind her up when speaking about family - became wound up & angry at the thought of it. Explained if he's ignored & she's that he isn't having any effect the game would stop - but couldn't see it - her way of "hit for ten" was better. Eventually glanced out of the room because ██████ was laughing at her. I did hear what you were saying Claire, but responding to ██████ by getting wound up & angry when he says things that are not true about your family is only playing his game. Claire has books to return to the library on Monday. Claire's bracelets returned - ██████ had them.

21.10.90. ██████ telephoned: Claire will be at B/A 1.5 Mon then to tube

22.10.90 Claire's tube telephoned, she will not be in today, but will be in tomorrow.

Claire doing washing & ironing - Claire does ~~not~~ like ironing
Returned books to library
Out in evening to hospital to visit

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a friend — borrowed .10p. from this

Friday's p.m. for fare.

Returned 8p.m. — friend had discharged
himself earlier in day.

To bed 10p.m.

23.10.90

Claire up - breakfast - shower

Out to total for 2p.m. Afterwards

meeting friend, [REDACTED] + beer by

5p.m. Out to library with

[REDACTED] until 8.45, good company
for rest of evening. Phoned Mom later on.

24.10.90.

Up before 8p.m. showered and breakfast.
Getting on O.K. with [REDACTED] both being very
helpful.

Claire to go to Inverie with Jesse for 9-30 am.
on Thursday am. — returning to B.A.

with Jesse. Permission to be out to meet

[REDACTED] for lunch or time in town with

her. Doesn't need time out in the evening

unless going somewhere specific — food shopping

may be on the go & she could help with that.

Wed p.m. Sat through long house meeting, managed well
though justifiably angry at suffering consequences
of someone else's misdemeanor. Spent time with Lesley
going over things for meeting tomorrow morning — quite
anxious re: this. Showered, spent time before bed
playing a game with [REDACTED] telephoned.
Off to bed & settled O.K.

25/10. Up O.K. Dressed in dungarees — went through this with
Claire but she feels more comfortable in them. Away on time with Jesse

Claire fed back that the meeting at school went well.
She was quite relaxed this evening - ~~at~~ phone calls
from mum + [redacted] Played game with [redacted] then off to bed

20.10.90.

Claire refused to go to the dentist - [redacted] unable
to persuade her. Mother informed. Out to Oldmeldrum -
starting school on Monday from 9 AM. & returning to Bon Accord
Monday evening. Will return to 9 AM from school on Monday & catch
the bus to pick up her stuff & catch the next bus out of Oldmeldrum.

Sun 28/10 No news.

9-30 pm. T/C to Claire by everyone to wish her well.

"Go for it Claire. You can do it!" was said by all!

Mon 29.10.

Claire - ~~to the~~ ^{Sunderland} Academy. - This seemed to
go well enough. Back at B/A by 7pm - quiet night
to bed + settled very quickly.

Tue. 30.10. Claire up early, took a lot of time
getting organised, left with [redacted], quickly followed
by [redacted] to walk to the bus station. Seemed OK
enough.

11am ish Claire's mum telephoned Sunderland had
been on the telephone Claire is not at school.

[redacted] - Sunderland Academy. - saying Claire
left in OK shape - going to school. Can we contact school
if we hear anything else? Can we contact school
again - to say she has left.

[redacted] did not know she was not going to
school.

5.15 pm Claire back, spent time with [redacted] prior to tea.
Claire saying she was at school today but had been

late arriving so had missed registration, T/C to Mum, both Claire & [redacted] speaking to Mrs Inglis.

Claire a bit grumpy over tea but cheered up as the evening progressed. Out to the library with [redacted] watched T.V. Away to bed early, settled fine.

31/10/90 Up at 6.30 a.m by [redacted] - had said last night that she would get herself up at 6 a.m this morning. Didn't quite manage it. It is an awful early start Claire, maybe best if you do try & get your shower the night before.

Breakfasted, ready & away on time. O.K. humour.

Home from school. OK day. Claire's brother [redacted] 10 mths old in hospital - Claire went to visit - she was quite worried. But did spend some quality time with her step mum + dad. She intends visiting Thursday.

Duckling for apples on return.

1. 11.90.

Claire awakes 06.30 - up + got herself organised to depart 07.25. - well done. Given £6 toiletries - Claire had expected all her back dated monies - B said he could organise that for night. Claire needs receipts. so for bus fares to + from [redacted] - Receipts Also given £1 for tea as she plans to go to R. Hett's for a bottle before returning to B/A. So being collected by mum.

Toiletries sorted: - receipts obtained - receipts for bus fares. Left at 8.30 to go to Oldmeldrum with mum. little feedback on [redacted].

Managed a good visit with step mum and dad at the hospital. Returning to Bon Accord

Claire

on Tuesday. Suggested to her she might want to stay in O'M. for Bonfire night. She agreed - should she wish to change her mind & return to B.A. on Monday she may.

3.11.90 Phone call for Claire from [REDACTED] - suggested she phone back Tues.

6.11.90 Claire returned for tea, in fine form. She had a good week. and - quiet - despite a heavy cold. See day took me entirely re. [REDACTED] tel. call. This incident was regrettable and I believe unnecessary. Claire's mood never really rallied after this although she was OK enough. Claire's mum telephoned while Claire was out telephoning [REDACTED] (she returned 30 mins late from this call).
To bed on time + settled. (sheets read to her!)
on 7.11.90. with [REDACTED].

7.11.90

Fine on return home - a bit "moody" later in the evening. Watched T.V. - perked up & had a quill chat with [REDACTED]. Then Jane Fonda with [REDACTED] & another session with [REDACTED] upstairs. Watched neighbours. Settled quickly. Home Thursday.

8.11.90

Got herself up this morning - well done! & off to school. Probably not back till Tuesday.

9/11/90 T/C from Claire re: details of her work experience, [REDACTED] couldn't find any other news other than what Claire already knew. Phoning back tomorrow. All well

8/11/90 [REDACTED] rang & left a message with [REDACTED] about the Work experience.

10/11/90 T/C from Claire re - work experience - gave her the details

13. 11.90.

Returned to B.A. - O.K. mood. Finding being here a little difficult - but managed well.
Spent time with [redacted] going thru her file & summaries.

14. 11.90.

Left off O.K. - returned in the evening.
Few words with [redacted] - handed over to [redacted].

Fine mood, throughout evening, watching Pop Awards which she had taped, to be O.K.

15.11.90 Called at 6 a.m. and rose very quietly well organized for leaving, will be at home until Wednesday of next week.

22.11.90 Back in fine form - full of the cold. Quiet pleasant evening at Bon Accord.

23 11.90. Family meeting and away on home leave!
Good luck!

24 11.90 Claire popped in to say Hello & collect two teddy's. She was off to stay at dad's for an overnight.

27.11.90. Claire phoned, says all well, she's got a new 'lad', and a part-time job. Arranged to see [redacted] Wed. afternoon, (Also [redacted] saying she's been invited to Oldmeldrum on Sat. night.)

28.11.90 Called in to B.A. for [redacted] - [redacted] had already left - but they did meet up.
Handed in receipts for clothing.

30/11/90 Popped in for pocket money & stayed for tea. Looking smashing in new top & in a great frame of mind. All going well at home & enjoying new job. Left to go & visit Dad in Stoney.

1/12/90 Came in with [redacted] waiting for her in car — said she and [redacted] had great time — left saying she'd phone [redacted]

13/12/90 Home leave until panel on 10th Jan [redacted] to get use of bed meantime.

18/12/90 Into BIA to get ready for Xmas night out. Looking spicing in a little sexy black number — didn't recognise you Claire — had a great time, liked the birthday cake surprise (& the young chef's birthday kiss. Away home with [redacted].

Monthly Summary.

August '90

16. 8. 90

Hearings @ 10.30 am. Admissions Meeting at 11 am. Attended by mum. Unhappy about being here.
Evening - we're about smoking.

17. 8. 90

Good day - hooded ~~stop~~ stolen.

18. 8. 90.

Mum's visited - difficulties with this.

19. 8. 90

Another good day.

20. 8. 90.

Time spent with mum.

21. 8. 90.

D. Hacket evening with the group - walked out at 11.15 returned at 12.15. Wanting to go to Mum. Rang a friend.

22. 8. 90.

Fine day. Dealt with difficult issues at house meeting

23. 8. 90

Session with Des to go thru day sheets & file.

Difficulty sleeping

24. 8. 90.

Fine day.

25. 8. 90.

Overnight stay in [REDACTED]

26. 8. 90.

- diff's with smoking & moody when tired.

To Gran's for tea - mum's birthday.

27. 8. 90.

Dentist for fillings. Visit from home tutor.

Session with [REDACTED] in top room.

28. 8. 90

Spent time with group [REDACTED]. Out to lunch [REDACTED]

with [REDACTED] Talking till late with [REDACTED]

29. 8. 90 Difficult evening - upset at being told off by [REDACTED]

Moody - refused to attend H. Meeting. Angry throughout.
Came to her later with knife she had hidden to damage herself.

Session with [REDACTED]

30.8.90.

Visit from sister & uncle.

31.8.90.

Out shopping with [REDACTED] for stuff for college tutor.

Good day.

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Monthly Summary - Sept. 90.

1st & 2nd

Time spent with [redacted] around the house & fairly settled.

3rd

Visited dad on way home from Cadets - found his response difficult.

4th

Spent the day with mum - went well.

5th

Deacon Blue Concert - problems with arrangements - didn't make it.
Managed well considering

6 & 7th

Settled. 7-9th Army Cadet weekend.

9th

Difficulty settling back in after the weekend

10th

[redacted] using her stuff at the weekend - impinging on

Claire's privacy. Diff. evening cancelled Cadets - walked out
with [redacted] - returned by [redacted] grounded.

11-50 pm. found unconscious from sniffing gas - to A & E.

11th

Problems with [redacted] - sniffing hyper pen. V. angry - not
wanting to be at B.A.

12th

Time spent with [redacted] - going over all issues. Managed
well - rest of day v. positive.

13th

Managed well.

14th

Ill.

15 & 16th

Home with mum.

17. 18. 19

Managing well - still quite ill. Not committed
to school work. Kept in bed for a couple of days till
recovered. V. angry about this. One instance of smoking
in room

20. 9. 90.

Issue over borrowed shoes & clothes sorted out with [redacted]

21. 22. 23. 24. Home with mum. Some difficulties but managed to sort these out with mum with help from [redacted] on the phone. Issue around coming in late - then a 'me birds banned' argument with Claire wanting to leave.

25th Out with [redacted] - bogus phone call saying [redacted] Claire late - [redacted]. The girls did not return - returned by Police at 5.00 pm following day 26th

27th Managed to discuss situation properly. Unable to do so night before as behaviour quite difficult. Pushing limits later.

28th S.W. visit - also visit home.

29th Returned & out to J.D. concert with [redacted] - managed well.

30th Out to Grandma's & then home with mum.

1st