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Assault 17/11/83 - 3 years old

Violent man - D. Ralby

REFERRAL FORM

CASE NO. 030011406

Surname RATNEY Forename(s) PATLA MARGAET
 Address 39 ~~LEEDS~~ WALKER CREK Sex: M / F
CULLOGEN Date of Birth 24.11.59 Marital Status

G.P.

Referred by [REDACTED] INT. POLICE Date of Referral 17.11.83
 *(by letter/telephone/in person) 11-35pm

Previously known to department YES/NO - FATHER KNOWN ? IN 1979.

Other agencies involved

PROBLEM/REQUEST:

ADVANCE WARNING OF JOI REFERRAL.

DEREK RATNEY (10.11.59) BEING CHARGED WITH ASSAULT ON HIS DAUGHTER
 PATLA. - STRIKING BY HAND ON BODY; KICKED ON FACE & FLUNG
 AGAINST WALL. MR RATNEY IN POLICE CUSTODY.

Mrs. GLEN MARGARET RATNEY (23.11.59) HAS CARE OF CHILD AT PRESENT
 AT FAMILY HOME - NO CHARGE AGAINST HER - POLICE HAPPY SHE
 REMAINS THERE AS, DESPITE BEATING APPEARS SAFE & WELL.

No other children at home. PATLA HAS NOT BEEN EXAMINED BY A DR.
 PATLA IS NOT ON NATI REGISTER

RECEIVED BY [Signature] Date 17.11.83 Time 11.35

Action taken at time of Referral:

Referral passed to:

Signed
 Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision:

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 Senior Officer

Classification of Case Register on:
 Re-open existing file Open new file
 For miscellaneous cases file

N.B. ON COMPLETION OF THIS FORM ATTACH REFERRAL FORM (APP.A.) FOR COMPLETION AS APPROPRIATE.

* Tick as applicable

18.11.83

This referral was received from the police. (See R310). Pamela Rattray (2 years) had been assaulted by her father the previous night following an argument with her husband. Mr. Rattray is in police custody as a result of this.

Visited the home with Martin Tidey in the afternoon. Mrs. Rattray and the children were not there. Called back at the house in the evening and was told that Mrs. Rattray was at her parents-in-law in Hilton.

T/c to Mrs. Rattray at parents home. Agreed to visit. Mrs. Rattray told me that her father had been rushed into Raigmore Hospital that day and she would have to visit him later that evening. Agreed to visit Mrs. Rattray immediately.

Home visit to Mrs. Rattray. I asked her what in fact had happened. She told me that she was not in the room at the time of the incident - she was upstairs. She was told about the assault by her neighbour [REDACTED] apparently Mr. Rattray told his daughter to play with a neighbour's child - she refused and started to cry and it was then that Mr. Rattray hit her and threw her across the room. Mrs. Rattray told me that she intended to report the incident to the police. In the end Mr. Rattray phoned the police in the evening saying that he had been locked out of the house and that his wife was going berserk with a knife. When police came to investigate, the story came out about the attack on Pamela.

Mrs. Rattray told me that she and her husband had had problems for some time - financial - Mr. Rattray is on supplementary benefit. They have been married for 3 years. Mrs. Rattray described her husband as a violent man and said that he had gone over the top with Pamela in the past. He had also been violent towards her and she had considered leaving in the past.

Mrs. Rattray told me that she had had enough of her husband and did not want him back but it was difficult to tell how much she meant this. I explained to Mrs. Rattray that there would be an N.A.I. conference on Monday 21st November and that I would let her know the outcome of the case conference.

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Visited Mr. Rattray at the prison - seemed a pathetic man - admitted the offence and said that he often lost his temper with Pamela. He was adamant that he did not throw Pamela against the wall but did throw her against the settee. Mr. Rattray was very uncertain what his future would be but seemed to realise that if he did get bail, he could not stay with his wife. Mr. Rattray is pleading guilty to the offence.

Case Conference - see minutes.

Home visit to Mrs. Rattray and the children to explain outcome of case conference. Mrs. Rattray was quite happy about it. She was still feeling that she did not want her husband back, but was worried about how she would manage when he came out. I explained to Mrs. Rattray that she would be getting a long term social worker and that I would introduce the new social worker to her.

HG/LMR 22.11.83

Noted next 23/11/83

7. 1. 84. Background supervision. over next 12 or more
supervision requirement seems desirable, Matter of
The Railway rejoining family unclear at moment.

Walter L. Farber
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Home visit with Helen Gilkison to introduce myself to Mrs Rattray. I arrived slightly before Helen and was able to discuss with Mrs Rattray at some depth the events of the past few weeks. She told me that her husband was prone to violence occasionally and although he had been violent to her he had only frequently harmed the children. She told me that occasionally that he did resort to she considered excessive physical punishment but the occasion that was brought to our notice was the first of any seriousness. She seemed a young articulate woman and obviously had a clear understanding of what was happening. Her feelings towards her husband remained ambivalent and although she was saying to me that she would not have him back following this incident I felt that she was not sure about this and that she may well change her mind in the future. At present Mr Rattray is living with his friends [REDACTED] who live just down the road and Mrs Rattray is concerned they will harass her. I suggested to her that she telephone the police if this occurs and also that she get in touch with me. Her husband has been coming back to the house for clothing but has not been pestering her to move back in. I discussed with her the possibility of obtaining an interim inderdict to prevent Mr Rattray from entering the house and where she would go if this became a problem. I explained to her the various agencies the Women's Aid etc., but I don't think= she will have to use this. Both children present at the interview and although Julie Ann was asleep she appeared to be quite well cared for. Pamela exhibited some rather difficult behaviour and was very attention seeking during the interview. Mrs Rattray tried to control her but does not seem to have a particular strong personality, had some difficulty in curbing Pamela.

5.12.83

Home visit. In order to prepare the kreport for theHearing I called again on Mrs Rattray and discussed the background of what was happening. She gave me considerable amount of information about her background a substance of which is contained in the report on file. Mr Rattray came into the house on this ocaasion and was obviously interested to find out kwhat was happening. He struck me as a rather inadequate individual who was very inarticulate and had some difficulty expressing what he was feeling. He looked very dirty and although he did say that he wanted to move back into the house I persuaded him that this was not a

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good idea. Mr Rattray is currently on Probation and this order is being supervised by Stan Edwards. He told me that at times he did lose his temper with the children and found it difficult to control them. His wife told me that their marriage had been quite happy and there were very few problems until the [REDACTED] had moved in near them. Apparently Mr Rattray has a long association with the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] has tended to dominate him and to exploit him in certain situations. It was with [REDACTED] that Mr Rattray was involved with the motor bike offence and at the time of the assault on Pamela [REDACTED] was also in the house with his family.

21.12.83

Office visit by Mr & Mrs Rattray. They told me that Mr Rattray was moving out of the household to live with his mother. They obviously have been keeping quite close contact but it is also fairly evident that he is not living with her. Mrs Rattray said she would be keen to move from her present area in order to get away from the [REDACTED]. She did not feel that she could take her husband back while [REDACTED] lived in such close proximity. She felt that a move to Hilton on Nairn would be good idea. The problem about the damage to the house remains. Mr Rattray damaged the ceiling and the floor of the house when he was trying to hide the motor bike that he had stolen. It was really difficult obviously to obtain transfer while this damage has been left unrepaired and it is obviously very expensive for both of them to do these repairs themselves. It may be possible to obtain some money from the DH.S.S. but I feel they are likely to refer them back to the housing department in this matter. Discussed this with Mr. Edwards previously and he said that it would be likely that the council would wish to prosecute Mr Rattray for damages done. It may, therefore, be necessary to apply for a section 12 payment to cover this damage. The couple left together, Mr Rattray going to live with his mother. Shortly after the couple left Mrs Rattray returned alone and told me that she was worried about harassment from [REDACTED] but not wanting to raise this when her husband was present. Again I stressed that she should contact the police should this occur and that I would give her every support she needed.

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I visited Mrs Rattray at home in order to get some further information about the report. I discussed with her the background of her marriage and her feelings about moving back in with her husband at present. She told me that she would now like to move back in with him but still accepted that it would not be appropriate to do so when the millers lived so close. She also told me that there was a possibility of getting a transfer to the Hilton area and said that she felt any move would be better than near the Millers. Mrs Rattray also pointed out that the baby Julie Ann had a burn on her arm which had been dressed by the hospital. Asked her how this burn had occurred and she told me that she had been up at her mother-in-law's and the child had pulled a CUP of coffee out of Mr Rattray's hand and knocked it over her arm. She felt that as the child had been wearing a light pullover this had aggravated the injury. She told me that her mother-in-law had then taken the child to casualty and they inspected and dressed the injury. I told her that as the child was on the Register I would have to do some checking of this injury, I did not examine the wound as it was under a sterile dressing and I did not want to remove it. I returned to the office and telephoned the hospital, they informed me that the child had indeed been in casualty the previous day and had been seen I believe by Dr. Walker. They did not feel there were any suspicious circumstances surrounding the injury and were happy that it was consistent with the explanation given. I did point out to them, however, that this child was on the At Risk Register and that I should have been informed about the injury. They told me that they were not aware that this was the case and would do so in future. I then telephoned Barry Richards in his capacity as N.A.I. co-ordinator and informed him that I had seen this injury. We discussed the issue and decided that should I be able to contact Mrs Rattray's mother-in-law and should be confirm the injury in the way it was described we would take no further action. Telephone call to Ach-an-Eas where Mrs Rattray's mother-in-law works. Spoke to her and she confirmed that the child spilt a cup of coffee over her arm. I explained to her that this was a routine enquiry but that we had to check up any injuries which occurred to children who were on the register.

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As I had two separate sources confirming that this injury was not consistent with N.A.I. I did not feel it was appropriate to take this matter any further.

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Children's Hearing. I went to see Mr & Mrs Rattray and showed the report I had prepared on them. Neither of them had anything to say regarding the report. Since the age of the children, the couple were informed that the matter would have to be referred to the Sheriff's Court for the Hearing to proceed. The Hearing will, therefore, be held in two to three weeks and I feel that in this case it would be appropriate if a supervision requirement were made, since although Mr Rattray is currently outside the household I feel he will return there and are evidently some problems. JB/JM

7.2.84

Home visit. When I called on Mrs Rattray, I also met Mr Rattray who was there for the day. I discussed with them the difficulties they were having over paying off the H.P. debts. It would appear that even though they pay at a rate of about £9.00 a week they are unable to keep pace of the interest which is accruing on their H.P. debts. I suggested to them that as they are on Supplementary Benefit, it may be advisable to allow the Finance Company to repossess the goods and to claim a single payment off D.H.S.S. to buy second-hand items. This would at least enable them to see some end to the payments they were making. I also discussed with them the issue of the housing transfer and I again pointed out that they would need to repair the damage that Mr Rattray had done to the house before they could obtain a transfer. I told them that as soon as they did this, I would take the question of them being transferred to the Housing Link Meeting.

28.2.84

Mrs Rattray came in to see me at the office and discussed with me some problems she was having with D.H.S.S. I telephoned D.H.S.S. and managed to sort this out. I also discussed with them what was happening with the eldest child, Pamela, going to Playschool. She told me that she had taken Pamela to the Playschool on two occasions, but that she had screamed continuously when left on her own. She is dependant upon Mrs Rattray and is unable to leave her side, even for a few minutes. I suggested to Mrs Rattray that she persevere with taking the child to the Playgroup and I think she will eventually settle down.

1.3.84

Children's Hearing. Having been for proof, the Hearing made a Supervision Requirement on both children for one year.

30.3.84

Home visit. I called and Mrs Rattray informed me that her husband had now got a job working in a timber yard down by the harbour. He had been working there for about a week when I called, and Mrs Rattray hopes that this will aid their financial position. At present the position seems a little complicated, as Mrs Rattray is on Supplementary Benefit, whilst her husband who is separated from her, is earning. However, when the couple are reunited, they will be able to claim Family Income Supplement and this should considerably boost their income. With this increase in income, Mr and Mrs Rattray hope to clear the H.P. debts and I think this may well ease the family situation.

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5.4.84

Home visit. Mrs Rattray told me that she had decided to stop Pamela going to Playschool, as she had taken her for several weeks and there had been no improvement in her behaviour. She also had been asked by the person who runs the Playgroup not to take Pamela any more as she was disrupting the other children. She is evidently a difficult child who must place considerable demands on her mother. Her behaviour undoubtedly was a contributory factor to her assault on a previous occasion.


I may attempt to give Mrs Rattray some help in coping with the child, but am not sure that she would be very open to this. She told me that things were much better between herself and her husband. She said she now felt far more relaxed with him and that he was no longer aggressive towards her at all. She remains adamant that he will not return to live with her whilst they are living in the house in Culloden. She still feels that the presence of the nearby neighbours would cause considerable problems, should he return. She also told me that the couple have managed to get the ceiling repaired in the bedroom, and that they hoped to have the floorboards repaired within the next week or so. This will then enable us to push for a housing transfer. She told me that Mr Rattray had also begun to pay off their H.P. debts and is holding down his job at a wood yard. She felt the only problem which existed for them at present was the attitude of her mother-in-law. She told me that Mrs Rattray keeps an extremely close eye on Derek and the child and is very suspicious of any incidents which happen. This has caused some arguments between them but Mrs Rattray accepts this is understandable in the circumstances. Overall, at present the couple seem to be progressing quite well. Hopefully, we will be able to seek a housing transfer for them in the near future and this should considerably help the situation. I feel that if the couple were reunited at this stage, provided they were away from Culloden, there would be no additional risk to the child.

JB/LMR

26.4.84

N.A.I. Reviews - see rept.

30.4.84

File end. on 4/5 supra. 

Casenotes by John Burns, S.W.

15.5.84

I visited Mrs Rattray at home to discuss with her what she felt about the Case Conference. I informed her that the children were placed on the N.A.I. register and they would remain so for at least the next 6 months. She did not seem too concerned about this. She was mainly concerned that she discuss with me the financial problems that they are currently experiencing and also the difficulties they are having with the neighbours. She told me that she had not been threatened directly but that on a number of occasions people had knocked on the door and run off and she had also met some of the neighbours in the street and they had had an argument with her. I told her that should this get any worse that she should contact the Police, but there was little else that could be done to prevent this. She agreed to do so. I discussed with her the possibility of the oldest girl attending some form of Child Guidance Clinic in order to help her with her difficult behaviour. Mrs Rattray told me that she felt the child was improving and that much of her bad behaviour was only exhibited when other people were in the house. I did point out to her that it was perhaps not in the child's best interests that she spend all of her time with her mother and that the fact that she had had to remove her from Playschool would seem to indicate that her behaviour was not perhaps that good. She still resisted the involvement of a Child Guidance Clinic and I decided to pursue with her further on another occasion.

15.6.84

I called to discuss the financial problems Mrs Rattray is having and she gave me some of the leaflets that the Hire Purchase Company had sent her informing her that they may well be repossessing her goods in future. I contacted the Hire Purchase Company for her and was able to negotiate with them some form of payment. I also looked into the possibility of her claiming extra Benefit.

4.7.84

Home visit. I discussed with Mrs Rattray and Mr Rattray the possibilities of him moving back into the house. Both the couple informed me that they are finding it very difficult living as they were. Apparently Mrs Rattray spends much of her time with Derek's mother and sometimes stays with them during the week. Her mother-in-law is finding this quite a strain - in fact has contacted me on a number of occasions asking me if I can push for a housing transfer. I said that we would have to review the situation should Mr Rattray move back into the house and I agreed that I would discuss this possibility with Stan Edwards later on.

In general, the family situation does appear to be improving. Their finances are certainly more stable and Mr Rattray has now started work at a local timber yard. This is proving quite good employment for him and certainly he seems to be much more stable.

4.7.84

Telephone call from Mrs Rattray requesting that I come to the house. I called and she informed me that Derek had moved back into the house as his mother had thrown him out. I discussed this with the couple and concluded that we would probably have no great objection to this since there appeared to be a considerable improvement in the situation. Mrs Rattray had reported to me far less conflict than had been occurring before and certainly Mr Rattray's new job seems to be making quite a difference to him. I have seen a gradual general improvement in the material standards of the home and the children appear to be quite well cared for.

I discussed with Mrs Rattray the impending birth of her next child, which should be due round about October. Both the couple appear to greet this prospect with some enthusiasm and informed me they are hoping for a boy as they already have two girls.

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I am not sure how much stress this will place upon the family, but they certainly seem to want the baby and Mrs Rattray feels that she could cope with another child.

17.10.84

SUMMARY OF EVENTS SINCE LAST RECORDING:

There has been a gradual, but consistent improvement in this family since I last visited. Material standards have been gradually picking-up and Mr Rattray has been managing to clear his H.P. debts since he started work. He has now completed his Community Service Order hours and continues to be on Probation to Mr Edwards. Mr Edwards has informed me that he conforms in all respects to the conditions of the Probation Order. The third child to the family, a boy which they are calling Derek, was born early this week. Both the couple seem quite pleased with the child and I think they are glad to have a boy. I have visited since the child's birth and they seem to be coping quite well. There has also been considerable improvement in Mr Rattray's demeanour since I first began visiting this family. When I first saw him he appeared to be a somewhat inadequate individual, very low intelligence, and of very low self-esteem. However, since the trauma of the offence against the child has died down and he has begun new work, he seems to have improved considerably in his self-image and stability. He is much more neatly dressed than before and is quite proud of the home and the fact that he is now employed. Mrs Rattray herself seems quite stable and quite happy with the situation. She tells me that there is far less arguing than there was previously in the family and I feel that one cannot discount the fact that unemployment obviously played a large part in placing some considerable stress on the family and possibly was a predisposing fact towards the assault.

Both children continue to thrive and I have had no adverse reports from the Health Visitor. There is an N.A.I. Conference in the near future and I feel that it may well be appropriate to recommend to the N.A.I. Co-ordinator that this child's name be removed from the register. A supervision requirement will remain in force until early next year and I will obviously continue visiting on that basis. Should this family, however, maintain its progress into the early part of next year, then I think I will be justified in recommending to the Children's Hearing Panel that the Supervision Requirement be terminated.

JB/LMR *[Signature]*

22.10.84

Case Review - see form.

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Home visit. I called on Mrs Rattray, principally to see how she was coping with the new baby. She seemed to be quite delighted with the boy and they have called him Derek after his father. Apparently the family had both wanted to have a boy as they already have two girls. The baby appears quite healthy and bright and in general terms, there is a big improvement in material standards within the home, which is now quite neat and tidy, and well furnished. Mrs Rattray told me that she and her husband were getting on much better at the moment and that there were really no problems between them at all. I understand that Derek has now been working for sometime, and that the family's debts are very slowly going down. She also told me that the [REDACTED] who had been bothering them before have stopped coming round, and representing no real problems to them. I discussed the possibility of them applying for a transfer and they told me that they would like to put in for a transfer sometime in the near future, but because they have just had a baby they do not feel that this is an appropriate time to pursue this matter. As there seem to be no other problems, I suggested that the family contact me should they require me to visit.

8.2.85

Home visit. I called on Mr and Mrs Rattray to find out how things were going, and also to prepare the Hearing Report for the forthcoming Hearing on 20.2.85. There seems to be little change since I last visited and progress has been consolidated. All the family seem happy and contented and the children looked exceptionally well. Mrs Rattray told me that Pamela is to start school sometime in the near future as she now feels that she would like to get her out of the house. It would appear that Pamela is a lot less clinging to Mrs Rattray than she was before and I would hope that this would be no problem. Derek the new baby, looked very healthy and contented and Mrs Rattray was very proud of him. I discussed the position with her and Mrs Rattray confirmed that things have been going very well since I last seen them I suggested to them that there will be little point in me continuing the Supervision Requirement as they have made so much progress; she agreed with this and she was quite happy for me to recommend that the Supervision be terminated.

20.2.85

Children's Hearing was held and the supervision requirement in force on the two girls were terminated.

Closing Summary

This family have progressed exceptionally well over the last year of my involvement. When I first came in contact with them, there had obviously been some considerable marital disharmony, and in fact, Mr Rattray was out of the house at that time. Since then, however, things have begun to consolidate, and I was able to make some progress with the couple towards resolving their financial difficulties and at least ordering their affairs in a better manner. Mr Rattray returned to the house in July, 1984, and at that time I felt that his return did not constitute too great a risk to the children.
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/Early in July, 1984, Mr Rattray obtained a job in a Wood Yard. This seemed to be a turning point for the family and they gradually progressed from strength to strength following this. The new income enabled them to clear much of their financial problems, and the activity and structured way of life involved in holding down a job seems to have a very good effect on Mr Rattray. His personal appearance improved considerably and I think his self respect did as well. My involvement gradually diminished towards the end of last year, and in October, the children were removed from the N.A.I. Register. The family now seems considerably more stable and secure. Mrs Rattray, always presented to me as a competent and caring mother, and the only real problem in the household was Mr Rattray's erratic behaviour. Mr Rattray has improved considerably and I now feel that he presents no risk to the children. There would seem now, to be very little more to be achieved with this family, and I feel that the case should now be closed. It should be brought to mind, of course, that Mr Edwards will continue supervising Mr Rattray for sometime to come, in his capacity as supervising officer of Mr Rattray's Probation Order.

JB/JM



25.2.85

case closed.

Handwritten signature
 Ernest W. ...
 8/85

Client No 3200173402

Referral Point 39

Home Area (for Hospital use) Pamela (10) Julie (5) Derch (6)
(2) (3) (4)

Surname Rattray

Forename

Address 39 Walter Lense
~~44 Howden~~
51 Johnston Pl
Inverness

Postcode

Telephone

Sex Male Female

D.O.B.

Marital Status Married 1 Single 2 Widowed 3 Divorced 4 Separated 5 Co-Hab 6

Occupational Status
Employed 1 Self-Employed 2 Unemployed 3 LG Term Sick Disabled 4
Retired 5 Home/Family 6 Student 7 Other 8

Referral Date 13/5/91 Referral Time

Referral Method Letter 1 Phone 2 Caller 3 Stand-by 4

Referral Agent Name Miss Kelly - Beauldeen Primary School
Address

GP/Practice Consultant/Ward

Problem/Action
Derch sometimes late in the mornings. Gals are weepy
& unsettled especially Pamela
Derch had a bruised head. He said he was
fighting with sister & Mum pushed him against
fridge.
Mr. Glass mentioned this family ^{to me} 2 months ago.
Situation has not improved.
Family known previously

Client Aware of Referral Yes
No

* Client Group:		Tick up to three		Circle primary reason	
Deaf/H. Hearing	11	Acute Phys Illness	13	Probation	20
Phys. H'cap/Chr Sick	12	Mental Illness	14	Stat. After Care	21
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M H (Guardian)	16	Family/mat/per	25	Child (Non Stat)	23
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* Reasons for Referral		Tick up to five		Circle primary reason	
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Alcohol Problem	5	Phys Illness	13	Marital Diff	21
Housing Problem	6	Frailty	14	Family Problem	22
Gas Debt	7	Self Neglect	15	Emotional Disturbance	23
Electricity Debt	8	Not Coping	16	Unclassified	24

Surname	Forename	Address (if Different) Telephone	Relationship	D.O.B.	Client Assoc 28	Next of Kin 53
Rathay	Chen	Same	Mother			
Rathay	?		Brother Approx 2 Years			

Reports Requested (SC09)					
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Review Date - Allocated Cases	Passed To - No Further Action Cases		Resource Assessment(s) Requested			
Six Months (Y)	DSS	1	Health(Hosp)	6	General Services	50
None (N)	Housing	2	Health(Comm)	7	Elderly Services	51
Specify (SC 77)	C.A.B.	3	Vol. Agency	8	Childrens Services	52
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COMPLETED BY W. Ewing CODE 339 DATE 16/5/91

Allocate to SW Number	<u>323</u>	Allocation Plus Assessment	
No Further Action		Resource Assessment Only	

AUTHORISED BY R. Gibson DESIGNATION ARZ DATE 17.5.91

* MUST BE COMPLETED
 Computer Operator Only Entered Returned to SW
 Signed [Signature] Date 22.5.91

CONTACT RECORD

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
2.10.91	Letter	M.M	Wrote arranging appointment.
With Whom			
Mrs Rattray			
11.10.91	H.V.t. Phone	M.M	Visited - no reply. Telephoned Cauldeen school to see if there had been any improvement in their behaviour at school but Mr Glass was off work sick.
With Whom			
15.10.91	Phone	M.M	Phoned and explained I had not been gaining access to the home recently. No real problems at school. Advised to re-refer if difficulties arise.
With Whom			
Mr Glass + Deputy Head			
			CASE CLOSED
With Whom			
With Whom			

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Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
16.7.91	H.V	M.M.	Derek is on holiday with his maternal grandmother. Mrs Rattray discussed the situation with Pamela after my last visit. Pamela told her mum she was being bullied in school + that this was why she was upset + tearful. Mum visited Mr Glass, headmaster to discuss situation. He agreed to speak to the girls concerned.
With Whom Mr + Mrs Rattray Pamela, Julie and toddler.			
5.9.91	letter	M.M.	Wrote arranging appointment
With Whom Mr + Mrs Rattray			
9.9.91	H.V	M.M.	Visited - Pamela continues to be bullied within and outwith school there are two girls [redacted] Mr Rattray was unsure what present situation was + asked me if I could visit when his wife was home
With Whom Mr Rattray + Pamela			
12.9.91	letter - H.V	MM	Visited - no reply - wrote arranging another appointment
With Whom Mrs Rattray			
17.9.91	H.V	MM	No reply
With Whom			

CONTACT RECORD

CLIENT NAME Rattray

Page 1

Date	Type	Worker	Summary and Action
4.6.91	Letter	M.M	Wrote arranging appointment
With Whom			
Mr + Mrs Rattray			
7.6.91	Message	M.M	Appointment arranged not suitable. Asked if I could visit at 11am instead.
With Whom			
Reception			
11.6.91	Letter	M.M	Wrote arranging to visit on 17.6.91 at 11am
With Whom			
Mrs Rattray			
17.6.91	H.V	M.M	Visited, Mrs Rattray has not noticed any significant changes in the children's behaviour. She tells me that the school's comments started after both her husband + herself started work in March. Her husband's parents care for the children while she is at work between 8.30 + 5.
With Whom			
Mrs Rattray			
10.7.91	Letter	M.M	Wrote arranging appointment
With Whom			
Mr + Mrs Rattray			

REFERRAL FORM

Client No 3 2 0 0 1 4 3 4 0 1

Referral Point Home Area (for Hospital use)

Surname Ratton Forename Derek

Address 57 Johnstone Rd. Wincobury Postcode 112 4JP

Telephone

Sex Male Female D.O.B.

Marital Status

Married	1	Single	2	Widowed	3	Divorced	4	Separated	5	Co-Hab	6
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Occupational Status

Employed	1	Self-Employed	2	Unemployed	3	LG Term Sick Disabled	4
Retired	5	Home/Family	6	Student	7	Other	8

Referral Date 7/7/92 Referral Time am/pm

Referral Method

Letter	1	Phone	2	Caller	3	Stand-by	4
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Referral Agent Name 102 - Housing Dept. - Br Govt.

Address

GP/Practice Consultant/Ward

Problem/Action

Scheduled eviction - 22/7

Cos disconnection due (to 185-42.) - standard letter at 7/7.

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Client Aware of Referral Yes No

* Client Group:		Tick up to three		Circle primary reason	
Deaf/H. Hearing	11	Acute Phys Illness	13	Probation	20
Phys. H'cap/Chr Sick	12	Mental Illness	14	Stat. After Care	21
Mental H'cap	15	Fin/Housing	22 ✓	CSO	27
M H (Guardian)	16	Family/mat/per	25	Child (Non Stat)	23
Elderly Infirm	17	Parole	18	Child (Stat)	24
Reg. Blind	26	Fine Supervision	19	Other	28

* Reasons for Referral		Tick up to five		Circle primary reason	
Financial Assistance	1	Other Debt	9	Child Abuse/At Risk	17
Material Needs	2	Mobility Problem	10	Social Isolation	18
Court Proceedings	3	Ineligible - DSS Soc Fund Support	11	Behav. Problem	19
Drug Problem	4	Benefits Advice	12	School Problem	20
Alcohol Problem	5	Phys Illness	13	Marital Diff	21
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Gas Debt	7 ✓	Self Neglect	15	Emotional Disturbance	23
Electricity Debt	8	Not Coping	16	Unclassified	24

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Reports Requested (SC09)					
Mental Wel Comm	91	Means Enq D - Court	98	Resps Med Officer	105
Home Background	92	Freeing for Adoption	99	Parental Rights	106
CP/Reporter	93	Suitability S23	100	Hospital SW	107
Ser — High Court	94	Investigation S22	101	English Courts	108
Ser — Sheriff Court	95	Fostering	102	Unclassified	109
Ser — District Court	96	Custody	103		
Means Enq S - Court	97	Access	104		

Review Date — Allocated Cases	Passed To — No Further Action Cases			Resource Assessment(s) Requested		
Six Months (Y)	DSS	1	Health(Hosp)	6	General Services	50
None (N)	Housing	2	Health(Comm)	7	Elderly Services	51
Specify (SC 77)	C.A.B.	3	Vol. Agency	8	Childrens Services	52
/ /	School	4	WRVS Cloth Line	9	Hospital SW	53
	Educ Psy	5	Other	10	Specialist SW	54

COMPLETED BY RG CODE 32 DATE 7 7 92

Allocate to SW Number	↓	Allocation Plus Assessment	
No Further Action		Resource Assessment Only	

AUTHORISED BY R Debus DESIGNATION AT DATE 7 7 92

* MUST BE COMPLETED

Computer Operator Only Entered Returned to SW
Signed RA Date 8/7/92

Client No

3200173401

Referral Point

Home Area

(for Hospital use)

Surname

RATTRAY

Forename

Derek & Guendoline

Address

51 Johnston Place
Inverness

Postcode

Telephone

Sex

Male



Female



D.O.B.

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Marital Status

Married

1

Single

2

Widowed

3

Divorced

4

Separated

5

Co-Hab

6

Occupational Status

Employed

1

Self-Employed

2

Unemployed

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LG Term Sick Disabled

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Retired

5

Home/Family

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Student

7

Other

8

Referral Date

7/11/91

Referral Time

.....am/pm

Referral Method

Letter

1

Phone

2

Caller

3

Stand-by

4

Referral Agent Name

J.D.C. Housing Dept

Address

GP/Practice

Consultant/Ward

Problem/Action

Doc for visit 20/11/91
Standard letter sent 12/11/91.

Client Aware of Referral

Yes

No

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COMPLETED BY *SL* CODE 320 DATE 12/1/91

Allocate to SW Number	✓	Allocation Plus Assessment	
No Further Action		Resource Assessment Only	

AUTHORISED BY *SL* DESIGNATION ATC DATE 12/1/91

Computer Operator Only Entered	✓	Returned to SW	
Signed	<u> <i>Jan</i> </u>	Date	<u> 14/1/91 </u>

* MUST BE COMPLETED

Miss Morrison

MM/LMM

792

2nd October, 1991

Mrs. Rattray,
51 Johnstone Place,
INVERNESS.

Dear Mrs. Rattray,

I hope the school situation is improving and that Pamela is not being bullied as much. You were not in the last time I called. I am planning to call again on Monday 11th October 1991 at 11.30a.m. I hope this will be convenient, if not please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Mairi Morrison
Social Worker

Miss Morrison

MM/LMM

793

12th September, 1991

Mrs. Rattray,
51 Johnstone Place,
INVERNESS.

Dear Mrs. Rattray,

Sorry you were not in when I called on Tuesday. I will call back next Tuesday 17th September 1991 at 11.15a.m. If this is not suitable, please telephone to arrange another appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mairi Morrison
Social Worker

Miss Morrison

MM/LMM

793

5th September, 1991

Mr. & Mrs. Rattray,
51 Johnstone Place,
INVERNESS.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Rattray,

I will call to see you on 9th September 1991 at 4.30p.m. I hope the children are enjoying being back in school.

If it is not suitable for me to visit on Monday, please phone to arrange another appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mairi Morrison
Social Worker

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Director
J. Dick B.A., D.M.S.

Highland Regional Council
5 Ardross Street
Inverness
IV3 5NN

Telephone 0463 234121

Please ask for Miss M Morrison

Our ref. MM/SJS

Extension No. 795

Your ref.

Date 10/7/91

Mr and Mrs Rattray
51 Johnstone Place
INVERNESS

Dear Mr and Mrs Rattray

I hope the children are enjoying their summer holidays. I would like to call to see you next week. I will visit on Tuesday 16 July at 3.30pm. If this is not suitable, please phone to arrange another appointment.

Yours sincerely

Mairi Morrison
Social Worker

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Extension No. 795

Your ref.

Date 11/6/91

Mr and Mrs Rattray
51 Johnstone Place
Inverness

Dear Mrs Rattray

Thank you for telephoning me to let me know the time I had arranged to visit was unsuitable. I was not able to call to see you at 11.00am on 10 June. I will, however, call round next Monday at 11.00am and I look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely

Mairi Morrison
Social Worker



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Our ref. MM/LMM

Extension No. 795

Your ref.

Date

4th June, 1991

Mr. & Mrs. Rattray,
51 Johnstone Place,
INVERNESS.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Rattray,

The school recently contacted the Social Work Department regarding your children. I understand they seem quite unsettled at present.

I would like to visit you to discuss your situation. If it is convenient, I will call to see you on Monday 10th June 1991 at 3.30p.m. If this is not convenient, please telephone to arrange another appointment.

I look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

Mairi Morrison
Social Worker

MEMORANDUM

To Acting Divisional Officer,
INVERNESS.

From Regional Reporter,
INVERNESS Regional Office,
Highland Region
(Inverness Division)

Your ref.

Our ref.

PS 2145
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Date 21.2.85

Please ask for Mr. Ferguson


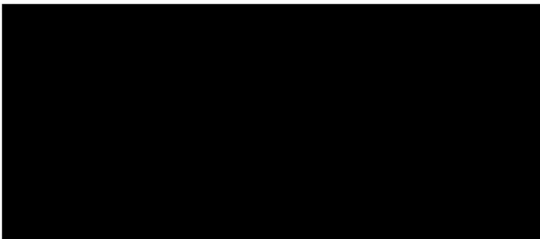

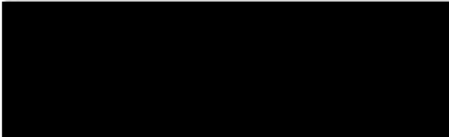


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Social Work Department
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CHILDREN'S HEARINGS

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

Place:- Regional Buildings, Inverness.

Date:- 20.2.85

<u>Case</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Social Worker</u>
		
Pamela Rattray, b.1.3.81. Julie Rattray, b.3.7.83. 39 Walker Crescent, INVERNESS.	supervision requirements terminated.	Mr. Burns
		

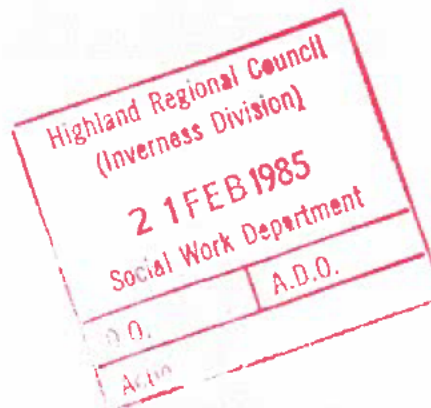
I enclose a copy of the requirements made for your attention.


Regional Reporter

Instrument terminating supervision requirement

Made on 1st March, 1984 in respect of:-

Pamela Margaret Rattery,
39 Walker Crescent,
Culloden,
INVERNESS.



(Place and date)

Regional Buildings,
INVERNESS.

20th February, 1985.

A children's hearing for the Highland Region hereby terminate [the foregoing supervision requirement]* ~~[the supervision requirement attached and executed with reference hereto]*~~ as from 20th February, 1985.

Donna R. McE...
Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

**Delete as appropriate*

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

REVIEW

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Report

The following person :-

Surname: RATTRAY (1) 1.3.81
Date of Birth: (2) 3.7.83
Christian Names: (1) Pamela Margaret
of Forenames: (2) Julie Ann Susan Religion:

Address: 39, Walker Crescent,
Culloden,
Inverness.

Marital State: N/A Occupation: N/A

to appear on 20th February, 1985 at Inverness Children's Hearing ~~XXXXXX~~
in connection with ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ A Review

Prepared by: John Burns Designation: Social Worker.

~~XXXXXX~~ / DECISION OF HEARING

This report has to be read in conjunction with an earlier report I prepared on this family in January, 1984.

There have been a number of very significant changes, which have occurred within this family over the last year. The report I wrote in January, reflected to a considerable degree, of instability that existed within the family at time. It also reflected the considerable uncertainty about the future which existed, and the problems which beset the family. At the time this case came before the Panel, Mr Rattray was living apart from his family at his mother's. He continued, however, to have very frequent contact with his wife and children and they, as currently visited Mr Rattray's mother on numerous occasions. Throughout this time, the couple were expressing a desire to be reunited, and in July, 1984, Mr Rattray moved in to live with his wife once more. At that time, there appears to have developed a greater degree of stability within the family. Mr Rattray, has served his Community Service Order hours, and always attended regularly and been most punctual. Mr Rattray was sentenced to 150 hours Community Service on 15th December, for stealing a motor bike. I think at the same time, he was also given a Probation Order for two years for the offence of assaulting the child. The Community Service Department report that Mr Rattray worked very well on his Community Service, and completed his hours on 9th June. On returning to his family, Mr Rattray had also obtained a job in a timber yard as a labourer. As far as I am aware he is continuing in this employment, and is doing quite well. On taking up employment, there was a noticeable change in Mr Rattray's demeanour and behaviour. He seemed to gain considerable self-respect from having employment, and strove quite hard to set his family back on its feet. At the time of the last Hearing, the family had considerable financial problems, and I understand that Mr Rattray has managed to reduce these considerably at present. I feel that it is fairly evident, that unemployment had a considerable effect on predisposing Mr Rattray to assault the child, and leading him into committing other offences.

Over the last year, there has also been considerable easing of tension between husband and wife. The relationship appears to have proved considerably, and there is now far less conflict at home than there was previously.

Third child to the couple was born in October, of last year, this was a little boy called Derek. Both the couple are very pleased to have this child, and I think they particularly wanted a boy. As far as I am aware, there has been no outstanding difficulties with any of the children since the last Hearing. In September, 1984, the children's names were removed from the At Risk Register.

Over the past year, there has been a gradual decrease in Social Work involvement, as the family have begun to cope better with their own affairs, and have required less frequent intervention. Recently, I have had little contact with the family, as they seem/

/seem to be coping very well. The department has continued to have involvement with the family, however, in that Mr Rattray remains on a Probation Order which is supervised by a social worker other than myself. Bearing in mind the considerable improvements in the stability of this family, and the lessening of tensions which I believe led to the assault on the child.

I would like to recommend to the Hearing today, that the Supervision Requirement currently in force be terminated.



John Burns,
Social Worker.

Community Services House,
186, Smithton Park,
Smithton,
Inverness.

15th February, 1985



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Department Of Social Work
Director
J. G. Bailey, B.Soc.Sc. (Hons.) Cert. Soc. Cas.,
A.A.P.S.W. F.B.I.M

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Please ask for Mr. Bailey

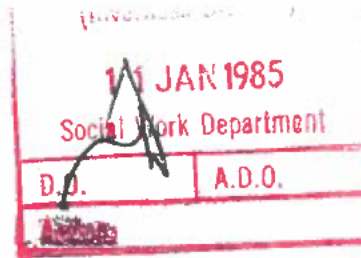
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Extension No

Your ref

Date 9.1.85

Reporter to Children's Panel,
Regional Buildings,
Inverness.



Dear Miss Humphries,

REVIEW OF SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

I would be obliged if you would arrange for a Review Hearing to be held in connection with the child whose particulars are appended.

This is the child referred to in your letter of 7.1.85 to the Divisional Social Work Officer.

Yours sincerely,

DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

RATTRAY, Pamela and Julie, b. 1.3.81 and 3.7.83
39 Walker Crescent,
Culloden,
Inverness.

c.c. D.S.W.O., Inverness



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Reporter to the Children's Panel
Regional Reporter
Barbara Humphries, LL.B. (Hons.)

Highland Regional Council,
Regional Buildings,
Glenurquhart Road,
Inverness. IV3 5NX

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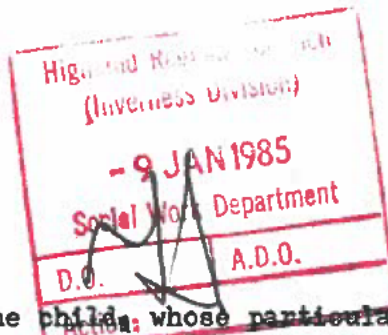
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Extension No **390**

Your ref

Date **7.1.85**

Divisional Officer,
INVERNESS.



Dear Mr. Paterson,

I have to advise that the child, whose particulars are appended, will have ~~his~~ her supervision requirement reviewed within four weeks. In this connection please arrange for an up-to-date supplementary report to be submitted which should indicate how the child has progressed under supervision and, if conditions were imposed, whether these conditions have been complied with.

Yours sincerely,

Regional Reporter

Particulars of Child

1) 1.3.81

SURNAME RATTRAY DATE OF BIRTH 2) 3.7.83

CHRISTIAN NAMES 1) PAMELA 2) JULIE

ADDRESS 39 Walker Crescent, Gulloden.

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PREVIOUS SOCIAL WORKER Mr. John Burns

c.c. to Mr. Bailey



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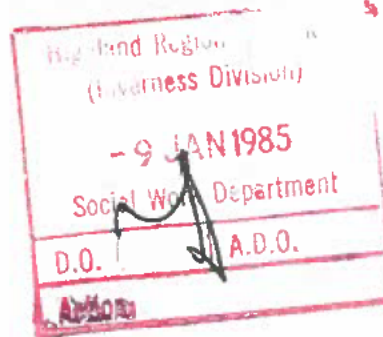
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CHRISTIAN NAMES 1) **PAMELA** 2) **JULIE**

ADDRESS **39 Walker Crescent, Culloden.**

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PREVIOUS SOCIAL WORKER **Mr. John Burns**

c.c. to Mr. Bailey

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REPORT FOR NON ACCIDENTAL INJURY CASE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON 25TH OCTOBER, 1984.

Subjects: PAMELA MARGARET RATTRAY D.O.B. 1. 3.81
 JULIE ANNE SUSAN RATTRAY D.O.B. 3. 7.83
 DEREK RATTRAY D.O.B. 10.84

HOUSEHOLD STRUCTURE:

Father - Derek Rattray Labourer
Mother - Gwen Rattray
Daughter - Pamela M. Rattray
Daughter - Julie Rattray
Son - Derek Rattray
39 Walker Crescent, Culloden, Inverness.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS SINCE LAST CONFERENCE:

There have been a number of major changes in the family since the last review was held. At the time of the last review, Mr Rattray was living with his mother in order to lessen the risk to the children, at the request of the Social Work Department. It had been accepted, however, that this would be a temporary measure and both the couple had expressed a desire to be re-united when the situation was more stable. In practice, Mrs Rattray spent an increasing amount of time at her mother-in-law's home, sometimes spending the night there. Some friction developed between Mr Rattray and his mother as a result of the amount of time the couple were spending there and in July, Mr Rattray returned to the marital home on a permanent basis. At that time, it was felt that as the family had become more stable and had been very co-operative with Social Work supervision, Mr Rattray's return to the family would not constitute a risk to the children.

A number of other factors have also helped to improve the family's situation. Mr Rattray successfully completed his Community Service sentence and seemed to gain from having some occupation. It was also around that time that he obtained a job working as a labourer in a wood-yard. He has now held that position for several months and seems to have settled down well there. The additional income the family is receiving as a result of Mr Rattray's new job has greatly eased the family's financial situation. When I first became involved with this family, there were considerable outstanding debts, mostly H.P., which were placing some stress on the couple. Mr Rattray has now been able to pay regular instalments off the H.P. debts and the threat of legal action has been dropped.

A few weeks ago, Mrs Rattray gave birth to the couple's third child, a boy, whom they have called Derek. Both Mr and Mrs Rattray welcomed this birth and were very pleased to have a boy, as they already have two girls. Mrs Rattray appears to have had little difficulty in coping with the new arrival and although I offered her some support in the form of a Home Help, she declined this offer.


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at the last Non Accidental Injury review, it was suggested that because of the behavioural difficulties Mrs Rattray was experiencing with the oldest child, Pamela, that the child be referred to the Child Guidance service. I raised this on a number of occasions with Mrs Rattray, but she resisted this suggestion, saying that Pamela's problems were not as serious as I had thought.

Overall during the past six months, there has been a considerable improvement within this family, both in terms of their material circumstances and the stability of family relationships. Initially, Mr Rattray presented as a dejected and inadequate individual who seemed to have no self-respect or ability to structure his life. However, after gaining employment, his appearance and self-confidence have greatly improved and he now seems quite proud of getting the family back on it's feet.

In view of the general improvements in the family's circumstances and bearing in mind that a Supervision Requirement will remain in force until March of next year, I feel it would be appropriate for this family to be removed from the Non Accidental Injury Register.


John Burns.
Social Worker.

Community Services House
186 Smithton Park
Smithton
Inverness.

23rd October, 1984.

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

NOTES OF N.A.I. REVIEW HELD ON THURSDAY, 25th OCTOBER, 1984

AT 13 ARDROSS STREET, INVERNESS.

CHILDREN: Pamela Margaret Rattray D.O.B. 1.3.81
Julie Anne Susan Rattray D.O.B. 3.7.83
Derek Rattray D.O.B. 10.84

PARENTS: Derek Rattray and Mrs. Gwen Rattray

ADDRESS: 39 Walker Crescent, Culloden.

SOCIAL WORKER: John Burns

PRESENT: Dr. Higham, Senior Medical Officer
Mrs. Travers, Nurse Manager, Community
Mrs. Sheila Dodds, Health Visitor
[REDACTED]
J. Burns, Social worker
E. Forbes, Senior Social Worker
I. MacPhee, Assistant Divisional Social Work Officer.


APOLOGIES: Mr. Gilchrist, Assistant Divisional Education Officer
Dr. Galloway, Consultant Paediatrician.

J. Burns submitted a written report to the meeting on the present circumstances of the family which recommended that it was now safe to remove the names of the children from the N.A.I. Register.

[REDACTED] stated that no further offences had been reported to the Police.

Mrs. Dodds, Health Visitor, had only recently taken up this case because of the presence of the new baby and would be in regular contact.

After discussion it was agreed by all agencies represented that the children's names could be removed from the N.A.I. Register. The children will, of course, remain on supervision through the Children's Hearing System.


I. MacPhee,
N.A.I. Co-ordinator.
25th October, 1984.

29 OCT 1984



03/00/11406 John
Highland

Department of Social Work
T. Paterson
Divisional Social Work Officer
Inverness Division

Highland Regional Council
13 Ardross Street
Inverness IV3 5NX

Telephone (0463) 34121

Please ask for Mr Paterson

Our ref TP/PW

Extension No 778

Your ref

Date

8th October, 1984

Dear Designated Officer,

RE: NON-ACCIDENTAL INJURY TO CHILDREN

I am required under the agreed procedure ~~by the Reporter to the Children's Panel~~, to arrange a ~~case conference~~/review of the ~~child/children~~ as detailed below.

The Conference will take place on: THURSDAY, 25th OCTOBER, 1984

at 13 Ardross Street, Inverness @ 2.00 p.m.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for an appropriate person from your service to be present.

Yours sincerely,

T. Paterson
T. Paterson,
N.A.I. Co-ordinator *11/10*

NAME(s) PAMELA MARGARET RATTRAY JULIE ANN RATTRAY

ADDRESS 39 WALKER CRESCENT, CULLODEN.

D.O.B. 1.3.81

3.7.83

SCHOOL

G.P. [REDACTED]

SOCIAL WORKER J. BURNS

03700/11406

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

REPORT FOR NON-ACCIDENTAL INJURY CASE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON 26TH APRIL, 1984.

Subjects: PAMELA MARGARET RATTRAY D.O.B. 1.3.81
JULIE ANNE SUSAN RATTRAY D.O.B. 3.7.83
39 WALKER CRESCENT,
CULLODEN,
INVERNESS.

HOUSEHOLD STRUCTURE:

Mother - Gwen Rattray (nee MacKenzie) (23) Housewife
Daughter - Pamela M. Rattray
Daughter - Julie A.S. Rattray
39 Walker Crescent, Culloden, Inverness.
Father - Derek Rattray Labourer
22 Oldtown Road, Inverness.

REASON FOR CONFERENCE: Six-monthly Review.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS SINCE LAST CONFERENCE:

This family were originally placed on the N.A.I. Register, following a Conference on 21st November, 1983, when a report was submitted by Helen Gilkison on an assault by Mr Rattray on Pamela. Since that Conference, a number of events have occurred within the family. Mr Rattray appeared in Court charged with the offence against his daughter and received a sentence of 2 years Probation. This Probation Order is currently being supervised by Mr Stan Edwards, as at the time of the last Conference it was felt that should one social worker be involved with Mr Rattray and the mother and children, a conflict of interests would exist. Since he was placed on Probation, Mr Rattray again appeared in Court and was given a Community Service Order sentence for an offence of stealing a motor bike. As far as I am aware, Mr Rattray is complying with both the requirements of his Community Service Order and those of the Probation Order made on him.

The offence against the children was brought to a Children's Hearing on 1st March, 1984, and Supervision Requirements were made on both Pamela and Julie Anne. Since the assault, Mr Rattray has been living apart from his wife. He currently lives with his mother, but keeps regular contact with his wife through her visits to the mother and some weekend visits to his wife's home. This separation initially occurred immediately following the assault on Pamela, when Mr Rattray was in fact taken into custody. At that time I informed Mrs Rattray that pending a Children's Hearing, I would be concerned for the safety of the children should Mr Rattray return to live at home. This was accepted by both the couple and when Mr Rattray was released from custody he initially went to live with friends and then moved to live with his mother. Both Mr Rattray and his wife feel that the proximity of their home to a Mr Walker and his wife, who have considerable influence over Mr Rattray, contributed towards the assault which occurred on Pamela. They are currently pursuing a housing transfer and have decided not to be fully reunited until they have moved from this area.
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Mrs Rattray's initial reaction was to reject her husband totally. However, this feeling was short-lived and she now keeps in regular contact with her husband. Prior to his arrest, Mr Rattray had done some damage to the house in an attempt to hide some stolen property. The couple were therefore unable to apply for a housing transfer until this damage was made good. I understand that most of the damage has now in fact been repaired and hopefully in the next week or so the remaining repairs will be completed. I then feel it would be appropriate for the Department to support this couple's application for a housing transfer.

Some four weeks ago, Mr Rattray took up a job in a local timber yard and appears to have settled quite well to this employment. This job has eased some of the financial pressures which the family were facing and they have begun to clear some of the considerable debts which were facing them. Mrs Rattray is now pregnant with the couple's third child and is expected to give birth in September.

PAMELA AND JULIE:

Both children remain in fairly good health. Mrs Rattray does experience difficulties with Pamela's behaviour, as she can be exceptionally demanding and quite difficult at times. Although physically healthy, the child appears to be slightly below-average in developmental terms. Over the last few months, I encouraged Mrs Rattray to take Pamela to a local Play School. Although she persevered with this for several weeks, Mrs Rattray eventually stopped taking Pamela, as she was proving extremely difficult to settle in the Playgroup. Apparently when left, she screamed and cried continuously until Mrs Rattray returned, even after several weeks there was no change in this behaviour. Pamela does seem to be a very clinging child and Mrs Rattray evidently finds her difficult to control.

One injury has occurred since the previous Conference. On 20th January, I visited Mrs Rattray at home and noticed that Julie Anne had a burn on her arm which had been dressed. Mrs Rattray's explanation of this was that the child had been at her grandmother's sitting on her father's knee and had pulled a cup of coffee over her arm. Her mother-in-law had taken the child to the Casualty Department at Raigmore, where the injury had been attended to. I checked this with the hospital and they agreed that the injury was consistent with the explanation given. I also telephoned Mrs Rattray's mother-in-law, who witnessed the incident and also confirmed that the injury was accidental. I then discussed this with the N.A.I. Co-ordinator, at that time Barry Richards, and it was agreed that no further action be taken. I would attach no great significance to this injury, as I feel it is the sort of injury which could occur to any child. I am, however, concerned that the child had been seen in the Casualty Department at Raigmore on 19th January, and despite the fact that the child's name is on the register, no action had been taken.

Overall, the circumstances of this family appear to be gradually improving. Mr Rattray's job means that financial pressures are lessening and since Mr Rattray has been avoiding contact with the Walkers, his behaviour has been less aggressive and more stable. He obviously realises that his previous behaviour was unacceptable and has sought to change it. Despite this gradual improvement in the family's circumstances, it is inevitable that the birth of a third child will place more stress upon the family and the couple may need support in seeking a housing transfer.

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I would therefore recommend that the family be retained on the Register for at least the next six months.

J Burns

John Burns.
Social Worker.

Community Services House,
186 Smithton Park,
Smithton,
Inverness.

10th April, 1984.

-3 MAY 1984

69/00/11406 J. Burns

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL || SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

INVERNESS DIVISION

RECORD OF N.A.I. MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 26th APRIL 1984 AT
13 ARDROSS STREET, INVERNESS

CHILDREN: Pamela Margaret Rattray (3) D.O.B. 1.3.81
Julie Ann Rattray (9 mos) D.O.B. 3.7.83

PARENTS: Mr. Derek Rattray and Mrs. Gwen Rattray (nee Mackenzie)

ADDRESS: 39 Walker Crescent, Culloden

SOCIAL WORKER: Mr. John Burns

PRESENT: Dr. M. Higham, Senior Medical Officer
Mrs. P. Chisholm, Community Nursing Officer
Mrs. Lamont, Health Visitor
[REDACTED] Police Community Involvement
[REDACTED] Police Community Involvement
Mr. J. Burns, Social Worker
Mr. E. Forbes, Senior Social Worker,
Mr. T. Paterson, N.A.I. Co-ordinator

APOLOGIES: Dr. C.A.S. Galloway, Consultant Paediatrician
Mr. A. Gilchrist, Asst Div Education Officer
Mr. I. MacGregor, R.S.S.P.C.C.
[REDACTED] G.P.

REASON FOR N.A.I. MEETING

This family was first discussed on 21st November 1983. At that time it was decided to place both children on the NAI Register; transfer the case to the Long Term team and Social Worker to introduce the new Social Worker to the family; reports to be submitted to the Reporter to the Childrens Panel who will decide on action to be taken; case to be reviewed in six months time or earlier.

SOCIAL WORK POSITION

Social Worker tabled a report. It appears Derek Rattray has a relationship with a [REDACTED] which goes all the way back to their school-days, and this friendship has been a cause of trouble to Mr. Rattray. The main concern of the family is to be re-united but away from Walker Crescent and the influence of [REDACTED]. Recently Mr. Rattray has found employment. Mrs. Rattray associates the family's happiest and trouble free times with the absence of the [REDACTED] and the times of trouble for Derek Rattray with the times they have lived near [REDACTED]. The present difficulty has been that the Housing Department would not consider moving the Rattray family until the damage done to their house has been repaired. (Mr. Rattray damaged the house trying to hide a motor bike he had stolen and in the process he pulled up floor boards, then tried to hide it upstairs and put his foot through the ceiling, etc.) Social Worker understands however, that this has almost all been repaired now so they should be eligible to be re-housed. The child is attention seeking, but it is the opinion of the Senior Social Worker that this need not necessarily represent any type of "problem" within the family; it is not un-natural for a child to try to get attention if she can particularly when there is a younger member of the family who is getting more attention than the older child.

SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER'S POSITION

Senior Medical Officer wondered whether Pamela might be better in a structured play group or nursery school, as they would be better able to deal with the child than a normal play school.

HEALTH VISITOR

Health Visitor's opinion was the child is attention seeking and spoiled and the mother cannot cope with her. It was her opinion that possibly one reason why the child was withdrawn from the play school was that one of the conditions of these play schools is that the mothers take it in turn to spend so many days a month helping out, and it was her feeling that Mrs. Rattray could not do this. Pamela when left at the play school continued to scream and cry for the whole of the time she was there and would not settle. The house is well kept and mother takes the baby to the clinic regularly.

SENIOR NURSING OFFICER'S POSITION

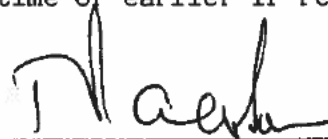
Senior Nursing Officer asked how Pamela reacts to her father (as he was the person who injured her.) Social Worker reported that she seems quite at ease with him and there is no evidence that she fears him.

N.A.I CO-ORDINATOR'S POSITION

NAI Co ordinator asked if the child could see Dr. Butler to help with her behavioural problems. Social Worker asked to pursue this. He felt there were areas of conflict within the household and the child was acting out of some emotional problem; there were things in this family which need to be looked at and it was not a very stable situation. The NAI Co ordinator's view was that Pamela's behaviour is causing a lot of tensions in the family which doubtless is bringing pressures on Mrs. Rattray, and something should be done about the child as this type of situation cannot be allowed to continue. The Social Worker is to ask the family G.P. to refer Pamela to Dr. Butler who could then advise as to what should be done about the child.

ACTION AGREED

1. Retain the children on the Register.
2. Social Worker to request G.P. to refer Pamela to Dr. Butler.
3. Case to be reviewed in six months time or earlier if required.



T. Paterson
N.A.I. Co-ordinator

CIRCULATION:

Dr. C.A.S. Galloway, Consultant Paediatrician
 Dr. A. Roche, Senior Medical Officer
 Miss C. Mackintosh, Senior Nursing Officer
 Mr.A. Gilchrist, Asst Div Education Officer
 Mr. I. MacGregor, R.S.S.P.C.C.
 [REDACTED] Police Community Involvement
 Procurator Fiscal
 Reporter to the Childrens Panel
 [REDACTED] G.P.
 Mr. J. Burns, Social Worker
 Mr. E. Forbes, Senior Social Worker



3 APR 1984

J Burns

Highland

Department of Social Work
T. Paterson
Divisional Social Work Officer
Inverness Division

Highland Regional Council
13 Ardross Street
Inverness IV3 5NX

Telephone (0463) 34121

Please ask for Mr Paterson

Our ref TP/PW

Extension No 778

Your ref

Date 2nd April, 1984

Dear Designated Officer,

RE: NON-ACCIDENTAL INJURY TO CHILDREN

I am required under the agreed procedure ~~by the Reporter to the Children's Panel~~ to arrange a ~~case~~ conference/review of the child/children as detailed below.

The Conference will take place on THURSDAY, 26th APRIL 1984

at 13 Ardross Street, Inverness @ 2;30 pm

I would be grateful if you could arrange for an appropriate person from your service to be present.

Yours sincerely,

J. Haldout

pp: T. Paterson
N.A.I. Co-ordinator

<u>Name (s)</u>	.. PAMELA MARGARET RATTRAY ..	JULIE ANN RATTRAY ..
<u>Address</u>	.. 39 WALKER CRESCENT ..	39 WALKER CRESCENT ..
	.. CULLODEN ..	CULLODEN ..
<u>D.O.B.</u>	.. 1.3.81 ..	3.7.83 ..
<u>School</u>
<u>G.P.</u>	.. DR. CAMPBELL
<u>Social Worker</u>	J. Burns

FORM 10

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968

Supervision Requirement

(Place and date)

Regional Buildings,
Inverness

1st March, 1984



A children's hearing for the Highland Region,
in exercise of the powers conferred by section 44(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, being satisfied
that Pamela Margaret Rattery, 39 Walker Crescent, Culloden, by Inverness
is in need of compulsory measures of care required in her case

[to be under the supervision of Highland Region] subject to the conditions set out below.

The operation of this supervision requirement is postponed until

Dorothy R. Miller
Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

~~1. The child is to be brought to the attention of the children's hearing as soon as possible after the date of the order.~~
~~2. The child is to be brought to the attention of the children's hearing as soon as possible after the date of the order.~~
~~3. The child is to be brought to the attention of the children's hearing as soon as possible after the date of the order.~~

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etc.

Chairman of
the Children's Hearing

†Where a supervision requirement requires a child to reside in a residential establishment, conditions 1 and 2 shall be inserted in the supervision requirement.

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Mr Burns

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Mrs Rattray,
39 Walker Crescent,
Culloden,
INVERNESS.

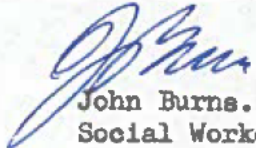
Community Services House
186 Smithton Park
Smithton
Inverness.

Dear Mrs Rattray,

I would like to come and see you on Tuesday, 7th February,
at 2.30p.m. Could you have your H.P. book and the bill
for the house in Coronation Park for me to see please.

If this is not convenient, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,


John Burns.
Social Worker.

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
INVERNESS DIVISION

Social Background Report

The following person :-

Surname: RATTRAY Date of Birth:

Christian Names: PAMELA MARGARET (1.3.81)
or Forenames JULIE ANNE SUSAN (3.7.83) Religion:

Address: 39, WALKER CRESCENT,
..... CULLODEN,
..... INVERNESS

Marital State: Occupation:

is to appear on 30th JANUARY, 1984 at INVERNESS CHILDREN'S HEARING..... ~~XXXX~~

in connection with the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ASSAULT ON PAMELA.....

Prepared by: JOHN BURNS Designation: SOCIAL WORKER

~~ORDER OF COURT~~ / DECISION OF HEARING

PAMELA MARGARET RATTRAY

JULIE ANNE SUSAN RATTRAY

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

Father: Dereck Rattray (26)
Mother: Gwen Rattray (23)
SUBJECT: Pamela Rattray (3)
SUBJECT: Julie Rattray (6 months)

SOCIAL HISTORY

Mrs Rattray originates from Nairn and her husband from Inverness. The couple have now been married for two and a half years. They met and married when Mrs Rattray was nearing the end of her training as a nurse and Mr Rattray was working as a night porter in a hotel. Mrs Rattray was four months pregnant with Pamela when the couple married. She tells me that although she was unable to take her final nursing exams because of having the baby she did not resent this and was quite happy to leave nursing to get married. After their marriage the couple moved into live with Mr Rattray's grandfather where they remained for a month, before being re-housed in Coronation Park. Shortly after moving into the flat their first child, Pamela, was born.

Mrs Rattray tells me that the couple's first few months in Coronation Park were happy and that her her husband was very helpful to her with the young baby and that there were no problems between them. Unfortunately the situation deteriorated when a [REDACTED] and his family moved into the flat above. Mr Rattray has had a long association with [REDACTED], originally from their school days. This has often led to Mr Rattray getting into trouble and [REDACTED] would seem to be a bad influence on him. This was the case even in their school days. I have gained the impression that Mr Rattray often takes the blame for situations that [REDACTED] has provoked. Mrs Rattray says that after [REDACTED] moved in, their relationship gradually deteriorated with the [REDACTED] almost living with Mr & Mrs Rattray. In view of this the couple applied for a transfer and moved to their current address in Culloden about a year ago. Once more the [REDACTED] moved close to, and currently live only a few doors away. The couple tell me that again the [REDACTED] began to intrude into their lives and appear to have an almost parasitic relationship. In July of last year the couple's second child was born.

Late last year, encouraged by [REDACTED], Mr Rattray stole a motor cycle and attempted to hide it in the loft of the couple's council house and also beneath the floor boards, damaging both floor and ceiling in the process. Mr Rattray has been prosecuted for this offence and has received a Community Service Order sentence.

ASSAULT

On the 17th November, the police were called to the Rattray household. It emerged that Mrs Rattray was upstairs in the house and her husband was downstairs with [REDACTED] and their two children. Apparently Mr Rattray told Pamela to play with the [REDACTED] children. When she refused Mr Rattray struck Pamela a number of times and threw her against the settee two or three times causing some bruising to her back.

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Mrs Rattray tells me that her husband had been in a bad mood all day and [REDACTED] probably aggravated the situation. Mrs Rattray says that her husband has been violent towards her in the past and has also struck the child more than would be felt appropriate prior to this incident and has been placed on Probation as a result. His Probation Order is being supervised by another social worker, Mr S. Edwards. Following this incident Mr Rattray has separated from his wife and is at present living with his mother. The couple do have regular contact, but Mrs Rattray is unwilling to allow Mr Rattray to return to the house whilst they are living near the Millers.


PAMELA AND ANNE

Pamela is a bright, attractive child who appears to be well developed. She does tend to cling to Mrs Rattray overmuch. Recently Pamela has started at a day nursery and although she cries when Mrs Rattray leaves her, I have been encouraging her to go in order to develop her independence. From my observations she can at times be a difficult and demanding child and this probably has not helped the situation. There are few problems with Ann.

CONCLUSION

From looking at Mr Rattray's history, he would appear to be a man who is too easily influenced by others and to have a limited tolerance of pressure. When the incident of assault occurred Mr Rattray obviously lost control completely, partly as a result of pressure from the Millers and partly as a result of Pamela's behaviour. As the couple are currently separated and Mrs Rattray's ability to care for the children is not in question, I have few fears for the welfare of the children at present. Both Mr & Mrs Rattray have demonstrated a strong bond of affection between them and would both aim to be re-united in the future. Mrs Rattray is adamant that she will not allow her husband to return to their current address as she feels that, with the [REDACTED] influence, problems would be likely to recur. I would agree with Mrs Rattray in this, as would Mr Rattray's social worker who has known him for some time, and would feel concerned for the children if Mr Rattray were to return to live in the household at present. Were the couple to be re-housed outside the area then I feel that they would have a far better chance of establishing a stable family life for the children. I have already begun negotiations with the Housing Department towards this end..

In view of the family's obvious problems at present, I feel that social work involvement should continue on a statutory basis and would recommend that a Supervision Requirement be made for one year.


JOHN BURNS,
Social Worker.

COMMUNITY SERVICES HOUSE,
186, SMITHTON PARK,
SMITHTON,
INVERNESS.

25th January, 1984

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Mr. J. Burns

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12th January, 1984

Community Services House,
186 Smithton Park,
Smithton,
Inverness.

Mrs. Pamela Rattray,
39, Walker Crescent,
Culloden,
Inverness.

Dear Mrs Rattray,

As you are already aware, there is to be a Hearing on Pamela on the 30th of January. I have to write a report for the Hearing and in order to do so I would like to see you on Tuesday 17th at 2.30p.m.

If you will be out at this time, please contact me at the office and I will arrange another appointment.

Yours sincerely,

J. Burns,
Social Worker.



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Reporter to the Children's Panel
Regional Reporter
Barbara Humphries, LL.B. (Hons.)

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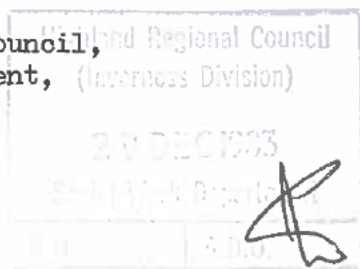
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Extension No

Your ref Mr. J. Burns

Date 28th December,
1983

Tom Paterson, Esq.,
Divisional Officer,
Highland Regional Council,
Social Work Department, (Inverness Division)
13 Ardross Street,
INVERNESS



Dear Mr. Paterson,

Pamela Margaret Rattray, 2 years and Julie Ann
Susan Rattray, 5 months, both of 39 Walker
Crescent, Culloden, Inverness

Thank you for your Mr. Burns's letter dated 19th
December, 1983 relating to each of the above named
children. In view of what is contained therein I have
arranged a Children's Hearing for Monday, 30th January,
1984 commencing at 2.15 p.m. I would be grateful if
you could let Mr. Burns know of this date and time and
I look forward to receiving a full social background
report in due course. I would also be grateful if I
could receive a copy of the psychiatric report prepared
for the Court as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. Ferguson

P. S. Ferguson,
Depute Reporter

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Mr. J. Burns

JB/JM
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19th December, 1983

Community Services House,
186 Smithton Park,
Smithton,
Inverness.

Depute Reporter to the Children's Panel,
Reporter's Office,
Highland Regional Council,
Regional Buildings,
Glenurquhart Road,
Inverness.

Dear Mr Ferguson,

Re: Pamela Margaret Rattray (2 years)
Julie Ann Susan Rattray (5 months)
Both of 39 Walker Crescent, Culloden, Inverness

With reference to your request for a Social Background Report on these children. I have made some preliminary investigations into the family and it appears that the child Pamela was assaulted by Mr Rattray on the 17th, November, 1983. I understand that there had been a build up of tension within the house during the week proceeding the incident. This tension resulted from marital problems experienced by the child's parents.

At present Mr Rattray is living apart from the family, although he has only moved to a house a few hundred yards from the marital home. He was sentenced to three years Probation for the assault and has since received a further Community Service Order sentence for an offence of theft. Mrs Rattray has not yet resolved her feelings regarding her husband and remains uncertain as to whether she wishes to return to him.

In view of the unsettled nature of the family and the seriousness of this incident, I feel that it would be appropriate to hold a Hearing to consider the best interests of the child.

Yours sincerely,

John Burns,
Social Worker.



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J. Bullock*

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Our ref **PSF/MM**

Extension No

Date 25th November, 1983

Divisional Officer,
INVERNESS

Your ref	
Highland Regional Council	
(Inverness Division)	
25 NOV 1983	
Social Work Department	
D.O.	A.D.O.
Action:	

Dear Mr. Paterson,

Pamela Margaret Rattray, (2 years) and Julie Anne Susan Rattray, (5 months), both of 39 Walker Crescent, Culloden, by Inverness

The above named child has been referred to me on the undernoted grounds. I would be obliged if you would investigate the child's social background and submit to me a report thereon and your view as to whether compulsory measures of care are indicated.

I would be pleased to receive this report within a period of 21 days from this date.

Yours sincerely,

PSF
Regional Reporter

GROUNDS OF REFERRAL

Offence against child (Pamela) and offence against child who is a member of the same household (Julie)

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Child resides with parent/guardian Mrs. Gwen Rattray,

..... as above

I enclose a copy school report and

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Case Review Form - General

Name of Client Reaney

Case Number 03/00/11406
x reference 03/00/1734

Social Worker Helen G. Wilson

Date of Review Date of last Review

Number of visits since last

(please indicate and comment as appropriate)

Social work contact maintained under the following

Remarks

Exploratory/Re-Assessment

Information / Advice

Mobilizing Resources

Advocacy

Education in Social and Physical Skills

Check-up / Review visiting

Facilitating Problem Solving and Decision Making

Sustaining / Nurturing

Group Activities

Prognosis How long is case likely to remain open

Ready for closure now

Within 6 weeks

Probably 3 to 6 months

Long term

Frequency of visiting required

weekly

2 weekly

3 monthly

monthly

Frequency of visiting planned

weekly

2 weekly

3 monthly

monthly

Effect of work done since last review

Current Problem

Mr. Rattray is currently in Portogeld -
 S.E.R. to be done by 2nd December
 children are now on N.A.I. register.

Plans for future

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Important that aim should be as specific as possible and realistic and preferably agreed between client and worker.

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Summary and recommendation

This section is intended to assist any Social Worker who may have to pick up your case in your absence.

It is unclear ~~at~~ at the moment whether
 Mr and Mrs Rattray will get back
 together, Mrs Rattray says that she
 doesn't want her ~~to~~ husband back.
 If he is released, decisions will have
 to be made about the care of the
 children. If Mrs Rattray is going to
 be on her own I think she will need
 quite a lot of support.

Signed Helen Gilkison Supervising Officer Date 23/11/83

Signed McFadyen Senior Social Worker Date 23-11-83

03/00/11406

Mr. Forbes
For case file

MEMORANDUM

To **28 NOV 1983** From Mr. Iain MacPhee, ADSWO

Your ref. Our ref. IMacP/AVH Date 21st November 1983

Please ask for

INFORMAL DISCUSSION - PAMELA RATTRAY

After the N.A.I. Conference was held on above child, an informal discussion took place between Mr. E. Forbes, Senior Social Worker, East Team; Mr. Martin Tidey, Senior Social Worker, Intake Team; Mrs. Helen Gilkison, Social Worker Intake Team and the undersigned.

The substance of the discussion was as follows. It was the view of the Senior Social Worker, Intake Team that as the case will be long-term it should be transferred to the East Team which is a long-term team, and that rather than simply appointing one Social Worker to deal with the family as a whole, in this particular case two Social Workers should be appointed. The reason for this suggestion being that there may be a conflict of interests between the father and the mother and children, and in this event, the father should have a Social Worker whose duty it is to look after his interests when he is released from prison. It was acknowledged that Mr. Rattray does require psychiatric help. He pointed out that reports will be required by the Court on Mr. Rattray and by the Children's Panel on the children, and it was his view that to be absolutely fair to both sides of the family, two Social Workers should be involved in the case.

Mr. Forbes, Senior Social Worker, East Team felt there was no real conflict of interest between father and mother and children. He felt one Social Worker could write both reports fairly stating both sides and one Social Worker could deal with the entire family, as he stated it is the TOTAL picture that is being looked at, rather than individual views. What is best for the children is the prime interest for both parents and therefore no conflict arises. He was agreeable to accepting the case on a long-term basis.

The Social Worker, Intake Team - Mrs. Gilkison agreed to liaise with the new Social Worker and when that Social Worker had been appointed by Mr. Forbes to take said Social Worker and introduce him/her to the clients.

The undersigned noted the arguments and agreed that as Mr. Forbes has taken the case, it will be left to his judgement to decide whether he feels there is a conflict of interests, and should this situation arise, it will remain his decision as to whether to appoint a second Social Worker to look after the interests of Mr. Rattray.

Iain MacPhee
Asst Divisional Social Work Officer

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HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT
INVERNESS DIVISION

RECORD OF N.A.I. MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 21st NOVEMBER 1983 AT
13 ARDROSS STREET, INVERNESS

CHILDREN: Pamela Margaret Rattray (2) D.O.B. 1.3.81
Julie Ann Rattray (5 months) D.O.B. 3.7.83

FATHER: Mr. Derek Rattray (24)

MOTHER: Mrs. Gwen Rattray (nee Mackenzie) (23)

ADDRESS: 39 Walker Crescent, Culloden

SOCIAL WORKER: Mrs. Helen Gilkison

PRESENT: Mrs. D. Travers, Community Nursing Officer
Mrs. Lamont, Health Visitor
Mr. P. Ferguson, Depute Reporter to Childrens Panel
[REDACTED] Police Community Involvement
Mr. M. Tidey, Senior Social Worker, Intake Team
Mr. E. Forbes, Senior Social Worker, East Team
Mrs. H. Gilkison, Social Worker, Intake Team
Mr. I. MacPhee, N.A.I. Co-ordinator

APOLOGIES: Dr. C.A.S. Galloway, Consultant Paediatrician
Dr. A. Roche, Senior Medical Officer
Mr. A. Gilchrist, Asst Div Education Officer
Mr. I. MacGregor, R.S.S.P.C.C.
[REDACTED] G.P.

REASON FOR N.A.I. MEETING

The conference was called following an incident on Thursday, 17th November 1983 when Pamela Rattray was assaulted by her father.

POLICE POSITION

About 3 pm on 17th November 1983 the Rattray family had visitors. According to the story told to the Police, Mrs. Rattray was upstairs while Mr. Rattray, the visitors and their children, and the Rattray children remained together in the flat. Mr. Rattray told Pamela to play with the visiting children, but she did not wish to do so and began to cry, whereupon Mr. Rattray struck her, then threw her against the wall. Later that evening the Police received a telephone call from Mr. Rattray who stated his wife had "gone bezerk with a knife" and locked him out of the house. When the Police called, the whole story of the assault on Pamela came out, and Mr. Rattray was taken into custody. He has been remanded until the 2nd of December. It was later ascertained that Mr. and Mrs. Rattray had had a row and he was thrown out of the house. Mr. Rattray has some convictions for theft and a number of road traffic offences - all minor offences and no previous assault or breach of the peace convictions. On 15th December 1976 he was placed on two years Probation. On 11th April 1977 he was convicted of attempted house-breaking (this offence occurred during his period of Probation). The medical report on Pamela has not yet been received by the Police.

SOCIAL WORK POSITION

Social Worker tabled a report. She saw Mr. Rattray in prison this morning. Mr. Rattray admitted the offence, said he knew he had struck the child too forcibly and has pled guilty to the offence. He stated that while he did throw her, he did NOT throw her against the wall as has been stated, but on to the settee. He also contradicted the version told to the Police that Mrs. Rattray was upstairs with a neighbour, and said she was in fact in the kitchen during this time. Bruises on the child's back would indicate she struck a hard surface (like a wall) rather than a soft one (like a settee.) Mr. Rattray advised Social Worker he has been attending Dr. Campbell regularly over the last few months and had been referred to a psychiatrist but had not seen one yet. He did say however, that a "psychiatrist" came to the house, but this is not possible, and he may have mistaken someone from the hospital who came for the actual psychiatrist. He also stated he has been on valium for the last few months. Mrs. Rattray said her husband had also thrown stones through the windows on the night of the assault (presumably after she had locked him out) but it was unclear exactly what she meant. There were no signs of any broken glass or broken windows, so unless he threw small stones at the windows which did not cause breakage, or threw stones through an open window, the accusation was unsubstantiated by evidence. Social Worker attempted to see Mrs. Rattray who was not at home; neighbour informed her that she was with her husband's parents in Hilton. Social Worker went there. Mrs. Rattray's father had been rushed to hospital with a heart attack and that, coupled with the assault on Pamela caused her to be in quite a state. She said she had not witnessed the attack, but that she was terrified of her husband who has struck the child before when he has lost patience with her and has also struck Mrs. Rattray. She said she learned about this assault on Pamela from a neighbour. She also said she had intended to report the incident to the Police herself, but as several hours had passed before Mr. Rattray phoned the Police, it does not seem likely that she actually did plan to phone the Police about it. While at the house of the Rattrays Senior, SW was told by Mr. Rattrays parents that they had had a great deal of trouble with him over the years. Mrs. Rattray told Social Worker if Mr. Rattray is released from prison she will return to her parents in Nairn as she would not feel safe with him. (At present he is trying to get out on bail.) She commented that he is obsessed with his motor bike and keeps demanding money for it. It was not clear where Mr. Rattray would go if he was released, and he rather vaguely gave the address of a friend. Mrs. Rattray herself planned to return to the family home today.

The Senior Social Worker, Intake Team said Mr. Rattray is unemployed and the family have money problems; there are high electricity payments - about £80 per fortnight, he is paying a fine from a road traffic offence at the rate of £10 per fortnight as well. Senior Social Worker advised the meeting that as a Schedule 1 Offence had been committed a Place of Safety Order could be requested. If the Rattrays got back together the situation would have to be carefully considered as this attack is not an isolated instance. He has, according to the mother, struck the child on a number of previous occasions and there appears to be something building up here. The man is also in need of psychiatric help and the whole situation is fraught with dangers.

SENIOR NURSING OFFICER'S POSITION

The question was posed as to what job Mr. Rattray did before he was unemployed. The Police Representative replied from his notes that Mr. Rattray had been a labourer.

HEALTH VISITOR'S POSITION

The family came from Coronation Park about a year ago, and consulting her notes, the Health Visitor found the first entry made of a visit to see Pamela was in December 1982. Children always appear well nourished and well clothed and it was her view that Mrs. Rattray could cope on her own. On one occasion when visiting, Mr. Rattray told the Health Visitor he was fed up with being unemployed. He also said he and his wife had been separated twice already. When Mrs. Rattray had her second child, she did not return home, but instead went to stay with her parents in Nairn for some time. It was not known where Pamela was at this time. It was the understanding of the Health Visitor that Mr. Rattray was supposed to be having psychiatric treatment. Mrs. Rattray said her husband did not care for either of the children and became very impatient with them. But the Health Visitor had never seen any signs of violence herself.

REPORTER'S POSITION

It was the Reporter's view that as Mr. Rattray has pled guilty and been remanded pending reports, it is rare for cases such as this to be allowed bail, and therefore it would appear he will remain in prison until the case is heard. The Reporter would like to have a psychiatric report on the man as well as a report from the Social Worker.

ACTION AGREED

1. It was agreed to place both children on the N.A.I. Register.
2. Case to be transferred to the Long-Term Team and Social Worker to introduce new Social Worker to the family.
3. Reports to be submitted to the Reporter to the Childrens Panel who will decide on action to be taken.
4. Case to be reviewed in six months time or earlier if warranted.



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PREVIOUS SOCIAL WORK INVOLVEMENT

Mr. Rattray was known to the Social Work Department between 1976 and 1979, when he was on probation for 2 years following an offence of theft. During this time Mr. Rattray committed several offences. Departmental records indicate that he was rather an unruly character, and that his mother and stepfather found it difficult to control him. He was also described as educationally backward.

PRESENT INCIDENT

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21.11.83.

John - Can we discuss this. The wife and children contact will be transferred to you by Helen Gibson. @ 3/00ax STAGG for them will be done by Stagg. Whether the case remains separately allocated will depend on whether they all form 1 household again. There will be an IER for Rattray.

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~~MESSAGES~~
REFERRAL FORM

CASE NO. 03001/406

Surname Rathway Forename(s) Paerola Margaret

Address 39 Uxalton Crescent, Sex: M/F F
Calloden.

Date of Birth 1.3.81 Marital Status
G.P. Campbell

Referred by Police R310 Date of Referral 18.11.83
*(by letter/telephone/in-person)

Previously known to department YES/NO Father is known.

Other agencies involved

PROBLEM/REQUEST: R310 renewal on Paerola Rathway -
assault assault by father.

18.11.83. Home visit to Mrs. Rathway -
not available.

18.11.83. Home visit to Mrs. Rathway
at her parents in law. Discussed
situation with her.

RECEIVED BY Helen Gilkison Date 18.11.83 Time

Action taken at time of Referral:

Referral passed to:

Signed Helen Gilkison
Social Worker/Occupational Therapist

Allocation Decision:

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Senior Officer

Classification of Case Register on:
Re-open existing file Open new file
For miscellaneous cases file

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Case Review Form - General

Name of Client Pattrey Case Number 03/00/11406
 Social Worker [Signature]
 Date of Review 19 10 94 Date of last Review 23/11/82
 Number of visits since last

(please indicate and comment as appropriate)

Social work contact maintained under the following

Remarks

- Exploratory/Re-Assessment
- Information / Advice
- Mobilizing Resources
- Advocacy
- Education in Social and Physical Skills
- Check-up / Review visiting
- Facilitating Problem Solving and Decision Making
- Sustaining / Nurturing
- Group Activities

Prognosis How long is case likely to remain open

Ready for closure now

Within 6 weeks

Probably 3 to 6 months

Long term

Frequency of visiting required

Frequency of visiting planned

weekly

weekly

2 weekly

2 weekly

3 monthly

3 monthly

monthly

monthly

Effect of work done since last review

Family are becoming increasingly stable. Mrs Pattrey has started work and the income from this employment has greatly eased the financial problem. Mental relationship appears good.

Current Problem

Supervision Requirement and NAI ~~to~~ register

Plans for future

Remove children names from register. Terminate supervision req

Important that aim should be as specific as possible and realistic and preferably agreed between client and worker.

Summary and recommendation

This section is intended to assist any Social Worker who may have to pick up your case in your absence.

This family have made considerable progress over the past six months. Mrs Pottroy usually copes well but may need occasional advice or assistance. Suggest any requests for help be considered sympathetically. Mrs Pottroy recently had 3rd child, Derech, may need some help.

Signed

[Signature]

Supervising Officer

Date

17/10/84

Signed

[Signature]

Senior Social Worker

Date

22.10.84