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HIA REF: 381

Witness Name HIA 381

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF HIA 381

HIA 381 will say as follows:-

Personal details

1. I was born on [REDACTED] I lived in [REDACTED] with my mother and father and my five siblings. I am the fourth eldest in the family.
2. At Easter time in 1977 a man from the NSPCC called [REDACTED] came to our home one night about 10.00pm. We were all dragged out of the house and Mr [REDACTED] put seven of us - all six children and my mother into his mini car. He drove us to a women's refuge in [REDACTED] in Derry. We were taken away because apparently my mother was being physically abused by my father. I didn't witness any domestic violence and my father never abused me.
3. We stayed in the women's refuge for about two months. I was then taken along with one brother [REDACTED] HIA 382 and one sister [REDACTED] SND 404 to Termonbacca. I was aged ten at the time [REDACTED] SND 402 went back to live with my father. I think [REDACTED] SND 403 may have gone back to my father or [REDACTED] I am not sure when [REDACTED] SND 405 went.

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St Joseph's Children's Home, Termonbacca (20/6/1977 – 10/6/1978 / 05/11/1981 – 08/11/1981)

4. There were two dormitories in Termonbacca. When I arrived I was placed in the first dormitory which was on the left side of the corridor past the chapel. I think SR 2 and SR 96 was in charge of this dormitory. That was only temporary and then I was moved to the second dormitory. There were bedrooms in the dormitory which held about three or four people. There were also single rooms. I think there were four beds in my room but I cannot remember the names of those I shared with. A nun called SR 6 was in charge of my dormitory. She was a small woman and had a finger missing on her right hand. She was an evil old woman. I cannot recall any other nun's names.
5. One morning we were all sitting at the breakfast table in the dining room. Our cutlery and bowl were set out in front of us. I moved my knife and SR 6 said to me 'don't touch that'. I moved the knife back to where it had been and SR 6 beat me on the back of my head with her knuckle. When her knuckle got sore she leaned over and beat me on the back of my head with the handle of the knife. My sister SND 404 witnessed SR 6 beating me and so she attacked SR 6. SND 404 was protecting me. I don't think anything happened to SND 404 for doing this. I was in the home for months when this incident occurred. This was the only physical abuse I suffered at the hands of SR 6.
6. I used to wet the bed in Termonbacca. If I wet the bed I would get out of bed at 4.00am or 5.00am and I would go down to the launderette and hide the sheet. Then I would steal a dry sheet and put it on the bed. I wouldn't even go back to sleep because the nuns would check the beds in the morning. If you wet the bed the nuns humiliated you by shouting at you in front of all the other children. It was humiliating. She should have taken me to the side and not embarrassed me. It was always SR 6 that did this.
7. We were due to leave the home permanently before Christmas but for some reason we were kept on. SR 6 said to me 'the only reason your

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mother is keeping you in here is so you can get your toys and your clothes'. This comment was extremely hurtful and I can still hear her saying it to me. She belittled my family and made me feel like a beggar.

8. My brother HIA 382 and I ran away nearly every other week from the home as a result of how we were treated. We usually ran back to our mother's house but she wasn't pleased to see us and told us to go back to Termonbacca.
9. [REDACTED] was our family social worker and she may have come to see us in the home. I don't recall ever having any other visits from any officials from NSPCC or social services.
10. My mother visited us in the home about once or twice. My father visited about twice and came up along with my Granddad and Aunt [REDACTED]. We all went into the music room but they were only allowed to stay about twenty to thirty minutes. I think the nuns then told them to leave. I do not call the nuns names.
11. There were civilian workers in Termonbacca. There was a woman called [REDACTED] and I think she had a room in the home. She showed me how to wash my sheets when I wet the bed so the nuns wouldn't find out. She didn't embarrass me and she was caring.
12. At Christmas there was a ballot for all of the children's homes to allow some of the children to turn on the city lights at Christmas. My name was pulled out that year. I was given a Christmas jumper to wear. That was my fifteen minutes of fame.
13. We left Termonbacca in June 1978. When we were leaving we had to walk from the home up to [REDACTED] where our mother was living with our bags of clothes. My mother was living in a house that had all the windows smashed in. My mother was drinking and gambling and we were left to run the streets. I do not believe that we should have been placed with our mother as she was incapable of looking after us. We should have been placed with our father in [REDACTED]. I do not think the welfare did their job correctly. I wouldn't let a child I was responsible for live in those conditions.

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14. I continued to live at home with my mum for a few years. I attended Rosemount Primary School and then I moved to St Joseph's Secondary School. I loved St Joseph's. I was only there about two or three years and then I was moved to St Peter's Secondary School as our mother moved house. St Peter's was like a recruiting office for the IRA. It was very rough and I didn't like it so I started mitching. I think I mitched for about two years.
15. My Aunt died in November 1981 and my mother wouldn't take us all to the funeral so she placed us in Termonbacca for three days while she attended the funeral.
16. I was taken to court along with [HIA 382] because we were mitching school. The judge gave us the choice to either go back to school or go to Rubane. We chose to go to Rubane for a break from our life at home.

Rubane (1982 – 1984)

17. I was placed in Rubane House under a Court Order when I was fifteen years old. I have no complaints about my time in Rubane House. I loved it there. Brother [BR 2] was in charge of the home and I got on alright with him. I remember there was also a Brother called [BR 7] and he was okay. I never had any trouble with the Brothers. I had a room of my own in chalet one and I was given pocket money and a clothing allowance every month [BR 5] was in charge of chalet one.
18. We were allowed to go home at weekends but [HIA 382] and I chose to stay at the home and work. We did gardening and decorating - basically anything that needed done and the Brothers paid us.
19. I did not witness any sexual abuse whilst I was in Rubane and I did not suffer any physical abuse.

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Life After Care

20. When I left Rubane I stayed in the Kircubbin area for about four years. I started on a YTP scheme in [REDACTED] learning all the different aspects of construction including building and plastering. I only completed six months of the course and then I got a full time job in [REDACTED] I then got various jobs including bar work and labouring. I served my time as a joiner and I eventually moved back to [REDACTED] permanently when I was about nineteen years old.
21. I married in 1989 and I have been married for 24 years. We have one daughter who is twenty four and two sons who are twenty six and twenty one. I also have a daughter from another relationship who is twenty six. I have six grandchildren with another one on the way. I am close to all my children except my daughter who is twenty six.
22. I suffered from depression in my twenties and I have had it repeatedly ever since. I don't believe in taking any prescription drugs and I have never been to my doctor. I turn to alcohol to help me through difficult times. I have felt suicidal and I have had mornings where I question 'what is the point?'. I work as a decorator and it keeps me going along with my family.
23. I am angry with the NSPCC and social services for taking me away from my father and splitting my family up. They were taking away children from their families and that is not right. I had a good relationship with my father before he died and I feel I should have been allowed to live with him instead of being placed into care and then sent to live with my mother who was incapable of looking after me. Also only three of us were put into care and three were allowed to stay at home. It didn't make sense.
24. I am closest to my brother [REDACTED] HIA 382 and I speak to [REDACTED] SND 404 but I have no real relationship with my other siblings. My brothers and sisters are all emotionally detached from each other. The social services ruined my life. They took me away from my family and took my life from under my feet.
25. I have never made a statement to the police about my experiences.

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Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

HIA 381
Sign 

Dated 7-1-14.

TERMONBACCA

SR 2

SR 14

Superior

Parlours, Church, Limerick Co.

Caterer

Children - Bureau

nursery group

Children

1978

Termonbacca

SR 2

SR 27

SR 14

Superior

Ch. Pauline L.C.

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Termonbacca

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2.	[REDACTED]	Parlor L. C.
3.	SR 1	Bursar & Children
4.	SR 6	Children
5.	SR 27	"
6.	SR 64	baterer

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9th November 1995 - [REDACTED] - During her three year period of Exclaustration she has worked as a Carer in a Residential Home

14th., October, 1977.INTERNAL CASE REVIEW.

To be completed by member of staff responsible for the child

Name of child:**HIA 381**Date of Birth:Date of Admission: 20th., June, 1977Responsible Local Authority: Western Health & Social Services. (Derry).Referred by:Responsibility:House or Group:**SR 14**1. Contact and relationship with child's own family:

- a) With parents: [redacted] comes up every Sunday. **HIA 381** enjoys her visits, and like **SND 404** feels for his Mother. Has also shared his pocket money with her.
- b) With siblings or other relatives: **SND 402** and **SND 403** the older brother and sister has visited on a number of occasions.
- c) With other outside contacts: [redacted] has come twice within the last 3 weeks.

2. Emotional Development and behaviour:

HIA 381 is an open type of boy, and is mature enough for his age. He has settled down great since his admission, and the visits of the mother has helped him to accept being here for a while - although he has said he would like to stay here.

3. Relationships in the children's home:

- a) With residential staff: Very good relationship now, for in the beginning he would not listen to anyone. Is very helpful when there is anything extra to be done.
- b) With other children: Gets on reasonably well with the majority of the children.

4. Health:

- a) General Health and physical development:
Good. [redacted]

- b) Record of any serious illness:

None.

- c) Date of last Medical Examination and findings:

5. Education:

- a) Educational progress and school reports:
Gives no trouble in school and is progressing fairly well.
- b) General comments and relationships with teachers and pupils:
Is most helpful in class and gets on well with his pals.

6. Religious Development and Education:

HIA 381 takes a real keen interest in his religion, and is always willing to answer.

7. Hobbies, special interests and abilities:

Loves football, and also drawing.

8. Other Remarks:

HIA 381 needs firm handling at times, and I think if this was lacking, he could create a few problems in later school life.

9. Recommendations:

SND 404
Like [redacted] to stay here until his Mother gets her problems sorted out



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Personal details

1. I was born on [REDACTED] in Dungannon.
2. I am one of six children. I have four older siblings and one younger brother. [REDACTED] is the eldest followed by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] me and [REDACTED]
3. We all lived at home with our mother and father in Dungannon. My father was an alcoholic and when I was about nine years old my mother left the home and took us six children with her to a woman's refuge in [REDACTED] in Derry. We stayed there for a month or two and then my mother got a flat in [REDACTED] in Derry.
4. My mother couldn't cope with the six of us so three of us were put into Termonbacca in 1977. I went in with my older brother [REDACTED] and my older sister [REDACTED]. The two oldest ([REDACTED] and [REDACTED]) and the youngest ([REDACTED]) stayed with my mother. I didn't understand why we were all split up and why three of us were sent away. I can't ask my parents now as they are both dead. My mother passed away about seven years ago and my father died about sixteen years ago.

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5. I was nine years old when I was placed in Termonbacca. I remained there for one year.

6. I hated Termonbacca. The nuns that I remember in Termonbacca were **SR 6** **SR 6** and **SR 2**. I think there was also a nun from [REDACTED] but it could have been either of those nuns. There were two dormitories in Termonbacca. There were bedrooms upstairs and downstairs. I was in a bedroom with three other boys. I shared a room with **SND 33** and **DL 48**. At one time I shared with ^{HIA 381} [REDACTED] but then he moved dormitories. **SND 404** was in a different dormitory to me. Termonbacca was mixed with boys and girls.

7. My brother ^{HIA 381} [REDACTED] and I were constantly running away from Termonbacca and Rosemount Primary School. I couldn't stand school and I hated being in Termonbacca. We didn't go back to the home after school on the minibus. Sometimes we ran back to our mother's house on [REDACTED] or hung around town. The police or my social worker Attracta Reid would always find us and bring us back. When ^{HIA 381} [REDACTED] and I were brought back to the home after running away we were punished. I ran away about two or three times a week so I was regularly punished. There were a few nuns who beat me including **SR 6** **SR 6** and **SR 2**. The nuns would hit you where it didn't mark you, like a knuckle round the head or a slap on the back of the head. **SR 6** used her knuckles to hit me on the back of my head. The nun would take me into a small launderette off the main corridor where nobody could see you. The nuns also belittled me and made me feel worthless particularly **SR 6**. She said things like 'your mother couldn't cope and couldn't feed you and that is why you are in here'.

8. The daily routine in Termonbacca was we got up at a quarter to seven, washed and dressed and went down for breakfast in the dining hall. Breakfast was usually cereal or toast. We were all lined up then and given orange vitamin

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tablets by a nun – it could have been **SR 2** or **SR 6** or another nun whom I cannot remember the name of. We were also looked after by civilian staff. There was a blond haired man called [REDACTED] who also worked in Nazareth House and there was a woman with permed hair and I think her name was [REDACTED]. Then we got the minibus to school. The civilian staff were helpful and treated me well.

9. I got used to being hungry in Termonbacca. I was always being sent to bed with no supper as punishment for running away. Sometimes one of the other children would sneak some food upstairs for me such as bread or sandwiches.
10. Nobody ever asked me what I was running away from or where I was running to. The more I got punished for running away from Termonbacca the worse I got.
11. I left Termonbacca in 1978 when I was about ten years old. I went back to my mother's house in [REDACTED] in the Creggan. All six children were back living with my mother. I stayed there for four years. However, I was always mitching school and getting into trouble with the police. My brother ^{HIA 381} [REDACTED] was also getting into trouble so the social worker Attracta Reid brought us to court and we were sent to Rubane under a Court Order. My records show that I was in Termonbacca a second time from 5th November 1981 until 8th November 1981 but I do not remember this.

Rubane House, Kircubbin (1982 – 1984)

12. I was sent to Rubane along with my brother ^{HIA 381} [REDACTED] when I was about fourteen years old. We were taken there by Attracta Reid in her Renault 5 car. I stayed there for two years and left when Rubane closed in 1984.
13. Rubane was different to Termonbacca. You weren't belittled or run down there. I felt that I was respected by the Brothers and that is why I never ran away from Rubane.

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14. The Brothers I remember are **BR 5** **BR 6** **BR 10** **BR 50** and **BR 33**. I was in chalet 2 and **BR 5** was in charge of it. I got on well with him and we played golf together at a course in Cloughey.
15. I went to school onsite in Rubane and I did O-Levels in Art and English Literature. There was a big sports hall and a swimming pool and a tuck shop onsite as well. I had my own car in Rubane which I had bought off my brother **HIA 381**. The Brothers found me a garage to park the car in and I was allowed to drive it around the grounds.
16. There was abuse in Rubane. One day during PE when we were playing indoor football, the PE teacher **DL 360** got very physical tackling me and I didn't like it so I kicked in every door on his car. He saw me doing this through the window at the gym. He punched me on the face and broke my nose. I told **BR 5** what happened and he didn't do anything. I received no medical treatment. I never played indoor football again and tried to avoid **DL 360**. This was the only time I was physically abused in Rubane.
17. I witnessed **BR 6** who was a teacher, slapping boys around the back of the head. He also took boys into a storeroom off the classroom and I could hear the slaps. I remember **DL 29** and **DL 361** being hit. I also saw **BR 10** hit boys where no-one would see a mark. He never hit me.
18. I did not suffer any sexual abuse in Rubane and I was not aware that any sexual abuse was taking place. Some boys were mentally abused by a member of staff. I do not recall the name of the staff member. He told the boys that they were a 'waste of space' and 'useless'. I remember a boy called **DL 361** from Ballymena being abused in this way. His nickname was 'horse'. I was not verbally abused in this way. I told **BR 5** what was said and he told me to leave it with him.
19. I left Rubane when I was sixteen years old in 1984. It closed down and I was one of the last residents to leave.

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Life after care

20. I moved to Newtownards after I left Rubane. I got a two bedroom flat in West Winds and I lived with another Catholic boy called **DL 365**. He was in Rubane before me. We ran the five a side football team in the estate. My flat was broken into three or four times and there was sectarian graffiti written on my wall so I couldn't take any more and I moved back to Derry when I was nearly eighteen.
21. When I moved back to Derry, my mother and my two brothers were living there. My other siblings had moved back to Dungannon.
22. I got involved in criminal activity and I have criminal convictions. I did voluntary work as a handyman in a drop-in centre in Derry and I still call in and help out when I can. I still see some of the boys from Rubane in the centre. They might be homeless or have problems with drug and alcohol addiction. There's about three Rubane boys still hanging around Derry – **DL 362** **DL 363** and **DL 364**.
23. I have suffered from depression since my early twenties. I was prescribed anti-depressants by my Doctor however I stopped taking them as I couldn't sleep. I am an alcoholic. I have stopped drinking for periods of time and I have received counselling. I spent periods of time in Damian House and the ATU in Gransha Hospital to detox. I have felt suicidal at times but I have never made any suicide attempts.
24. I have six children and three grandchildren – twin boys and a girl. Five of my children live in Derry and one is in Strabane. My two youngest are in their teens and come to visit me. I am not close to any of my siblings except for **HIA 381**. I would speak to **SND 404** if I met her.
25. I have never reported these matters to the police and I have not spoken to a solicitor.

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Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed **HIA 382** _____

Dated 5/12/2013 _____

ST. JOSEPH'S, TERMONBACCA.

Name of Child: **HIA 381**
Date of Birth: **[REDACTED]**
Date of Admission: 20th., June.. 1977.
Nearest Relative: Mother - **[REDACTED]**
Social Services: Western Health (Derry)..
Social Worker: Mrs. Sayers..

CASE HISTORY.

23rd., June. 1977.

HIA 381 was admitted into our care on the 20th., June. He ~~xx~~ was very untidy and unclean, and very bold on admission. He did not want to stay..

24th., June. 1977.

HIA 381 absconded from school at home-time, and returned to the mother. Miss A. Harvey returned him here in the evening. He was very upset and very stubborn. Is a bit 'wild' in his behaviour.

25th., June.

Refused to come home in the Mini-bus, and headed back to the mother. A neighbour brought him up here.

1st., July.

Is beginning to settle down now.

29th., July.

Has just spent 3 weeks holidays down in Shrove. He really enjoyed himself..

26th., October. 1977.

HIA 381 is really well-settled now, and enjoys school. Is quite intelligent and is a very open wee boy.. Is most helpful about the house, and has a kind nature.. Is good to the little ones in the Group. Thinks a lot about his mother, and enjoys her visits.

17th., Nov. 1977.

[REDACTED] visited to-day, and is very hopeful of getting a house.. She was very depressed and this upset **HIA 381**. He really cares for his mother..

12th., Dec. 1977.

HIA 381 was chosen to switch on the Christmas lights at the Guildhall to-day. He was collected from here in the Lord Mayor's car, and driven down to the Guildhall, where he first attended a party, and then proceeded to turn on the lights. **[REDACTED]** was also present, and she said that she felt 'real proud' of him. **HIA 381** was presented with a present by Santa, which turned out to be a Man.. Utd. football jersey and socks, and a pair of football boots. **HIA 381** thoroughly enjoyed the day.

16th., January. 1978.

Mrs. Sayers phoned to say that as **[REDACTED]** had obtained a house in the **[REDACTED]** area it would be better to have **HIA 381** transferred to a school in that area. She obtained places in Rosemount, so **HIA 381** and his brother commence there to-morrow.

17th., Jan. 1978.

HIA 381 wasn't at all happy about going to a new school, but when he returned in the evening he was quite pleased. Is moving up to Sec School in September, when he hopes to attend St. JOSEPH'S.

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Case Conference re **HIA 381** Family, [REDACTED] held at Riverview on
31 January 1978 at 11am

PRESENT:

Mrs E Coulter, EWO
 Mr McCormick, EWO
 Mrs Maria Phillips, Educational Psychologist
 Miss Lyttle, Nursing Officer
 Mrs Wilma Kitson, Senior School Nurse
 Mrs Canning, School Nurse
 Dr Chadwick, School Medical Officer of Health
 Dr Burns, Assistant Chief Administrative Medical Officer
 Miss Cunningham, St Cecilia's Intermediate School
 Mrs Harkin, St Cecilia's Intermediate School
 Brendan Johnston, SW Creggan Team
 Mr R Seymour, Senior Social Worker, Central Team
 Hamilton Blane NSPCC
 Mura Sayers, SW Central Team

The conference was convened following a report from the School Nursing Service that it appeared that the children were being neglected and were at risk and a report from the Educational Psychologist advising that "immediate action of some sort is required".

These reports followed an incident on 24 January 1978 when the child **SND 403** as admitted to hospital suffering from the effects of an overdose of tablets.

There is no suggestion that there was any risk of non-accidental injury to the children.

Mr Seymour opened the conference by giving a summary of the case history and the involvement of the Social Services to date - as follows:-

The **HIA 381** family originally lived in [REDACTED] where they were known to the NSPCC - the husband having a serious drink problem and being reported as having regularly abused [REDACTED] and the older children.

In April 1977 [REDACTED] and her children left the [REDACTED] home, came to the Womens Aid Centre in [REDACTED] and applied for a legal separation.

During May 1977 the Women's Aid Centre in [REDACTED] closed for renovations and [REDACTED] and her children (6 in all) went to stay with friends at [REDACTED]

During this time, Mr Hamilton Blane the local NSPCC Inspector kept in close contact with the family which he has continued to do ever since.

On 20 June 1977 the family first came to the notice of the Social Services Dept. here, when, because of the crowded conditions in [REDACTED] the unruly behaviour of her children she was threatened with eviction - and she requested that we take certain of the children into care.

The family consists of:- Mrs [REDACTED] aged 35
SND 402 " 15
SND 403 " 13
SND 404 " 12
HIA 381 " 10
HIA 382 " 9
SND 405 " 4

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On that day the 3 children **SND 404** **HIA 381** and **HIA 382** were admitted to St Joseph's Home at Termonbacca where they have remained ever since. They seem to be very happy there and show signs of becoming institutionalised.

Our goal with these three children has been to discharge them to the care of their mother as soon as it is judged that she can provide them with adequate care. It might be pertinent to mention here that up to October 26th [redacted] visited the children in Termonbacca every Sunday but since then has visited them only 3 times.

[redacted] then remained in [redacted] with the youngest child, **SND 405** aged 4 and the two oldest **SND 402** and **SND 403**

On the 1st July the mother and 3 children squatted in [redacted] a wretched building, (but to the family it was an independent home)- and we intervened strongly on her behalf with the NI Housing Executive. On 10th November, four and a half weeks later, [redacted] was granted a legal separation from her husband and on 11 November, she was given the legal tenancy of her present address, [redacted] a vast improvement on [redacted] but requiring much renovation.

During all this time and up to the present time the Social Worker, Mrs Mura Sayers and the NSPCC Inspector, Hamilton Blane have given continuous support to the family - getting them grants for clothing and furniture and house repairs, loaning them a cooker and so on.

In addition there has been the very real and worrying factors of the behaviour difficulties of **SND 402** and **SND 403**

On three occasions there have been case conferences involving the NSPCC, the Social Workers and the EWOs and on one occasion, Mr Donaghy the Education Psychologist. The conclusions in each case were that, while recognising the disruptive influence of **SND 402** and to a certain extent the difficulties with **SND 403**- every effort should be made to establish this family in decent housing conditions in an effort to keep the family unit together and as an aid to the endeavour to do something about the behavioural problems referred to.

Unfortunately the housing rehabilitation has been a very slow process. **SND 402** is at this moment awaiting prosecution for non-attendance at school and I understand that he is also the subject of police enquiries.

Last week **SND 403** as you know was admitted to Altnagelvin Hospital following an overdose of tablets and we had: first to abandon any immediate thought of returning the children home from Termonbacca and second to consider whether we should let **SND 403** return home from hospital.

In considering this we had to take into consideration the two reports already referred to. The present position is that **SND 403** was discharged from hospital to the care of her mother on Thursday evening last 26 January. Before her discharge she was examined by Dr Kane, Psychiatrist, who cannot be present today but has given Mura here a verbal report.

Mura Sayers then gave the following report from Dr Kane:—

On Friday 27th January 1978 Miss Anderson SW Gransha Hospital contacted this Dept. at our request re **SND 403** Dr Kane, after long interviews at the out patients clinic on 26th January 1978 with **SND 403** and her mother, considers that at home with her mother is the best thing for the girl and not Termonbacca or any other residential establishment. As a result of this opinion **SND 403** was discharged from hospital on Thursday 26th January 1978.

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LONDONDERRY, LIMAVADY AND STRABANE DISTRICT

CASE REPORT

Name Family

Case Category

Address

DATE	CASE DETAILS – VISITS, REPORTS, ETC.
	<p>Called with [REDACTED] on the way back from Termonbacca. She seemed very upset and said she had been trying to contact me. [REDACTED] had been in [REDACTED] at the weekend looking for her. She had been out at the time but neighbours reported that he had been drunk and used abusive language. She was terrified in case he should come back. I arranged with her that I should contact the NSPCC in [REDACTED] and ask Mr. Blaney to call with her husband so that he might contact me or Mr. Blane if he decides to come to Derry again. [REDACTED] at this stage refuses point blank to see her husband again.</p>
15.3.78	<p style="text-align: right;"><u>A. Reid</u></p> <p>Took [REDACTED] SND 403 and [REDACTED] SND 405 to visit [REDACTED] SND 402 in St. Pats. Seems to have settled in okay. Discussed [REDACTED] SND 404 proposed visit to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] agreed that she should go.</p>
5.4.78	<p style="text-align: right;"><u>A. Reid</u></p> <p>BOARDED OUT VISIT: Saw children. [REDACTED] SND 404 had spent a few days with her aunt and uncle in [REDACTED] and enjoyed herself. The other two spent Easter at home and this also went quite smoothly. [REDACTED] SND 402 was at home for 3 days holidays and returned to St. Pats without any trouble. [REDACTED] was pleased with his apparent progress. He appeared in court on 4/4/78 on a charge of burglary and was returned to St. Pats – see court report.</p>
12.4.78	<p style="text-align: right;"><u>A. Reid</u></p> <p>Reviews in Termonbacca. Was agreed that children should be returned to the care of their mother as soon as possible – hopefully by next month. They are to start going home for weekends from Friday next.</p>
9.6.78	<p>Have visited the [REDACTED] family frequently over the past two months. The children have spent each weekend at home from 15/4/78 and are to be discharged from care today. I am still uncertain whether or not [REDACTED] will be able to cope with having the family at home with her on a permanent basis and at times she has seemed reluctant to take on the responsibility again. One of the reasons for this could be that she finds it very difficult to manage the financial running of the home. There has been some question of her falsely claiming Child Benefit last year when her children were in care and her Family Benefit has been stopped until investigations are made. Her payments from S.B.C. have also been very irregular recently but after consultation with D. Killen (SBC) a more suitable arrangement has now been agreed upon.</p> <p>[REDACTED] is also very apprehensive about the children's behaviour. She seems to have little control over [REDACTED] SND 403 and will need a great deal of support in the coming weeks, while the other three are being reintegrated into the home.</p> <p>[REDACTED] SND 403 for her part has not returned to school but now regularly attends the therapy sessions held by the Educational Psychologist in the Shantallow Resource Centre on Wednesday nights. This may have some influence on her attendance in the new academic year.</p>

WESTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDPERIODICAL REVIEW OF CHILD

District Londonderry.

Period 14/10/77 to 12/4/78

In Care of (Board) W.H.&S.S. Date received into care 20/6/77 complete
 Subject to supervision order (complete where applicable)) as
 Supervision order dated for years) applicable

Name of child **HIA 381** Religion R.C. Date of BirthCase No. Type of case Family statutory frequency of visitation.
Monthly

Boarded Out/Resident at H.O.P.:

St. Josephs Childrens Home Date of (8/11/77 6/12/77 5/1/78
 visits {
 Termouacca since { 8/2/78 7/5/78 13/3/78
 last {
 report {

Date of present placing 20/6/77 No. of times child seen 6

PARENTS' ADDRESSES:

Father

Mother

1. HEALTH:

Date of last Medical 25/2/78

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS. Description Satisfactory
 Date last seen

2. POCKET MONEY:

Does amount received by the)
 child conform to the scale of) Yes
 boarding out allowance?)
 Remarks

CLOTHING OUTFIT:

Is it kept up to standard? Yes
 Date last seen 13/3/78
 Remarks

3. HOME: (Standard of accommodation, cleanliness, and any change in circumstances in the conditions since last report)

Satisfactory

4. EDUCATION OR EMPLOYMENT:

Name, address and St. Johns Primary School
 type of school, or;
 Name, address and
 trade of employer
 Nature of child's employment
 Gross wage per week £

5. GENERAL REPORT ON CHILD'S ACTIVITIES, WELFARE, CONDUCT AND PROGRESS; REHABILITATION PROSPECTS, CONTACT WITH PARENTS AND SIBLINGS, PROGRESS AT HOME, FUTURE PLANS (AS APPROPRIATE)

Should an application for revocation of the order be initiated?

Date child last seen by (a) Mother .. 9/4/78 (b) Father .. March '78

See Report on

SND 404

Attended Res.

SND 404 **SND 381** **SND 382** was admitted to care because the family were homeless. Now that [redacted] has a house, and the S.W. has managed to obtain all the necessary furnishings it is possible for the children to return home. For sometime [redacted] was not visiting the children, now she is coming and it appears that with S.W. support she can meet the emotional and material needs of the children. The children should be discharged home in the next few weeks. The S.W. Mr. Blane N.S.P.C.C. SHOULD VISIT AND PREPARE [redacted] for their return.

WESTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

MEMORANDUM

From: A. Reid S.W.

To: Sue Nelis G.A.O.

Ref.: AR/GMcK

Date: 13.3.78

Re: HIA 382

o.b. [REDACTED]

Ref.: HIA 381

o.b. [REDACTED]

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I wish to apply for birthday money on behalf of the above named who are placed in St. Joseph's Termonbacca.

ATTRACTA REID

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