

RECORD OF EVENTS

51 Berallier Drive, CAMDEN SOUTH 2570

Resident Social Educator: Sita Kumar
Non Resident Social Educator: Michele Stapleton

Incident: Approximately 20th February 1992. It was reported to the Residential Co-ordinator by a member of the residential staff that this person had concerns about the level of cleanliness at the above named residence. Specific examples included dirty kitchen and floor areas, student's bedrooms untidy and in disarray, dirty linen on floors and in laundry.

Action: Residential Co-ordinator reported above to Principal. It was decided that the Co-ordinator would make a spot check at Berallier drive to ascertain the veracity of the allegations. This spot check was carried out on Monday 24th February 1992 in the absence of residential staff.

Residential Co-ordinator felt that there were areas for improvement but believed that perhaps the Resident Social Educator had misunderstood the function of the cleaner employed for two hours per week at Berallier. It was possible that the Resident assumed that the cleaner was supposed to do all household tasks.

At the meeting of the Residential Staff on February 27th, the Residential Co-ordinator reiterated and reinforced in a general way the duties of Residential Staff and specifically of the cleaner employed at Berallier and Arnold.

Incident: March 11th 1992, Residential Co-ordinator received a telephone message via Jane Strutt from the cleaner expressing continuing concerns about levels of cleanliness at Berallier.

Action: Residential Co-ordinator reported the above to the Principal and it was decided that an immediate spot check and interview with the Resident Social Educator should take place.

Residential Co-ordinator visited Berallier on that same day. Resident Social Educator was not at home. Co-ordinator noted that kitchen areas appeared reasonably clean and tidy. On touring the bedrooms she found that all contained baskets of dirty linen and old pillows were lying around on the floor.

One of the girl's bedrooms was particularly untidy, there was evidence of dirty dishes, dirty underwear, unmade beds etc. The laundry floor was covered with a great pile of soiled bed linen. Other areas of the house were generally tidy, but the place was obviously in need of a vacuum.

The above observations were reported to the Principal and the Co-ordinator arranged a meeting with the Resident to take place on March 12th following the Residential meeting. At this meeting the Co-ordinator explained to the Resident that she had visited the previous day and noted some areas of concern. The Resident was specifically asked to dispose of all old pillows and purchase a new cover for the ironing board.

Co-ordinator asked the Resident how often washing was done. Resident specified every second day. She was advised by the Co-ordinator that it must be done on a daily basis and that some of the students at Berallier were quite used to helping with this task. Co-ordinator advised the Resident to draw up rosters for all house hold tasks such as washing and dusting, vacuuming, room tidying etc.

Co-ordinator then asked the Resident to explain what sort of tasks she was asking the cleaner to do. Resident specified sweeping leaves and backyard, tidying pantry etc. Co-ordinator stated that these sorts of tasks were appropriate for the cleaner but not everyday household tasks which were the responsibility of the Residential staff and the students through their programme.

Meeting ended with the Co-ordinator asking the Resident to keep in touch regarding any problems encountered in the above area. At no time did the Co-ordinator imply that the discussions were the result of complaints received from another staff member. It should be noted here that Jane Strutt, Non-Resident Social Educator following her phone conversation with the cleaner in the Co-ordinators absence also expressed concerns regarding conditions at Berallier.

Incident: March 9th 1992. Administration Co-ordinator expressed concerns to the Residential Co-ordinator about the state of the Berallier Drive account book.

Action: Residential Co-ordinator advised Administration Co-ordinator that at the meeting on Thursday 12th March, she would conduct an exercise on the correct method of keeping the accounts and what was required generally. This was followed up and included visual aids. Copies of a properly completed account book were given to Staff for their future information.

March 16th 1992. Administration Co-ordinator reported to Principal that monthly accounts and statements from Berallier Drive were incomplete.

Residential Co-ordinator had explained correct procedure, both on her visit to Berallier on February 4th 1992 and on March 12th 1992.

Incident: March 1992. Teacher concern that students from the Berallier residence were displaying aberrant behaviour. This was reported to the Principal. Teachers observed that this could be due to lack of structure at the Residence and therefore the students were feeling insecure.

It should be noted here what the observations of the Residential Co-ordinator were during her spot checks were, particularly untidiness/uncleanliness student rooms.

Incident: March 17th 1992. Resident Social Educator from Berallier spoke to Jane Strutt late Monday afternoon about incident which occurred on Thursday 12th March. This incident was of a sexual nature and involved two of the Residents. See report filed by Resident with the Co-ordinator Wednesday 19th.

Action: Residential Co-ordinator upon arriving home and receiving the telephone message via. Jane Strutt rang the Resident Social Educator at Berallier at approximately 9:30pm Monday 17th March.

Resident reported that her daughter who lives at Berallier has been going to bed and noticed the girl's bedroom door open. She went to investigate and discovered a female student totally naked and a male student in the bedroom but fully dressed in his pyjamas.

Resident stated that she dealt with the incident the following day before the students left for school. As time was limited she did not feel that she had elucidated the full story from the students and decided to continue on Monday evening.

Co-ordinator asked why she hadn't been informed of the incident either on the Thursday night or the Friday morning. Co-ordinator did not feel reasons given were valid. She explained to the Resident that as it was now four days since the incident occurred it made the situation far more serious because parents had to be informed.

Co-ordinator asked the Resident to furnish a written report dated and signed as soon as possible. Tuesday March 17th, Residential Co-ordinator informed Principal of the above incident. Principal asked to be handed the report immediately when it came in, so that the process of informing parents etc. could be actioned.

Co-ordinator spoke to the two students involved, REDACTED and CIO . It was apparent from the little that was said by the students that an attempt at sexual intercourse had taken place. This was reported to the Principal.

Incident: Tuesday 17th March 1992. Upon arriving home the Residential Co-ordinator was advised by Jane Strutt that the Resident from Berallier had phoned to say that CIO had spoken to her mother regarding the incident.

Co-ordinator contacted the Principal and advised her of the above and that CIP was waiting for the Residential Co-ordinator to return home in order to ring up and find out what had happened.

Principal asked Co-ordinator to ring CIP inform her of the incident, the report and the procedures already in place. It was also decided to ask CIP if she required CIO to undergo a medical examination.

Co-ordinator phoned CIP and acquainted her with the details of the incident, she advised CIP that a team meeting with Mrs Dixon would be called to look at various options regarding placement of the students concerned to avoid any future incidents.

Co-ordinator assured CIP that a "one to one" personal development programme would be implemented as soon as possible with both students. When asked, CIP gave permission for CIO to be seen by Dr. Louis Whitton, Broughton Street CAMDEN, on Wednesday 19th February. An internal examination would be required.

Co-ordinator recontacted Principal and advised her of the above conversation. CIP stated that she would be attending the parent teacher night and could not manage another meeting this week. She asked that the doctor's report and the incident report be available at this time.

Wednesday 18th March 1992. Co-ordinator escorted CIO for her appointment with Dr Louis Whitton. She was present when an internal examination was conducted. Please see attached letter which indicated penile penetration.

Dr Whitton examined CIO for any signs of infection because of her heart condition. There was no evidence of such infection, vaginally or otherwise. CIO did not appear to be suffering any major physical trauma apart from the bruising and ruptured hymen as stated in the accompanying letter.

Incident: Wednesday 18th March 1992. Residential Co-ordinator received a phone call from CIP at approximately 10.40pm. CIP expressed concern about the conditions she found at Berallier Drive when she called round at 9.30pm to see CIO following a discussion with Mrs Sue Dixon.

CIP decided to remove CIO until her new residential placement at Arnold Avenue was to commence. She expressed concerns regarding the untidiness and lack of cleanliness in the student's bedrooms. Specific details mentioned included bad odour, dirty clothes lying around, CIO lunch leftovers from home still in the bedroom, general mess of clothes etc.

CIP was also concerned that the students were still up and not in bed and that the Social Educator had obviously been in her own room when she arrived and not attending to the children. Concern was expressed about the students receiving appropriate care and attention.

Particular concern was expressed regarding the difficulty in even packing CIO's bag. CIP stated that she had to sort through all the clothes in CIO's room plus in the laundry and all the other student's rooms before finding most of CIO's belongings.

Various articles of clothing appeared to be missing and CIP was particularly upset that out of a total of seven pairs of underpants only two could be found and both of these were dirty. CIP asked what the Resident was going to expect CIO to wear the following morning under these circumstances.

Action: Residential Co-ordinator contacted the Principal and advised her of the above telephone conversation. Principal will see the Resident after the meeting on Thursday 19th March as arranged and the Residential Co-ordinator will conduct a spot check at Berallier while all residential staff are at their weekly meeting.

Principal will also have a meeting with the Non-Resident Social Educator from Berallier to ascertain her degree of negligence in the above scenario.

The above documentation is considered to be a true and accurate account of the record of events as related by those concerned.

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