

STAFF MEETING HELD AT "THE LINDENS" 1st MAY 1979

Present:

NO-F31

NO-F49

I. Bennett
 G. Smedley
 J. Matthews
 P. McDonnell (Mrs)
 M. Denham
 K. Hallam (Mrs)

NO-F157

M. Newman
 P. Ceccarelli (Mrs)

1. NO-F31 joined the meeting to explain the background to the questionnaires on coloured children in Care which have been distributed among the staff at Beechwood. The questionnaires are to be returned to NO-F31 on completion. NO-F31 then retired from the meeting.

2. NO-F49 initiated a discussion on the envisaged 6 bed treatment unit at Lindens. It was stressed by all present that such a step would necessarily involve the acquisition of the top flat (presently occupied by the Emergency Duty Team). It was generally agreed that the proposed unit should aim at the 15-16 year old age group ie those boys who seem for one reason or another, to remain at Lindens for far too long whilst awaiting placement. The staff group recognised that the setting up of such a treatment unit would require them to adopt different roles and acquire new skills. This was welcomed as an added stimulus and challenge to the work already done at Lindens.

There was also some discussion concerning the role of the Education Unit in the new project but owing to the absence of Mr Hayes many of the points raised will have to be taken up at a later date.

Mrs Ceccarelli stated that she was fully in support of the envisaged treatment unit which would have two broad aims:-

- (a) To ensure that the selected boys have support to make a smooth transition from school to work.
- (b) To give working boys a secure base from which to find work and eventually take their place in the community.

Obviously this scheme will require careful planning and Mrs Ceccarelli suggested that perhaps a Working Party could be appointed to look further into this.

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3. It was agreed that certain boys were in dire need of some new clothes of their own. [Name Redacted] wife of NO-F49 and Mrs Hallam to take [Name Redacted] [Name Redacted] [Name Redacted] and [Name Redacted] shopping later this week,

4. The Staff Group agreed that boys in Care should be allowed out (as a general rule) one night a week. It is, however, not an automatic right and is still at the discretion of the senior on duty as to which boys are suitable to be allowed out and the time limits imposed.

5. Four new boys were allotted Primary Figures:--

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| [NO-A346] | - | Mrs Hallam |
| [Name Redacted] | - | Mr Denham |
| [NO-A147] | - | Mr Matthews |
| [NO-A32] | - | Mr Smedley |

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Senior R.S.W.