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**INTERMEDIATE
TREATMENT
THE LEWISHAM SCHEME**

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THE LEGAL BACKGROUND

Sections 1(3)(b) and 7(7)(b) of the Children & Young Persons Act, 1969, confer on the courts power to make Supervision Orders in respect of children aged under 17 who are found to be in need of care or control, or to be guilty of offences. A Supervision Order places the child under the supervision of a local authority or of a probation officer. Section 12(2) of the Act enables the court to include in a Supervision Order a requirement that the child shall comply with any directions given to him by his supervisor and requiring him:-

to live for a specified period at specified place

OR to report to a specified person

OR to take part in a specified activity at specified times and places

Section 19 of the Act places upon children's regional planning committees the duty of making arrangements for the provision of facilities to enable directions given by supervisors under section 12(2) to be carried out effectively. Children's regional planning committees are joint committees formed by groups of local authorities, set up under Part II of the 1969 Act. Each committee covers a planning area specified by the Secretary of State. Lewisham falls within the Children's Regional Planning Committee Area No. 8, which includes the 32 London Boroughs and the City of London. The arrangements which each committee makes in accordance with section 19 have to be set out in a scheme. Section 19(6) provides that a supervisor shall not give a direction under section 12(2) if it involves the use of facilities which are not included in a scheme under section 19 for the planning area in which the child or young person resides.

Section 19(5) of the Act provides that facilities may not be included in a scheme unless they are approved or of a kind approved by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State has approved a number of kinds of residential and other facilities and of activities, for the inclusion in schemes. He has laid down that these approvals are subject to the general requirement that each facility in a scheme must be provided by a responsible person or body specified in the scheme and that the child shall, at all times while he is acting in compliance with a direction under section 12(2), be under the charge and control of the supervisor or of some other responsible person.

THE SUPERVISOR

From 1 November 1973, juvenile courts in our area are empowered to insert an Intermediate Treatment requirement into a supervision order. The supervision order is seen as an alternative to custodial care for children in trouble and is usually regarded as an attempt to influence and modify the attitudes of the child and the family in the family setting. While in many cases this form of supervision has been

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successful, there is clearly a need to provide opportunities for the child's growth and development in an alternative setting, and this is especially true in cases in which factors in the family situations militate against the desired growth. Alternative positive experiences are also desirable for children who have had bad experiences in group situations such as the home, the school, and the neighbourhood peer group. Having stated this, it should be added that services mentioned in the pamphlet and the overwhelming majority of provision included in the regional plan is not suitable, not is it intended for the child who is heavily involved in serious delinquency or is deemed to be severely maladjusted. An intermediate treatment requirement is an adjunct to a supervision order and not a replacement for it. It is intended that it will make supervision more effective by extending the range of resources available to the supervisor. The D.H.S.S. booklet 'Intermediate Treatment' indicates that ideally a child's voluntary participation in a scheme of intermediate treatment should be sought and assumes that continued compulsory participation in any scheme is unlikely to effect beneficial results.

Thus the supervisor should:

1. Ascertain by contacting the persons named in this booklet or the I.T. Organiser, the availability if an appropriate placement.
2. In discussion with the child, ascertain (a) whether or not the child agrees in principle to participation in a scheme of intermediate treatment, and (b) which of the available alternative schemes the child wishes to be engaged in.
3. Arrange for the child to meet with the person responsible for the intermediate treatment scheme and agree subject to the decision of the courts on the appropriateness of the scheme for the child and the child for the scheme.
4. Include the recommendation for a supervision order with an intermediate treatment requirement in the report to the court.

Should the child fail to participate in the scheme, the supervisor may let the intermediate treatment requirement lapse, return to the Court to request that the requirement be removed from the supervision order, or request that the Order be varied. It will also be possible to apply to the court under section 15 of the act to have an intermediate treatment requirement added to an order. An intermediate treatment requirement added to an order. An intermediate treatment requirement in a supervision order can take two forms. The first is attendance at or participation in a facility based within the community. The second is residence at a specified place for a period not exceeding 90 days. The facilities in this pamphlet are those available

within the community. Details of residential facilities available to all London Boroughs are listed in the London Boroughs Regional Planning Committee Scheme for Intermediate Treatment, and information on them can be given by John Pitts, the Intermediate Treatment Organiser, at 4th Floor Eros House 698 6121 Ext. 225. An intermediate treatment requirement for participation or attendance within the community requires the child to attend for up to 30 sessions in any one year of supervision. Therefore, in a two-year period of supervision, a child might attend the same facility or two different facilities for separate sessions of 30 attendances. The 30 sessions limit is a protection for the child but should he wish to participate in the facility for a longer period, this will in most cases be possible, but must be discussed with the person responsible for the facility.

REFERRAL

On making an Intermediate Treatment referral it would be useful if the supervisor would fill in the small white I.T. referral slip and send it to John Pitts, Eros House. This will make it possible to check on the use being made of facilities and the total number of I.T. referral being made. Referral procedure for each of the schemes listed is given in this pamphlet but a guiding principle should be that one's first task is to ascertain the willingness in principle of the child and the availability of a potential placement before anything is set in motion.

ASSESSMENT

An assessment of an I.T. Placement would be useful in a number of ways. On one level it is hoped that the placement, by providing the child with developmental opportunities, will enable him to explore new behaviours, new ways of relating to groups and individuals, and opportunities to expand his competence, and hopefully confidence in social and practical situations. This kind of experience while revealing the potential strengths within the child will perhaps also highlight his needs and difficulties. Therefore as assessment of the child within the context of the I.T. placement can reveal areas where growth might take place and areas of difficulty which could be explored more fully by the supervisor with the child.

An assessment would also be useful in establishing the appropriateness of the facility to the child and his needs in the hope that it will be possible to refine referral procedure.

COST

Some of the schemes listed charge a fee. The fee can only be paid for the duration of the 30 attendance.

Total expenditure up to £100 on any one client may be authorised by the Area Team Co-ordinator and the fund may be drawn in the districts against expenditure codes as follows:-

Southern	647 578
South Western	647 579
Northern	647 580
Eastern	647 581
Central	647 582
Western	647 583

Projects in excess of £100 must be referred to the Principal Social Worker (Specialist Services).

The Probation Service may also draw on this fund and projects costing in excess of £80 will be subject to discussion between the Senior Probation Officer and Principal Social Worker (Specialist Services).

INTERMEDIATE TREATMENT PANEL

When our Intermediate Treatment scheme is in operation it will still be an exploratory exercise and experience gained should therefore inform the future development of the scheme. This can only happen if practitioners providing I.T. placements and Social Workers referring children to them come together to pool experience and try to find ways in which opportunities for children referred can be improved and expanded.

It is therefore intended to create a panel made up of practitioners and representatives of district offices, to which a Probation Service representative will also be invited. Initially such a panel would probably be concerned only with the mechanics of the scheme, ironing out problems such as referral, consultation, assessment and information sharing. A more important task to which this group might eventually address itself is the development of projects both existing and new and thus the group would inform the I.T. Organiser of problems and needs which might be met within the context of I.T.

The representatives from the districts would collect information from colleagues to bring to the group and take the deliberations and proposals of the group back to the districts. This would enable a flow of information to take place but would also give social workers in the field an opportunity to influence the shape of I.T. provision.

John Pitts

THE ALBANY SCHEME THE ALBANY, CREEK ROAD, DEPTFORD

The Scheme is open to children aged 10–16 years living within easy travelling distance of the Albany. So far the scheme has operated for boys only but it is hoped to develop work with girls if the demand is sufficient. Participants are referred by social workers to weekly groups (Max. 8 participants) and it is intended that these groups will have objectives related to the needs of the children referred. The scheme which uses social group work method attempts to create situations in which the method attempts to create situations in which the children can take control and responsibility for the programme, decision-making and limit-setting within the group and thus the worker attempts to move from a central to a peripheral position in relation to the group. In the past such groups have enabled children to speak fairly freely about their difficulties and frustrations and this has been shared with other participants many of whom have similar difficulties. The scheme aims to give the participant an experience in the use of his own control and authority, and opportunity to try out new activities and new behaviour in a secure setting. Since the processes outlined frequently occur over a long period the groups are ongoing with some participants leaving when they wish to and others joining. Participation in the groups is voluntary.

Children who seem to have gained most from the experience have been those who have found survival in peer, family and school groups particularly problematic. The child who acts out in an extreme way has tended to be too disruptive in this setting and such behaviour over a long period has tended to drive other children away. The child who is heavily committed to the neighbourhood peer group—particularly if this group acts as a vehicle for persistent delinquency has tended not to come to group sessions but it might be worth attempting such a referral.

It is envisaged that three groups will be running at any one time but another group run by students from Goldsmiths College provides further opportunities in a larger group. Thus at any one time somewhere in the region of 35 children would be involved in the scheme.

Initiative for activity is as far as possible drawn from participants and activities so far have included Youth hostelling, Dry Sking, Rowing, Horseriding, letter writing, eating chips, cooking, helping at a concert for the physically handicapped, football, visits to exhibitions, a day trip to Southend.

PERSON TO CONTACT

John Pitts—Social Services Department, Eros House, (4th Floor) 698 6121
Ext. 225

REFERRAL PROCEDURE

1. Supervisors contact John Pitts to discuss suitability

- of referral and availability of places.
2. Arrange for them to meet with the child referred, to ascertain his willingness to participate or otherwise.
 3. Provide a paragraph outlining reasons for referral e.g. 'Withdrawn at home does not seem to have any regular friends and runs out of school when people are nasty to him'.

ASSESSMENT

Each group session is recorded and at regular intervals a review record is circulated to referring social workers outlining the development or otherwise which seems to have occurred. It is hoped that informal contact will be maintained with referring supervisors but a regular meeting between them and the group workers is regarded as essential and at such meetings the review record would be discussed. It is also envisaged that a meeting between the supervisor and the group worker will occur at the termination of the Intermediate Treatment requirement i.e. at the end of the 30 sessions.

THE BASEMENT CLUB

THE ALBANY CREEK ROAD, DEPTFORD, SE8

The Basement Club is an experimental project with children aged 7-15 years who experience problems in schools and live within walking distance of the Albany. The club has within it children who refuse to attend school, truants, children who present behaviour problems to their teachers, and other children who, while attending school regularly, are so anxious and distracted by the home situation that they are unable to learn.

The Club runs between 4.00 and 6.30 pm on four evenings a week with a maximum of 15 children, it is staffed by a teacher and a youth worker. It aims to give a second chance to slow learners and through creative activity attempts to lay the foundation for the acquisition of basic learning skills. Learning at a social level is seen to be of equal importance and the groups which come together around activities are encouraged to participate in planning the programme, maintaining the club room, and having a say in how money is spent.

PERSON TO CONTACT

Brenda Moore—The Albany, Creek Road

692 0231

REFERRAL PROCEDURE

Supervisors should contact Brenda to discuss the referral. If the referral seems appropriate Brenda will arrange to meet with the child and ascertain his willingness to attend—since attendance is voluntary.

ASSESSMENT

A diary is kept of all the children in the group and Brenda will produce a report on request at the end of the I.T. requirement.

COST

It is envisaged that any child attending the club will be free to continue for as long as he wishes. For the purpose of I.T. however fees will only be paid for the first 30 sessions of £37.50.

FORSYD YOUTH CLUB

THE CRYPT, ST. BARTHOLOMEWS CHURCH, WESTWOOD HILL SE26

The Forsyd club is sponsored by the Sydenham United Free Church and operates under voluntary and part-time leadership from its clubrooms in the Crypt of St. Bartholomews Church. The Tuesday Club run by Ken Patterson operates between 7.45 and 10.00 pm for boys and girls aged between 12-17 years. Facilities include a coffee bar, dancing, table tennis, snooker and indoor football. A quiet room for reading and relaxing in is currently being constructed. There is a membership of 50 young people many of whom come from the locality but some come from as far as Peckham and Honor Oak. An entrance fee of 10p is charged but refreshments are free.

Many of the Tuesday Club members attend the Sydenham Venturers Club on Wednesdays in The Crypt. This club run by Ray Bailey and two assistants, acts as a meeting place and base from which other activities throughout the week are organised. These activities are geared to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and include canoeing and canoe building, camping and map reading, skating and lifesaving. One of their current projects is the construction of a hovercraft. Members of the Venturers also run a successful children's play scheme in August 1973. 25 members are engaged in the award scheme but other members are free to join in any of the activities.

The aims of the clubs are to provide a social/recreational setting in which members can participate in a range of activities and join the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme if they so wish. Past experience has indicated that some members from problematic home situations have used the youth workers in a counselling and befriending capacity and the workers attempt to encourage this.

PERSON TO CONTACT

Ken Patterson

REFERRAL PROCEDURES

The supervisor should contact Ken Patterson to ascertain the suitability of a Placement

and then arrange for the child to meet him on a club night. There is no limit on the total number of referrals but new members are phased in so that only one referral could be accepted every month.

ASSESSMENT

A written assessment of the placement can be produced on request from Ken Patterson.

COST

The subscription is 10p per session on Tuesday nights and 7½p per session on Wednesday nights.

LEWISHAM BOYS CLUB 1 HORTON STREET, LEWISHAM, SE13

The club attempts to meet the social and recreational needs of individuals and groups, and help them to develop their potential in terms of social relationships and activities undertaken.

The club is housed in purpose-built premises in Horton Street, Lewisham. Activities include weight-lifting, table-tennis, football and volley ball. There is a coffee bar and discotheque area. There are a variety of table games available to members and although this is a boys club, Friday night is a mixed night. The club also runs a Junior Leaders Training Scheme for its older members, which include weekends away. The club has an average nightly attendance of 42 members, and is open five nights a week. On two of these nights a junior club for under twelves also operates. On an average night six staff members and two junior leaders are present at the club.

It is felt that Lewisham Boys Club will be able to provide facilities for Intermediate Treatment in two ways, one of which will be implemented on 1st November and will take the form of a referral by the Supervisor to the youth worker, who will present the child concerned with the opportunity to join the club. The other, which might well evolve at a later stage, could take the form of a club, probably on Sunday nights for boys referred by supervisors which would be staffed by a principal part-time youth worker and three junior leaders, club members of 19/20 years currently undergoing training for part-time youth work. This would be a comparatively sheltered setting enabling close relationships to be established between children and junior leaders whom they could then contact on normal club nights, this group would act as a kind of introduction and bridge to the club proper.

PERSON TO CONTACT

Tim Wakely

852 5347

REFERRAL PROCEDURE

Children referred should live within the area bordered by — Brockley Road, the A2 Burnt Ash Hill, Bellingham Road, Bromley Road and Ravensbourne Park.

They should be boys aged 10-17 years. Initially only 3 referrals for I.T. will be accepted. The Youth worker reserves the right to terminate the child's participation if it is not seen to be functional for the child's need but this would always be done in consultation with the supervisor.

A referral to the club should take the following form.

The Youth Worker and supervisor should meet to ascertain whether the child is suitable. The supervisors should then complete a brief Intermediate Treatment Referral sheet which would give the following information:

Name, address and date of birth, the reason for referral (i.e. offence, behaviour, etc.), an outline of the home situation, and outline of school situation, the needs to be met by referral, and any unusual behaviour traits.

The referred child would then meet the Youth Worker and his acceptance or otherwise would be ascertained and a starting date established.

It is possible that existing Club members who are put on supervision might be encouraged to use the youth worker in the role of responsible person as outlined in the D.H.S.S. booklet.

ASSESSMENT

The Youth Worker in consultation with his staff will undertake ongoing recording of the child's participations in the club activities and it would be useful, it was felt if the Youth Worker could meet with referring Supervisors once a month to present review records of the children concerned.

It is hoped that such meetings will include all the referring supervisors.

LEWISHAM WAY CENTRE PROJECT 138 LEWISHAM WAY, NEW CROSS SE14

(not yet approved. Please check with John Pitts Before using)

The Lewisham Way Centre evolved out of the findings of the detached Youth Workers of the New Cross Project. Mervin Henry, Director of the centre, during his time as a detached worker has made extensive contacts with West Indian and English young people in the New Cross Area. Much of his time was spent in group counselling

with young people (and their parents) who were in trouble with the Police, having difficulty at home, at school or at work, and were not availing themselves of the existing services for recreation and social work help.

The Lewisham Way Centre is a walk-in counselling service, staffed by volunteers under the supervision of the Director, established to meet the needs of young people aged 14-21 years, who would previously have had nowhere to turn in times of personal crises. While in some cases the young people will be referred on to more appropriate agencies, it is visualised that the majority of callers will be encouraged to become involved in group or individual counselling which will go on within the building. It is felt that a relaxed environment with a coffee bar and recreation area in the basement is an appropriate setting for these young people, many of whom feel alienated from statutory services, to seek help with their problems.

Since it is envisaged that a large proportion of users will be West Indian, and that many of these young people will have difficulties related to problems of finding appropriate identity within the English community, a reading room/lounge providing West Indian papers and periodicals, plus careers pamphlets etc. is provided.

PERSON TO CONTACT

Mr. Mervyn Henry

692 1190

REFERRAL PROCEDURE

For the purpose of Intermediate Treatment only children and young people aged 14+ who are the subjects of a supervision order with an intermediate treatment requirement should be referred.

It is hoped that a supervisor will make contact with Mr. Henry, the Director, prior to the child's appearance in court in order that the suitability of the potential participant to the centre, and vice versa, can be ascertained. The supervisor would then present the possibility of participation at the centre to the court when making a recommendation. The centre will take a maximum of five intermediate treatment referrals at any one time at a fee of £1 per participant per session. Since it is hoped that the participant will retain the contact with the centre for a longer period than the 30 statutory attendances the maximum amount payable for any referral will be £30.

The director will keep records of the participants and would wish to be involved in the assessment of the participant undertaken by the supervisor and would like information about young people referred at the time of referral. This information should cover the following points. What activities and leisure time pursuits interest the young people, who are the parents, where are they and are there any difficulties in this area, which school is attended, what is the young person's employment situation, what are the young person's ambitions, how long has the young person been in this country.

ASSESSMENT

Some of the areas the Director and his staff will look at in making an assessment are how readily the young person settles in, whether he values the involvement, what role he assumes within the group, what growth has occurred in his ability to relate to groups and adults and how he uses the workers.

At the present time the centre is offering in addition to the counselling and coffee bar the following activities;

Dance-drama	Outings
Football	Camping
Netball	Library/reading room
Basket Ball	Discotheques
Films	

Other groups associated with and based at the centre are:-

Teachers Advisory Centre (educational advice to parents)
Caribbean Women's Progressive Cultural Association
The Oasis Sports club
Legal Advice Service.

The centre is not at present included in the Regional Scheme but it is hoped that it will be included shortly.

NOAH'S ARK CHILDRENS VENTURE WATERGATE STREET, DEPTFORD SE8

Noah's Ark Children's Venture is based in Deptford on an Adventure Playground which offers creative play and arts and craft opportunities. The playground is open throughout the year with a staff of three. The Venture has acquired a house in Macaroni Park, Eastleach, Glos., which is currently being renovated and when completed will offer accommodation for 40 with swimming, cycling, climbing and canoeing. This centre can be used during weekends and school holidays and may be used for extensive periods for children with special needs. The Venture is also negotiating for a Nissen Hut in the New Forest which will be suitable for children whose behaviour prevents them from using the more sophisticated premises in the Cotswolds.

The Venture attempts to establish relationships of trust with children so that workers and children can co-operate in achieving aims expressed by the children. The Venture is open to children of any age although for the purpose of Intermediate treatment initially only three children of 10+ from Lewisham or Greenwich should be referred.

Children referred to the Venture for Intermediate Treatment will be contacted by a

staff member who will retain the contact throughout the period of attendance, note the attendances and keep a diary of the child's progress during participation in the activities of the Venture.

PERSON TO CONTACT

Hugh Maloney

858 8796 (home)
691 1310 (Work)

REFERRAL PROCEDURE

Supervisors should contact Hugh to ascertain suitability of child and availability of a place. This will be followed by a meeting between Hugh and the child to ascertain mutual agreement to participation and a starting date.

ASSESSMENT

It is envisaged that Hugh will keep contact with the supervisor and engage in the final assessment using material gleaned from the diary.

COST

£1 per session for 30 sessions but child may continue his participation beyond the 30 sessions.

THE RAINER CENTRE (Evening Centre)
89 BLACKHEATH HILL SE10

The evening centre is designed to assist boys in their last two years at school (though exceptionally younger boys may be accepted) whose lack of success is contributing to a sense of failure and frustration which exposes them to the risk of compensatory offences.

The centre opens on four evenings a week between 6.30 and 9.30 pm and features a well equipped teaching room, a recreational area and a coffee bar. It provides:-

- (1) A programme of remedial tuition in the basic subjects mainly reading.
- (2) A programme of physical education based on the trampoline, but including other skills which help to restore self confidence and a sense of achievement.

Boys can be referred to one or both of these activities; in any one week the centre runs two remedial tuition groups of 8 boys, each group meeting on two evenings, and three groups of 8 boys for physical recreations. Activities at weekends and school holidays will be incorporated as an integral part of the programme.

The objectives is to enable boys to revive interest in the normal school curriculum and participate in the normal recreational activities provided in the neighbourhood.

PERSON TO CONTACT

Mr. S. Armstrong

691 0316

REFERRAL PROCEDURE

The main referral agencies are the Greenwich and Lewisham Departments of Social Services, the ILEA Education Welfare Services, the Inner London Probation Service; in addition many boys refer themselves.

There is a minimum of procedure for referrals. The Centre may benefit a wider range of boys that the programme might indicate. You should therefore contact Mr. S. Armstrong at the Centre with enquiries on individual cases. The project is being evaluated and referring agencies will be asked to complete a standardised application form and co-operate in a simple follow up procedure.

ASSESSMENT

Close consultation between the centre and the referring social worker is expected during the period of the boy's attendance. In addition, Centre staff will record individual boys' progress and a written report will be available when a boy ceases to attend or at time by request.

HOLIDAY PLAYScheme FOR DEAF AND PARTIALLY HEARING CHILDREN
AND THEIR BROTHER AND SISTERS, SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT,
EROS HOUSE, BROWN HILL ROAD, SE6

The playscheme which caters for approximately 40 children during the Easter and summer school holidays has, in the past been based on the Ladywell Children's Nursery. The scheme operates on three days a week for children aged 3-11 years and on two days a week for the 12-16 years group. The juniors engage in a range of play activity including sports, crafts and literacy while the other group have a more structural educational programme in the mornings, with activities, by the group, in the afternoon which have included visits to a police station and a factory. This group is run by a part-time social worker and a welfare assistant.

The scheme is organised by Mrs. Ruth Cook and staffed by volunteers some of whom are the brothers and sisters of deaf children.

It would seem that while a number of deaf adolescents may well be engaged in delinquency they are unlikely to come before the courts. Thus it is unlikely that

many deaf children would be referred to the scheme as a result of supervision order with an intermediate treatment requirement. However, should a social worker come into contact with deaf or partially hearing children experiencing difficulties in the areas of communication and/or deviancy or emotional disturbance they could well make a referral to the scheme.

For the purpose of Intermediate Treatment it is envisaged that an opportunity would be offered to two young people aged 14+ who are subjects of a supervision order with an intermediate treatment requirement to act as helpers with the scheme. They would be expected to help with the activities which would require them to be fairly inventive and enthusiastic in their dealings with the children.

This is seen as an opportunity for a young person to take responsibility, demonstrate care and become involved in meeting the needs of other people. Should the placement be successful it is possible that the young person, should he wish to be involved a second time, could receive payment as an official helper.

PERSON TO CONTACT

Ruth Cook, Social Worker for the Deaf

698 6121

REFERRAL PROCEDURE

Supervisor should ascertain from Ruth Cook the availability of a placement and having ascertained the willingness of the young person arrange the starting date with her.

ASSESSMENT

Ruth Cook is willing to supply written observations on request.

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