

Chronology

Conor Feanie (18.03.97)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Incident</i>	<i>Source</i>
Late 1996/early 1997	Conor's mother Senga Wilkie is assaulted by his father Graham Feanie on several occasions during her pregnancy. These incidents are not reported to the Police. Senga Wilkie also drinks alcohol to excess on numerous occasions during the pregnancy.	Senga Wilkie self-report.
18.03.97	Conor is born several weeks premature at the Royal Infirmary and remains in the Special Care Baby Unit for 10 days prior to discharge into the care of his parents.	Health records.
01.05.01	Several nursery staff raise concerns about Conor's volatile behaviour towards his peers which includes unprovoked biting, punching and stealing of their food.	Nursery records.
10.09.01	Conor's persistent use of inappropriate sexualised language at nursery is noted with concern. Coupled with ongoing issues as regards his general behaviour, a referral is made to the Social Work Department. An Inter-Agency Referral Discussion (IRD) takes place between Police, Health and Social Work at which a Single Agency (Social Work) response is agreed. An Early Intervention Worker is allocated to work with Conor and his parents in relation to the identified concerns.	SW records.
August 2002	Having entered P1 at Primary School, Conor struggles to settle in and to form friendships with his classmates. His P1 teacher also notes in his first school report that Conor is " <i>hyperactive and on the go all the time</i> ".	Education records.
08.12.02	Graham Feanie is arrested in connection with the murder of his brother-in-law Thomas Wilkie who dies following an altercation outside Conor's home in the early hours of the morning. Conor is understood to have witnessed some of the incident from his bedroom window.	Police records.
09.12.02	Conor misses the remainder of the school term prior to the Christmas break in the aftermath of both his uncle's murder and his father's arrest. His father is remanded in custody. A referral is also made to the Children's Reporter by Conor's Early Intervention Worker owing to the escalation of assessed risks and needs.	SW records. Education records.
29.01.03	At a Children's Hearing, Conor is made subject to compulsory measures of supervision. A social worker from the local Children and Families Team becomes his newly allocated worker.	SW Records. SCRA records.
February 2003	Conor and his mother are offered bereavement counselling sessions but Senga Wilkie indicates that neither she nor her son require such a service.	SW records.
March 2003	Conor asks his social worker when he can see his father in prison as he has had no contact with him since his arrest. Senga Wilkie is vehemently opposed to any form of contact taking place and no progress is made in relation to this matter.	SW records.
June 2003	Graham Feanie is sentenced to life imprisonment in connection with the murder of his brother-in-law.	SW records. COPFS records.

August 2003 – December 2003	Conor commences P2 and his behaviour remains problematic. His P2 Teacher is also concerned about his academic attainment as Conor is struggling to reach key academic milestones. Furthermore Conor starts arriving at school late several days a week and Senga Wilkie's low affect and dishevelled presentation when dropping Conor off and collecting him from school are noted with concern.	Education records.
January 2004	A referral is made to Educational Psychology in order for Conor's educational needs to be assessed more thoroughly.	Psychological Service records.
29.01.04	Conor's Supervision Requirement is reviewed. Panel Members concur with his social worker's assessment that compulsory measures of supervision remain necessary.	SW records. SCRA records.
06.02.04	An anonymous call is received from a member of the public who professes to be a neighbour of Conor and Senga Wilkie. The caller reports that she has noted large numbers of empty bottles of wine accumulating in the stairwell outside Conor's flat and she believes that Senga Wilkie may be drinking to excess. The caller also states that she bumped into Senga Wilkie and Conor in the stairwell the previous evening and felt that her speech was slurred and that she may have been intoxicated.	SW records.
07.02.04	Conor's social worker seeks to address with Senga Wilkie the concerns raised by the anonymous caller about her alleged drinking but is unable to make contact with her by telephone. Visits to the property are also unsuccessful.	SW records.
09.02.04	Conor is accommodated with his maternal grandparents on an emergency basis following Senga Wilkie's involuntary detention on mental health grounds at the Psychiatric Hospital in the aftermath of what appears to be an acute deterioration in her mental well-being. Police had responded to a 999 call to Senga Wilkie's address after she was observed standing in the back garden in a state of undress and shouting incoherently. Conor had been at home at the time of the incident.	Police records. SW records.
10.02.04	Agnes and Bob Wilkie (maternal grandparents) confirm that they are happy to look after Conor on a temporary basis while Senga Wilkie receives the support and care she requires. Conor confirms that he is happy to stay with them. They already care for Conor's younger female cousin Shannon Wilkie who has lived with them since the death of her father Thomas Wilkie. A Children's Hearing is called at which Conor's place of residence is changed to reflect his temporarily modified living arrangements.	SW records.
March 2004	Following liaison between the school Educational Psychologist and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), Conor is diagnosed with Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). He is also assessed as having significant additional learning needs with an IQ of 79. A combination of behaviour management strategies and medication is agreed in response to the diagnosis.	Psychological Service records Health records.
April 2004	Senga Wilkie returns to the community with a package of support after her mood stabilises with treatment. She receives support from a Community Psychiatric Nurse (CPN). By mutual consent, it	SW records.

	is agreed that Conor will remain with his maternal grandparents until the end of the year while Senga Wilkie regains her confidence following the distressing episode that led to her involuntary detention. She will see Conor on a daily basis throughout this period.	
May 2004	Conor's P2 Teacher passes on concerns to his social worker about Conor's persistent use of sexualised language and increasingly inappropriate sexualised behaviour towards other school pupils. This includes an incident in which Conor is reported to have been found hiding in the female toilets and trying to force his way into toilet cubicles while they are in use. In a subsequent IRD it is agreed that these concerns should continue to be monitored closely by his allocated social worker and that a Single Agency response remains appropriate.	SW records. Education records.
August 2004	Conor enters P3.	Education records.
January 2005	Graham Feanie's social worker contacts Conor's social worker to request that arrangements be made for Conor to visit his father. As part of the Integrated Case Management (ICM) process, Graham Feanie has identified the re-establishment of contact with his son as a priority. Senga Wilkie continues to refuse any such contact but Conor indicates that he would like to see his father. No visit is arranged.	SW records.
February 2005	Conor returns to the care of his mother on a full-time basis.	SW records.
March 2005 – January 2006	Improvements are noted in Conor's behaviour at school and it is believed that this relates in part to his ADHD medication regimen being followed closely. He makes the transition into P4 relatively smoothly. Senga Wilkie also seems to be coping better thanks to the support that she is receiving from her CPN. Conor continues to have close contact with his maternal grandparents and his cousin throughout this period.	SW records.
February 2006	At a Children's Hearing the view of Panel Members is that Conor no longer requires compulsory measures of supervision. His social worker confirms that she will make arrangements to cease involvement through a phased withdrawal over the following three months.	SW records. SCRA records.
April 2006	Graham Feanie commits suicide in HMP Edinburgh. A suicide note is left in which he states that lack of contact with his son had become unbearable. Details of the suicide are passed to Conor's social worker who is on the cusp of closing the case. Senga Wilkie informs Conor of his father's death but makes it clear that neither she nor Conor will attend the funeral.	SW records.
May 2006	Senga Wilkie indicates her intention to relocate to Newcastle with Conor. She believes that they need a "fresh start" and reports that one of her friends from school owns a hair salon in Newcastle and has offered her a traineeship. She confirms that she will move at the end of the summer term and Conor will commence P5 in a new school in Leeds.	SW records.
June 2006 – July 2011	Records for the period during which Senga Wilkie and Conor resided in Newcastle are limited. More information is being sought at the time of writing to establish what level of contact if	Conor self-report

any Conor and his mother had with social services. Conor reports that he and his mother resided in multiple addresses during this period and that she had a plethora of short-term relationships with a variety of men, several of whom were "*well known to the Police*". Conor states that his school attendance by the end of P7 had become poor and that he would truant regularly. He also stated that he was excluded on several occasions, mainly for fighting with other pupils in the playground. He recalls having contact with various health and social work professionals in relation both to his ADHD and his behaviour. However he indicated that he missed numerous appointments with them as they were "*too nose*".

On moving to high school, Conor acknowledges that he tended to associate with other young people who got in trouble and he started to experiment with alcohol and cannabis. He recalls being arrested for the first time around the age of 11 when he and several of his friends set fire to a wheelie bin in a residential area and were apprehended near the scene. Meanwhile he was excluded permanently from high school in April 2011 after starting a fire in the male toilet block which ultimately caused thousands of pounds worth of damage and led to three individuals being hospitalised due to smoke inhalation. Although there was insufficient evidence to press charges in this instance and Conor reports that he denied the offence at the time the school felt that his behaviour could not be managed safely in the mainstream environment. He reports he was receiving support from an Outreach Teacher for 3 hours per week from April 2011 onwards while a more appropriate alternative education placement was being identified.

Conor also states that his various addresses were often the site of parties hosted by his mother. Conor recalls that many people would attend these parties and that abuse of illegal substances was prevalent. Additionally he reports at one of these parties when he was approximately 13 he had sexual intercourse with one of his mother's female friends when he was heavily intoxicated. He states that he had little sense of what was happening and has a hazy recollection of the incident. He believes that this was the first occasion when he took valium.

As regards their return to Scotland, Conor reports that his mother had entered into a relationship with a violent male whose volatile behaviour had become extreme to the point where she feared for her safety. Conor states that he used to feel protective towards his mother when she was the victim of violence but that he now feels angry towards her as she keeps "*picking the wrong guys*".

On returning to Edinburgh, Conor and his mother move in to emergency homeless accommodation.

August 2011 – June 2012	Conor enrolls in S3 at High School. From the outset his attendance is poor and when in school his application and attitude give cause for concern. Staff at the High School endeavour to put in place a wide range of resources to support him in order to make the new placement successful. His compliance with his ADHD medication regimen has become sporadic. Conor is also re-referred to Educational Psychology for an updated assessment which is outstanding at the end of the summer term owing to waiting list pressures.	Education records.
June 2012	Senga Wilkie is offered permanent accommodation by the local authority for her and Conor.	Housing records.
June – August 2012	During the summer months, Conor claims that he has been spending the majority of his days at home playing on his Playstation during the day or just “ <i>hangin’ around in town</i> ”. In the evening he was in the habit of meeting up with some other vulnerable young people who reside in a local Young Person’s Centre nearby. However, he found that they were making fun of him constantly because of his accent. This led to a confrontation with several young people in early August 2012. He reports that he punched a female peer in the face because she kept calling him names. This in turn led to retribution being exacted by the female’s boyfriend and his associates. In what appears to have been a serious assault that was not reported to the Police, Conor claims that he was knocked out and the last thing he recalls was someone about to “ <i>stomp</i> ” on his head. He remembers waking up in the Accident and Emergency Department but noted that he is scared of hospitals and he duly self-discharged without further medical investigation/treatment.	Conor self-report
September 2012	Shannon Wilkie is accommodated on an emergency basis with foster carers after a Police Operation leads to the arrest of Bob Wilkie. Bob Wilkie is alleged to have been involved in the distribution of illegal images of young people online. On confiscation of his computer a multitude of illegal images is uncovered, many at the upper end of the COPINE scale.	Police records. SW records.
November 2012	Shannon Wilkie discloses to her foster carers that she was the victim of sexual abuse perpetrated by her father Thomas Wilkie prior to his murder and subsequently by her grandfather Bob Wilkie on being accommodated with her paternal grandparents.	SW records.
02.12.12	INDEX OFFENCE - See Overview Document.	
03.12.12	Conor is arrested and charged with attempted murder.	Police records.
04.12.12	Conor appears in Edinburgh Sheriff Court and is released subject to strict supervised bail conditions following a plea from his solicitor that the Court take into account his vulnerability. He is bailed to his home address.	COPFS records.
May 2013	Following discussion between the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) and the defence a reduced charge of assault to severe injury, permanent disfigurement and danger of life is negotiated.	T/C to solicitor.
October 2013	Conor appears in the High Court and is formally charged having indicated his intention to plead guilty at the earliest opportunity. Sentencing is deferred for four weeks to enable preparation of a	Social work records.

	Criminal Justice Social Work Report (CJSWR).	
November 2013	SENTENCING	

Key family members (and relationship to Conor)

Conor Feanie *Subject*
Graham Feanie *Father*
Senga Wilkie *Mother*
Thomas Wilkie *Uncle*
Agnes Wilkie *Maternal grandmother*
Bob Wilkie *Maternal grandfather*
Shannon Wilkie *Cousin*