

Group Home Clos des Sables -

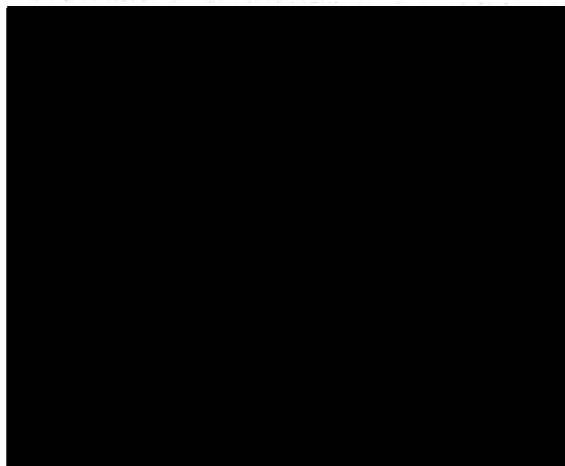
[REDACTED]. Hughes.

The Group Home Clos des Sables was one of five Group Homes established during the 1960's to provide a family model of care for small groups of children. The Group Home Clos des Sables was established in 1964 when Mr. [REDACTED] Hughes were appointed as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had previously fostered for the Department for a period, I believe, of two years.

[REDACTED] of the Group Homes upon appointment were responsible through the Children's Officer to the Education Committee for the house and a 'family' of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] children of varying ages, some of which were natural brothers and sisters. The [REDACTED] was an employee of the Education Committee and was expected to run the Home and be the primary carer of the children. The [REDACTED] was expected to follow [REDACTED] own employment but in return for [REDACTED] share of the responsibility of running the Home [REDACTED] was given [REDACTED] full keep. Originally there was one Relief [REDACTED] who helped with the domestic work and relieved the [REDACTED] for a day or two half days each week.

This was the situation upon [REDACTED] Hughes' appointment. Under these terms and conditions [REDACTED] would have moved into 108 Clos des Sables together with their [REDACTED] children; [REDACTED]. The details of the children who were resident there have already been forwarded to you and from that you will see that originally the family group was built up around members of a large family by the name of [REDACTED]

The Home operated in the manner described above for approximately the next 20 years. More recently there were several operational changes to the Home, of note:- In 1984 the staff complement was increased to three which meant that the [REDACTED] spent less time in the Home. In 1984, following the appointment of a third member of staff, [REDACTED] Hughes spent at least two days a week out of the Group Home living in a property they owned on the same estate. During [REDACTED] absence one or other of the Relief Staff would sleep in. During the period August, 1988 to February 1989, [REDACTED] has been absent from work [REDACTED] having a [REDACTED]. During this period of time Mr. Hughes covered for some of the staff shortages experienced by the Home although an additional member of staff was taken on during that time. Details of staff complement are as follows:-




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In recent years the numbers of children cared for at the Home on average were reduced from up to [REDACTED] with at times only [REDACTED] children being resident in the Home.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A.J. Skinner", is written over a yellow horizontal highlight.

A.J. Skinner,  
Children's Officer.