

Department of Health

File No. [redacted]

Date May 9, 1969.

MEMORANDUM TO

Miss [redacted]  
[redacted]

FROM

[redacted]  
Social Services, O.H.S. Orillia.

RE [redacted]

Thank you for forwarding the recent information regarding [redacted]. Her family consists of parents, half-siblings [redacted] and [redacted] and a full sister [redacted]. [redacted] has been at [redacted] school. Recent information on them is lacking and we can't say that everyone is "bad". [redacted] did get into trouble when she was home early this year - and her home does not seem to afford the supervision and guidance she needs.

Since she is now "certified" - for her own protection - we have the legal power to keep her from home and family. As far as we know, any member of her family might lead her back to her home, which is unfavourable. I suggest that she visit only on the ward with her family, and this restriction is supported by law as long as her certification is continued. The hospital school can say whom she may and may not visit.

[redacted] was admitted under certificate as an involuntary patient and Dr. [redacted] felt justified in issuing a certificate of renewal in March, after one month. If your doctor feels that certification is important to protect [redacted] he should sign another certificate of renewal by May 25, 1969. My opinion is that the certification and protection is justified.

Regarding [redacted] letter to her brother [redacted] it seems as if she might be more interested in him than he is in her. As long as [redacted] is certified, such a letter is not dangerous. Her brother could do as she asks and come to get her in order to take her home. However, we can tell him that we do not allow this, if he arrives.

It seems better to prevent [redacted] from going out with her family (since we are protected by law) than to let her go out with them again for a repeat performance which might have even worse consequences. Reading between the lines of her letter, it seems that [redacted] is enjoying [redacted].

I think that she may understand that we are keeping her from her home for her own protection. I hope the situation is clearer now.

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Ass't. Social Worker.