

REPORT FORM

NAME OF CHILD MICHAEL FLAHERTY
DATE OF BOARDING OUT 11.53
DATE OF BIRTH 2.48
NAME OF FOSTER PARENT Mrs. Kate Mc Ginn
ADDRESS
SCHOOL Yassiew
Sep 20 JAN 63 MAY 6
Oct 22 FEB JUN 4
Nov 3 MAR 6
Nov 3 APR 11

DATE	REPORT
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- 31.10.62 Michael's foster mother has been in hospital for 3 weeks - it is not known when she will be home. Her son & daughter-in-law do not want Michael. I called to the school and asked Mrs. Duffy if she will take Michael back. She will do this and Michael will commence on Friday. Another foster home will be sought for Michael.
- 12.2.63 I told Michael's foster mother and Michael that residential employment might be sought for Michael. His presence in this home seems to be greatly resented by Mrs. Mc Ginn's daughter in law. Mrs. Mc Ginn does not want Michael to go, but Michael would like to go.
- 25.4.63 Michael was ^{missing call} ~~ploughing~~ - not at school to-day - but promised to return to school until the end of term. Foster mother was told to-day that Michael must be insured at 16 years and will have to be paid Agricultural standard rate of wages.

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will

take Michael and give him a home, board
lodging, clothes & pocket money until
he reaches 16 years of age in February when
his rate of wages will be discussed, and
then he will be insured. It was explained

that Michael is energetic;
he will get a rubber sheet for his bed.

Michael will have a room to himself,
dining room & son's bedroom. The
house is spotlessly clean & tidy. The

Counells have a dairy business, Michael
will work in the dairy yard, but will not
do heavy farm work - I told Mrs. O'Connell
that he had had an operation for hernia
when he was a child.

I called to Very Rev. Fr. Kearney P.P.
about his name, as he was given as referee by
Mrs. O'Connell - he was not at home

163 Mrs. McFinn's son not at home to-day -
said to be willing to employ Michael. Michael
would like to go to the job in Headford.

3 It was arranged to-day that Michael
go to the job in Headford as Mrs. McFinn
said she could not afford to pay him
the standard agricultural rate of wages
when he reaches 16 years. The McFinn
said they will take Michael back if he is
not kept in Headford.

I recommended that Michael be placed
in employment with Mrs. O'Connell, Headford as
Mrs. McFinn's son & daughter who are
living in the foster home with their baby

P.S. Those people
said they did
not know
he was to
be collected
on Saturday
we were very
disappointed
having done
the journey
w.o.c.

Horse Valley

Hedford

13 AUG 1963

Co. Galway
12-8-63Dear Miss M^c Cormack.

We regret to say we were unable to make the journey to Clough Sinter on Sat last. We went there next day Sunday 11th. To find the young lad had gone to a Hunting match in New Inn. We waited until six fifteen he then had not returned. Mrs M^c Gan Senr. told us then, that it could all happen that he might not return, even when the match would be over. That her son had landed further on than New Inn that they might wait for pictures - that twelve or half past twelve might not see him home - I think she doesn't approve of him leaving at all. She said Michael never said if he would go or not - Mr M^c Gan seemed a very nice man and was helpful, as our Van had to be back Home at seven o'clock for milk delivery we had to go. Mrs M^c Gan Senr said, I will ask Michael about going & I will write

to you - I said I will ring Miss
Connack in the morning, She said
don't until I write to you, I may be
serious, But I am a bit doubtful about
her. I would think She doesn't intend
letting us have him, They tried to
discourage us more than anything else
her account of his ability is very
poor. I rang your office this morning
But you were out - please let me
know what you think.

Very Gratefully

(Mrs) Winifred O'Connell.

P.S. Excuse this writing my pen
fell & is just now useless.

W. O'.

13.8.63

[REDACTED]
Headford

Dear [REDACTED]

I am very sorry to know that Michael was not available when you called to Clough on Saturday. Sunday, I had told Mr. Mc Gann Jr., that Michael would probably be leaving on Friday or Saturday.

Michael told me several times that he wished to leave Clough to go to a job. When I saw him on 11th July and told him of your offer, he was very pleased to hear of it and said that he would like to go there. He is a nice boy and has never been in any trouble. He was not bright at school, but his teacher spoke well of him, you could write to her if you wish, she is Miss Duffy, Principal, Gurteen National School, Ballinasloe.

When I last called to Mr. Mc Gann's home on 6th August, Mr. and Mrs. Mc Gann, after a long discussion agreed that it would be better for Michael to go to work now instead of waiting until he reaches 16 years in February, when work might not be available to him. Mrs. Mc Gann wrote on the following day to say that she wished to keep Michael. She wrote again on 8th August saying that she had again changed her mind, that they did not now wish to keep Michael, as they could get a man to work when they had work for him.

The Health Authority has given approval to Michael's commencing work with you, and I am writing Mr. Mc Gann

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to-day to ask Mr. Mc Gann Jnr. to bring Michael to Headford as he had offered to do. He will probably do this on Thursday, and I would be grateful to know if Michael arrives on Thursday, if you would be so good as to write.

With love,

Children's Officer

13 AUG 1963

Clough
gurteen

Dear Miss

called for Michael,
yesterday He was not at
home when he came
home he said he would
not go & he cried
we will keep him
& pay as you said
1 £ a week & 2 £ a week
when he is sixteen years

Sincerely yrs
Stephen McGann

Mr. Mc Gann.,
Clough,
Gurteen

13.8.63

A Chara,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to-day.
The Health Authority has approved transfer of Michael Flaherty
from your home to the home of Mrs. O'Connell, Horse Valley,
Headford.

Your son offered to drive Michael to his new place of
employment if payment is made to him for this. The Health
Authority can only pay persons licensed to carry passengers.
If you arrange for Michael to be transferred by an authorized
driver, the cost of the taxi will be refunded to you. If you
cannot arrange to do this I will be glad to hear from you by
return of post. The standard rate of payment will be made for
the taxi transfer.

Miss Le meas,

Children's Officer

(48)

17 AUG 1963

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Gurteen

Dear Mrs Connell

The Little
Boy came home at 9 o'clock
we told him
there was a family
here for him
what he said
was, well if I was
here I would not go
out of this place with them
He don't like to leave
home, He thinks this is
his home.

Hoping ye got home
alright Sincerely

YDS
K. McGinn

(46)

17 AUG 1963

Co Railway
16-8-63

Dear Miss McCormack.

Thank you for yours of yesterday, so far Michael has not come, maybe Mr McMan will take him here, on Sunday 18th we are still hoping that he may come. I do not for one minute doubt his good name, - it struck me last Sunday that Mrs McMan sent was only trying to disinterest us, in him, it appears as if she doesn't want him to leave, & that the young couple would rather he would go. I thought it odd that she should advise me not to ring you until she would write to me, - which she did. I enclose it; I am very grateful to you for all you have done, to try and let us have him. I will let you know when he arrives.

Very gratefully Winifred O'Connell

(47)

17 AUG 1963

blough
Gurteen

Dear Miss

I think it is
better for you to
come yourself &
take Michael as he
is very troublesome
me & will not obey me
Going away & not
coming back

I'm sure he would
do better with this
other family & he will
not cry after a few
days Sincerely
yrs Kate McArthur

(48)

20 AUG 1963

to Lou & L

Gurteen

16th August 63

Dear Miss

I received your
letter about Michael

We cannot get a
Hackney car ~~as~~
The car we have is not
a Hackney

The 6 Hornells were
for Michael & he was
not at home.

They are nice people
Michael will have a nice time
& I'm glad
Sincerely yrs
Kate Mc Lann

EMcC/ML.

6th September, 1963.

Secretary,
Department of Health,
Custom House,
Dublin 1.

A Chara,

Re: Michael Flaherty, born 15. 2. '48.

Michael Flaherty was boarded out with Mrs. Kate McGann, Clough, Gurteen, Ballinasloe. For some time past Michael's position in this household has been an uneasy one. The foster mother's son is married and is living in the foster home with his wife and family. An unmarried son lives in the foster home also. The married son and his wife asked if Michael could be removed from the home. They have made it abundantly clear to Michael that he is not wanted there. Michael himself wished to leave the home.

Mrs. W. O'Connell, Horse Valley, Headford, had a vacancy in her dairy farm for a boy to wash and cap milk bottles. Mrs. O'Connell was visited and her home seems to be a very suitable place of residential employment for Michael as the work is light and he is not a strong boy. Mrs. O'Connell was told that Michael is enuretic and she said she could cope with this if the problem continued in her home. This matter was discussed with the Department's inspector for boarded-out children.

As the vacancy could not be held for Michael until he reaches 16 years he was transferred to Mrs. O'Connell's home on the 22nd August, 1963 and will be employed under the Children's (Amendment) Act, 1957.

Mise, le meas,

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ORDER NO.
A2682

Transfer of Boarded Out Child - Michael Flaherty

I hereby approve of the transfer of Michael Flaherty from the home of Mrs. Kate McGarr, Clough, Gurteen, Ballinasloe, to the place of employment of Mrs. W. O'Connell, Horse Valley, Headford, under the Children (Amendment) Act, 1957.

Dated this day of September, 1963.

Assistant County Manager.


ORDER NO.
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Transfer of Boarded Out Child - Michael Flaherty

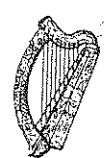
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Dated this 17th day of September, 1963.


Assistant County Manager.

21 SEP 1963

Tel. 42961
Seol aon fhreagra chun:—
(Address any reply to:—)
AN RÚNAÍ
(The Secretary)
fén uimhir seo:—
(quoting:—)



AN ROINN SLÁINTE,
(Department of Health),
TEACH AN CHUSTAIM,
(Custom House),
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH.
(Dublin).

16th September 1963

Subject: Re: Michael J. Kelly -

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter and ~~enclosures~~ (Ref. No. EM-C/ML) of 16th September 1963, and to inform you that it is receiving attention.

Mise, le meas,

P. S. Ó MUIREADHAIGH,

Secretary,
Gaeway Co. Council

(607) (69)

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Telephone 42961

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(Department of Health)

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(Custom House)

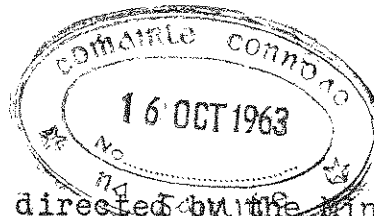
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(Dublin 1.)

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14 Deireadh Fómhair, 1963.

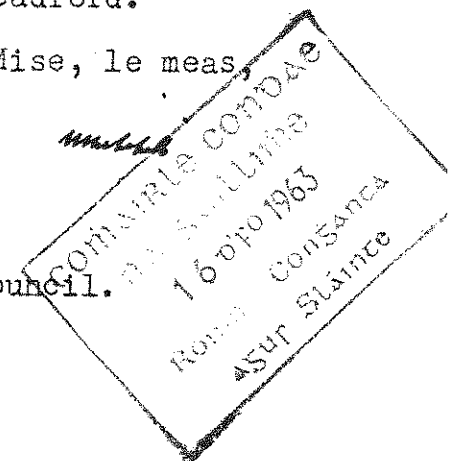
A Chara,



I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to your letter (EMcC/ML) of 6 September, 1963, and to convey his consent to the removal of the boarded-out child, Michael Flaherty, from the custody of Mrs. Kate McGann, Clough, Gurteen, Ballinasloe, and to the arrangements for his employment by Mrs. W. O'Connell, Horse Valley, Headford.

Mise, le meas,

Secretary,
Galway County Council.



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DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED] 2-48

DATE OF BOARDING OUT: [REDACTED] 11-53

NAME OF FOSTER PARENT : _____

ADDRESS: _____

SCHEIDT

SCHOOL ABSENCES: Coast

SEPT. DEC. MAR. JUNE OCT. JAN. APR. JULY NOV. FEB.

OCT. JAN. AFR. JULY NOV. ~~FEB.~~ ~~MAY~~ SEPT. DEC. MAR.

NOV. FEB. ~~MAY~~ SEPT. DEC. MAR. JUNE OCT. JAN. APR.

DATE	REPORT
6.8.63 (Contd)	do not want Michael, and have made this abundantly clear to Michael. Michael is wants to leave the foster home to work in [REDACTED]
approved JCB 8/9/63	
10.8.63	Mrs. O'Connell will call for Michael to-day to Quireen. See correspondence
22.8.63	I transferred Michael from Clough to Mrs. O'Connell's home to-day. Michael was most eager to go, volunteering to forego a week in case the transfer should be delayed. Mrs. O'Connell will pay Michael £1 per week until he reaches 16 years when an increase will be discussed. Mrs. O'Connell & Michael were advised to put some of Michael's wage into a P.O.-S. B. a/c each week.
2.10.63	Quireen's every night; Mrs. O'Connell was advised to cut down on the number of