

**Case No: T1**

**Setting up Home for Dependent**

## REPORT TO NATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE

### SETTING UP HOME FOR DEPENDENT

<b>Case No:</b> T1	<b>Referred from</b> SS	<b>Decision</b> £2,500	<b>NSSC Date</b> 03.12.08
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A series of papers in respect of the registrant is attached. They are:-

- 1) Transcript of evidence given by daughter of a primary beneficiary for the Archer Inquiry.
- 2) E-mail request from primary beneficiary dated 26 November 2008.
- 3) List of items required dated 1 December 2008.
- 4)

A note of the registrants/beneficiaries grants statement of account and management information is attached.

#### Background

This primary beneficiary is asking the NSSC to consider a grant for his daughter to set up home. The evidence that she gave at the Archer Inquiry provides us with a background of what she has been going through and we have been given permission to present it to the Trustees to help illustrate how much the dependents of the Trust are affected by what their parents are going through (please see the attached transcript).

The Dependents Designated Fund was set up to assist dependents over the age of 18 years old with starting up a business, setting up home costs, education costs etc. The Trust has helped with this type of request before for a young lady escaping domestic violence and so the NSSC are asked to look favourably on this request.

**Amount requested is:** £2,245.89

04/12/08 done ✓  
GRO-C

#### Recommendation(s)

- ✦ That financial assistance is given for this purpose in the form of vouchers wherever possible.

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**SUMMARY****Age:** 26**Marital Status:** Married**Children Under 18:** 1**Health/Disability:**  
General

CDC:

KPS:

Treatment:

Entry Date:

01/01/1900

**Car:****Housing Ownership:**

Mortgage

**Employment:**

Unemployed

**Present/Previous Job:****Benefits:****DLA mobility:****DLA care component:**

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**PAYMENTS****Regular Pay Monthly Rate:**

£0.00

**Trustee Payments:**

£0.00

**Single Grant Payments:**

£0.00

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**PAYMENTS****Winter Payments:**

£0.00

**Summer Payments:**

£0.00

**Amount:**

£2,245.89

## Rosamund Riley

**From:**  
**Sent:** 01 December 2008 13:01  
**To:** Rosamund Riley  
**Subject:** Re: Help for

Dear Roz

Many thanks for your kind words regarding -she's the only one who will have me!

I'm glad you located story, you are right it has affected all the family. You have permission to use her story and her name if needed when presenting to the NSSC.

will have items she will be able to take with her but the following she will need as a matter of urgency when she moves in next week. As for the costs involved we have taken prices out of Tesco Direct Autumn/Winter 2008 catalogue as you requested these prices asap.

Bed = £299.00  
Bedding ie quilt & covers, pillow & pillowcases = £123.00  
Kitchen utensils ie crockery cutley saucepans = £125.00  
Television = £329.97  
Towels = £60  
Sofa&Chair = £499.00  
Microwave = £49.99  
Fridge/Freezer = £279.99  
Dining room table & chairs = £179.95  
Lawnmover = £49.99  
Curtains estimate = £250.00

= £2245.89

We realize that the NSSC won't cover all above but any help for will truly be appricated from her and her parents.

Please Roz, inform the NSSC this has been a difficult request for me as her father, I feel that I should be helping financially.

Best Wishes

## Rosamund Riley

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 26 November 2008 14:30  
**To:** Rosamund Riley  
**Subject:** Help for

----- Original Message -----

**From:**  
**To:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 26, 2008 2:18 PM

Dear Roz,

It was nice to see you again at the SFTW held in Derby. Following the conversation you had with my wife I'm writing to see if the Macfarlane Trust can help our daughter in anyway.

has had many problems over the years mostly related to my diagnosis with HIV and Hep C which are well documented when she gave evidence at the Archer inquiry.

In recent years had managed to by and large deal with those problems and she had forged a good life for herself, unfortunately recently her life has been put into turmoil both financially and personally. firstly co-habited with her partner in rented accommodation, moving the relationship on, they then brought a house together. 18mths ago she became pregnant just after they moved into the house which she has a mortgage on. left work and went on maternity leave. In July our grandson was born which left and I being overjoyed and confident had turned a corner. Everything seemed well I'd seen become a mum something I didn't think I'd be here to see then in October told us the devastating news that her partner had been having an affair before, during and after our grandson was born. has separated from the father of my grandson with me being very fearful that the old and her problems will resurface as she now finds herself in the position of being a single mother having to leave the house though the mental anguish she is suffering by staying there.

The house will be repossessed and will have negative equity on the property and will owe over £10,000. She has no way of paying this money and will probably have to declare bankruptcy. As you can appreciate as a Dad I feel terrible about this situation and if I had the savings I would help her out financially but because I had to give up work because of the illnesses my wife and I have survived and Macfarlane Trust money and benefits, and as a consequence have no savings with which we can help

The situation is desperate we have found a place for them to stay but she obviously cannot afford to furnish it. Can MFT help? I am asking for some financial help for as she is a daughter of a primary beneficiary and how I wish that in a normal world this Dad would have had savings to help her but sadly that is not the case.

Yours Sincerely

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24 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Mr B.

25 A. Thank you, now I have my daughter sitting here. This is

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1 L, the daughter I was speaking about in my  
2 statement.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Indeed.

4 A. Also my other daughter has prepared a small statement,  
5 but it is very emotional for me to read it out, so after  
6 L has spoken is it all right if my friend  
7 GL reads out the statement on behalf of my  
8 other daughter.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: We are quite happy for that to happen.

10 A. Will it be okay?

11 THE CHAIRMAN: But if you like you can just hand it up to  
12 us. We would certainly read it.

13 A. If it could be read out loud because she would  
14 appreciate that because she feels her voice -- she would  
15 love to be her today but she wanted to know how it has  
16 affected the family. Is that okay?

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, indeed. Thank you very much.

18 LB (called)

19 THE CHAIRMAN: I don't think we actually have your name.

20 A. It is LB.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

22 A. I was 11 years old when I was first told that my father,  
23 AB, was HIV positive. Needless to say I was  
24 devastated. All I could think about was why does this  
25 have to happen to my Dad, my Dad was one of the good

1 guys.

2 I can't read, I am sorry.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Would you prefer it if someone read your  
4 statement?

5 A. My name is GL and I am going to read this on  
6 behalf of L:

7 "I was 11 years old when I was first told that my  
8 father, AB, was HIV positive. Needless to say  
9 I was devastated. All I could think about was why does  
10 this have to happen to my Dad, my Dad was one and still  
11 is one of the good guys. I was so hurt and angry. All  
12 I could think of was 'My Dad is going to die'. I found  
13 this very difficult to deal with and at 13 was referred  
14 to a counsellor but unfortunately she did not understand  
15 the illness and this became a waste of time.

16 Due to the stigma of the illness I was not allowed  
17 to tell anyone about my Dad and this was also difficult.  
18 People used to make AIDS jokes and I would just stand  
19 there in silence. By my teens my Dad wasn't working any  
20 more and a lot of people at school knew this. People  
21 used to say that my Dad was a drug dealer and that's how  
22 we got money. I can laugh now but then it really hurt.  
23 Because my Dad wasn't able to work any more my brother,  
24 sister and I used to get free school meals. I never  
25 used to claim mine because if I did then people would

1 ask questions and I hated that because I would have to  
2 lie about what was really wrong with my Dad as if he had  
3 an embarrassing illness or done something wrong. So I  
4 just wouldn't eat. It was easier that way.

5 When I was 15 my Dad had a nervous breakdown and was  
6 sent to a psychiatric hospital. I can remember he came  
7 out on day release from the hospital and his hands were  
8 shaking, he was really quiet, he wasn't himself at all.  
9 It was so difficult to see my Dad fall apart like that.

10 At 18 years old I was put on anti-depressants, I got  
11 signed off work for having depression for almost a year  
12 and I was referred to a different counsellor but again I  
13 couldn't talk to her because she didn't understand the  
14 illness. During this time my parents' marriage was  
15 breaking up. It was then that it all became too much  
16 for me and I took an overdose and tried to commit  
17 suicide. This wasn't the first time I had taken an  
18 overdose but this time I had taken so many pills that  
19 I was hospitalised. I just couldn't cope with it all  
20 any more and just wanted it all to end. When I went to  
21 see the hospital psychiatrist to see if I could go home  
22 she said to me 'At least your Dad isn't paralysed'.  
23 I couldn't believe it. My Dad was dying through no  
24 fault of his own and she was comparing the illness to  
25 being paralysed. How could people think like that?

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1 People just do not understand this illness and still the  
2 stigma towards it continues.



3           Two weeks later my parents separated. I can  
4           remember my Dad crying to me about everything. I had  
5           never seen a man cry before, let alone my Dad. My  
6           parents didn't speak for a while and times were tough.  
7           There was talk of a divorce and I even stopped speaking  
8           to my Mum for a while because I blamed her for it all.  
9           My whole life was in ruins.

10          I was sent to see another counsellor and this time  
11          she did help me. She understood because she had  
12          a friend die of AIDS a few years before. It was really  
13          nice talking to someone that understood. During this  
14          time my Dad became really ill. He had been ill quite  
15          a few times before and has always been in and out of  
16          hospital. But he has never been like this. He did not  
17          have a carer any more as my Mum did not live with him so  
18          I took over this role. This was incredibly difficult  
19          seeing him in so much pain. Every time my Dad gets ill  
20          I always wonder, 'Is this it?' This illness is so  
21          unpredictable, you never know when it will happen, and  
22          I've seen so many of my Dad's friends die of the same  
23          thing. My Dad became so ill that he was hospitalised  
24          and no one was able to see him. This was really hard.  
25          It scares me every time he's ill and it's horrible to

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1           see him that way knowing that there is nothing you can  
2           do to help.

3           Since then I have moved out of my parents' house.

4 I turned to drugs for a while, got myself into debt and  
5 began self-harming. It was only when I met my current  
6 partner two years ago that I have finally been able to  
7 start settling down. I am now 25 years old but I have  
8 never come to terms with or accepted what has happened  
9 to my Dad and it has never got any easier.

10 My parents are back together now and my Dad moved  
11 back in with Mum a few years ago. My Dad now has fully  
12 blown AIDS and also has Hepatitis C, both given to him  
13 through contaminated blood products. I hate what has  
14 happened to my Dad and not a day goes past when I don't  
15 think about it. I think people have not thought about  
16 the effects that this has had on the dependents. This  
17 has been difficult for me but I can't imagine what my  
18 Dad must be going through. My Dad had to give up a good  
19 job and has had to struggle financially since I can  
20 remember. He has never even had so much as an apology  
21 for what has happened to him. No one deserves this. My  
22 parents are my heroes. They have both had to deal with  
23 so much in their lives and have never given up hope that  
24 one day my Dad will get the justice that he deserves."

25 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.