



HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 9TH SEPTEMBER 2014

**SUBJECT: MEMBER VISITS TO EXTERNALLY COMMISSIONED RESIDENTIAL/
NURSING HOMES IN CCBC**

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Scrutiny Committee with information regarding the externally commissioned residential/nursing home provisions in CCBC, and the implications for seeking Member access to those care homes.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report will outline the number of externally commissioned residential/nursing homes within the Caerphilly Borough and their location.
- 2.2 This report will outline the implications of seeking access for Members to visit the externally commissioned residential/nursing homes within the Caerphilly Borough.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 To ensure that Members are familiar with the externally commissioned residential/nursing service provision within the Caerphilly Borough and are satisfied that the facilities and accommodation meet the needs of the Directorate and residents.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The externally commissioned homes are listed in the table below along with their geographical location and the type of service that is provided at each home -

Name of the Home	Location	Type of provision
Ashville Residential Home	Brithdir	EMI residential and EMI nursing
Bargoed Care Home	Bargoed	Residential and general nursing
Brindavan Nursing Home	Aberbargoed	EMI nursing
Gilwern House Residential Home	Pontllanfraith	General residential
Glan Yr Afon Nursing Home	Fleur Dy Lys	General Nursing
Highfields Nursing Home	Blackwood	Residential and general nursing
Millbrook Residential Home	Pontllanfraith	Residential
Oakdale Manor Residential Home	Oakdale	EMI residential
Ty Derwen Residential Home	Crumlin	Residential
Valley Manor Nursing Home	Rhymney	EMI and general nursing
White Rose Home	New Tredegar	General residential and EMI residential
Abermill Care Home	Abertridwr	General residential and EMI residential
Church View Care Home	Caerphilly	General residential and EMI residential
Craig Y Trwyn Nursing Home	Wattsville	Residential and general nursing
Medhurst Residential Home	Crosskeys	General residential and EMI residential
Parklands Nursing Home	Bedwas	Residential and general nursing
Parkside Residential Home	Maesycwmmmer	EMI residential
Trafalgar Park Nursing Home	Nelson	Residential, EMI residential and general nursing
Ty Penrhos	Caerphilly	EMI residential and EMI nursing
Valley View Care Home	Hengoed	Residential, EMI residential and general nursing
Ynysddu Nursing Home	Ynysddu	Residential and general nursing

- 4.2 There are a total of 21 externally commissioned homes in the Caerphilly borough with the capacity to accommodate approximately 790 people in total, although there are a number of vacancies currently across all the homes.
- 4.3 There is no requirement within the contractual arrangements CCBC has with the external sector to allow Members to visit the residential homes in the same way as it is expected in CCBC run residential homes.
- 4.4 If it were felt that Members should visit externally commissioned services in the same way as they currently visit internal CCBC residential homes, then it would be necessary to formally write out to the homes and seek permission to visit. Without a contractual arrangement for

members to visit the external homes, it would not be possible to insist that visits were allowed.

- 4.5 In comparison to the external residential homes, there are 6 CCBC run homes that receive visits from Members. In terms of visits completed the table below identifies the percentage of those undertaken in the first 3 months of 2014.

	January – March 2014	
Total numbers of Members presently on rota and required to visit within each quarter	15	100%
Total number of establishments to be visited during each quarter	25	100%
Total number of Members who completed visits	5	33%
Total number of establishments visited	10	40%

- 4.6 It is fair to say that the visits, although very worthwhile are time consuming both for Members and also for the staff in the homes that need to be present in order to facilitate the visit – should the external sector agree to facilitate the visits then it will be important that members make the visits as agreed. It would also be important for members to receive further training and be provided with a simple check list to enable them to provide feedback.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report is for information purposes only so the Council's Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) process does not need to be applied.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 There are no consultation responses that have not been reflected in this report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 That the frequency of rota visits is changed from quarterly to six monthly to increase compliance.
- 9.2 The option of Member visits to externally contracted homes is raised at a providers meeting to ascertain the level of engagement.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 In order to ensure that Scrutiny Committee is aware of the externally commissioned residential/nursing provision in CCBC and the impact of visits.

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