



HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 5TH MAY 2015

**SUBJECT: ROTA VISITS BY MEMBERS TO SOCIAL SERVICES
ESTABLISHMENTS: 1ST OCTOBER 2014 – 31ST MARCH 2015**

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Scrutiny Committee with information on rota visits by Members to Social Services establishments between 1st October 2014 – 31st March 2015.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report and tables provided give details of the establishments visited for the period October 2014 – March 2015.
- 2.2 At its meeting on the 9th September 2014 Members endorsed the recommendation to reduce the frequency of rota visits to internal CCBC residential establishments to six monthly.

TABLE 1

	October 2014 – March 2015	
Total numbers of Members presently on rota and required to visit within each quarter	12	100%
Total number of establishments to be visited during each quarter	25	100%
<i>Total number of Members who completed visits</i>	6	50%
<i>Total number of establishments visited</i>	11	44%

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 To ensure that establishments, facilities and accommodation meet the needs of the Directorate and service users.

4. THE REPORT

4.1 TABLE 1: Members Visits during October 14 – March 15

Establishment	Visited By	Date of Visit	Report Received	Reply Sent
Ty Iscoed Residential Home for Older People	Cllr Alan Angel	09.03.15	11.03.15	17.03.15
Springfield Community Resource Centre	Cllr Alan Angel	09.03.15	11.03.15	17.03.15
Brooklands Resource Base	Cllr Sean Morgan	14.01.15	01.02.15	25.02.15
Oaklands Day Centre				
Markham Resource Centre				
Ebenezer Resource Centre				
Retirement Project				
Brodawel Resource Centre				
Beatrice Webb Residential Home for the Older People				
Brondeg Day Centre	Cllr Alan Higgs	01.04.15	03.04.15	
Montclair Residential Respite Care				
Blackwood Resource Centre				
Ty Gwilym Residential Respite Care	Cllr Phyllis Griffiths	31.03.15	31.03.15	
Caerphilly Day Centre	Cllr Phyllis Griffiths	26.03.15	31.03.15	01.04.15
Min-Y-Mynydd Resource Centre				
Ty Ni Childrens Home	Cllr Lyn Ackerman	31.03.15	01.04.15	
Castle View Residential Home for Older People	Cllr Lyn Ackerman	31.03.15	01.04.15	
Ty Clyd Residential Home for Older People				
Gwerin Resource Base				
14 Graig Road	Cllr Judith Pritchard	16.02.15	23.02.15	05.03.15
Ystrad Mynach Resource Base	Cllr Judith Pritchard	12.02.15	12.02.15	05.03.15
Twyn Carn Day Centre	Cllr Sean Morgan	14.01.15	01.02.15	05.03.15
Sirhowy Crafts				
Blackberry Catering				
Pont Woodcraft				

- 4.2 The following is a sample of comments made by Members for the visits undertaken:-
- 4.2.1 One Member commented “an excellent purpose built centre, lots for clients to do, unfortunately a ‘snow day’ has meant a reduced client day”.
- 4.2.2 Another Member commented “a lovely day centre, with caring staff who have grave concerns over what would happen if a ‘non statutory’ service like this were to be cut?”.
- 4.2.3 One Member observed that while they were very impressed with staffs’ commitment to communicating with individuals – many pictures used, a computer is needed for individuals use downstairs. Also replacement settees needed as existing are uncomfortable and heavy. New kitchen units needed. The Facilities Team have advised that the computer has been sorted, settees are due for delivery by the end of March and the kitchen will be repaired in April, although it is not that old.
- 4.2.4 One Member commented “overall no problems, a very warm welcome. All residents happy. All staff happy in their work”.
- 4.2.5 One Member observed “very pleasant atmosphere. Positive feedback from client although rooms rather tired, need a coat of paint. Response awaited from the Facilities Team.

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.

8. CONSULTATIONS

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

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Members are asked to prioritise visits to those establishments that have not received a visit in the last quarter.
- 9.2 Members are requested to consider completing their scheduled rota visits as soon as the relevant documentation of scheduled visits for the six month period has been received.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 To provide Members with an update on their work in visiting Social Services establishments.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 None.

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