

Regulation 22 County Councillor Visits

Welcome and Introduction

- **Brendan Lee, Senior Manager, Residential Services**
- **Last presented to the CPB on 24 April 2014**

18 Local Authority Residential Children's Homes and Overnight Breaks Units for Children with Disabilities

Since June 2014 there have been County Councillor visits to 10 Local Authority Homes

- Warwick Avenue
- Thornton CRU
- Chorley Hall Road
- Marsden Hall Road
- Bowerham Road
- Crestmoor
- The Bungalow
- Maplewood House
- Eden Bridge
- Grange Avenue

There are 8 Local Authority Homes still to be Visited

- The Willows
- The Haven
- Alexandra House
- South Avenue
- Grimshaw Lane
- Long Copse
- Hargreaves House
- Reedley Cottages

Issues Raised

- Questions were raised on pupil premium and how this is being spent.
- The decorative condition of a Home.
- To explore further any issues and training for staff around Young Peoples mental health and evidence support offered with regards the dangers of substance misuse.
- Issues raised regarding a restraint technique used in a school setting.

Actions Taken

- Key worker and the school have discussed pupil premium at length with the young person.
- A refurbishment programme is already in place.
- Addaction and SCAYT+ presented workshops to the staff team in December 2014 to further the teams development and knowledge base. This enabled the team to enhance the support offered directly to the young people.
- Reports from school were obtained which clarifies the young person's and schools action at the time. This was discussed with the Social Worker and the Young Person.

Summary of Comments

Negative Comments

- I don't think the visit focused on the work we do with our young people or the staff team as none of these areas were discussed. Although there were young people and staff present they were not spoken to. The format did not appear to be followed, therefore the form was not completed.

Positive Comments

- Cllr Prynn visited a Unit twice. Staff and Young People were pleased Sue came back to visit the unit when the children and young people were present. Overall Cllr Prynn found the home to be providing good quality care and support. Staff interviewed demonstrated care and compassion and had excellent relationships with the young people.
- Overall, it was a very positive visit. All areas of priorities were discussed and were achieved with excellent feedback and rating.
- Very positive visit, comments were, excellent facilities, excellent caring staff, well run, questions re land at side of building and possible use of.