



COMMUNITY HOMES – MONTHLY INSPECTION VISITS

- 1. Name of Community Home: BEECHWOOD
- 2. Visit by: David Fisher 3. Status: Act. Principal, Amberdale
- 4. Date of visit: 18.8.94 and 22.8.94 5. Time of visit: 9.00 am. and 8.05 am. am/pm
- 6. Date of last visit: 5.6.94 by Paul Bohan 7. Time of last visit: _____ am/pm
Most recent inspection report available 15.4.94

8. RECORDS EXAMINED

8.1 Record of sanctions:

Comments: Well kept records

Follow-up action required: Need to ensure time of sanction is recorded.

8.2, Daily Log:

Comments: Good focused factual account

Follow-up action required: None

*request to next meeting from Property Service
list of actions needed + draw
after build be done say
emergency lighting
fire test
fire drill + attendance by Fire*

8.3 Fire record:

Date of last fire drill: 9.6.94

Date of last fire test: 16.8.94

Follow-up action required: Emergency lighting test due

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ADMIN – A copy of this form to be sent to:
(1) Director of Social Services (Committee Support Section)
(2) Assistant Director (Trent)
– Retain original.

9.1 Any child or young person: Two young people were spoken to. On Beechwood Montly inspection that there were "so many different staff" to meet - he had been resident for only three days.

The other felt Beechwood 'OK' but that it was a bit grubby and needed decorating.

Follow-up action required: _____

See other comments regarding the condition of the building.

9.2 Any family member of a child or young person: _____

No family members were spoken to.

Follow-up action required: N/A

9.3 Any staff member: Staff members spoken to felt somewhat frustrated in knowing what needed to be done, particularly with regard to the condition of the building but being unable to see tangible progress. The staff had been through a very difficult time caused by shortages (sickness/holidays etc).

Follow-up action required: _____

Ensure that the staffing establishment is sufficient for the task.

10. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE PREMISES

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Comments: Beechwood has a somewhat unkempt air despite staff efforts to decorate and improve the environment. Much of the external woodwork needs replacement, one window was boarded up, awaiting replacement of the frame. High ceilings are difficult to clean and require specialist attention.

Follow-up action required:

1. Clarity with regard re-furbishment and/or redecorating programme.
2. Seen advise from Planning and Building with regard to cleaning these areas not safely accessible to cleaners.

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11. HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

Comments: (1). The kitchen requires complete redecoration and refurbishment. Work surfaces are a health hazard, countersunk screwheads provide the perfect breeding ground for germs and the ceiling is dirty.

(2). Only one fire extinguisher on first floor, no manual fire alarm button on first floor:

Follow-up action required: (1) Enlist advise of District Environmental Health with regard the health issues in the kitchen, refer to Planning and Buildings and to Catering Section.

(2) Check that the absence of a manual fire alarm button on first floor does not contravene fire regs. Ensure second fire extinguisher is checked and replaced.

12. ANY INSTANCES OF SERIOUS VIOLENCE OR INJURY TO A YOUNG PERSON OR STAFF MEMBER, OR ANY ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE MADE AGAINST STAFF.

Comments: (1) One member of staff is currently suspended as a result of an allegation of physical abuse made by a young person. It was understood that the Police were not proceeding but there was no knowledge of any other action being taken or required to be taken.

(2). Staff describe regular violent incidents (young people on staff).

Follow-up action required: (1) urgent need to clarify current situation with regard the suspended member of staff.

(2) Violence to staff records do not reflect level of violence described by staff. This needs to be maintained more conscientiously and guidelines followed, particularly para 2.19 (the appropriateness of placement review)

I felt from my brief visits and observation that the staff, though clearly stretched on occasions, offered a good standard of care, often in difficult circumstances, and with little apparent response from 'outside' - particularly with regard to the progressing of necessary work to the physical environment. The negative attitude of some local residents is regrettable and potentially demoralising.

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Signed: _____
David Fisher

Date: 23.8.94