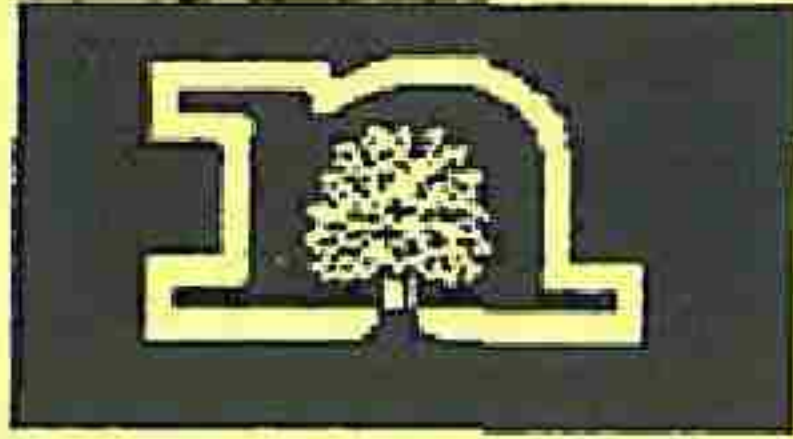


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Nottinghamshire County Council
Social Services Department

COMMUNITY HOMES
MONTHLY INSPECTION VISITS

- 1. NAME OF COMMUNITY HOME: BEECHWOOD
- 2. Visit by: John Seals 3. Status: Temp. Service Manager
- 4. Date & Time of visit: 5.8.96 at 3.30 pm
- 5. Date & Time of previous visit: 17.6.96 at 9.30 am

6. RECORDS EXAMINED

6.1 Are the following records up-to-date and easily accessible? (circle)

Child Protection Procedures	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No
Sanctions Record	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No
Unit's Operational Manual	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No
Statement of Purpose	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No
Register	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No
Fire Record	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No
PPP - Children's Services	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No

Follow-up action, if any:

6.2 Record of Sanctions:

Are Sanctions appropriate and the record filled in?
Yes, up to date.

Follow-up action, if any:

6.3 Individual care plans: (sampling)

Is there a focused and up-to-date plan on each young person? Yes.

Follow-up action, if any: These are now being fully implemented and staff have had training. Previous comments apply. The short-term nature (and volatility) of many remand placements make structured, systematic planning difficult.

6.4 Log Book:

Comments on the quality of the recordings:
Satisfactory.

Follow-up action, if any:

6.5 Fire Record:

Date of last fire drill: 17.7.96

Date of last fire test: 3.8.96

Follow-up action, if any:

7. *INFORMATION*

7.1 Number of children reported as missing over the past two weeks: 7

Comments: Staff take appropriate action to deter absconding.

7.2 Children of school age:

a) not attending full-time education on last school day: 13

b) permanently excluded: 4

Comments: Discussions with the Education Department are on-going.

7.3 Current staff vacancies and sickness: Three vacancies being re-advertised (the last recruitment process did not provide candidates of sufficient merit).
One long-term sick.

8. *ANY COMMENTS MADE BY:*

Residents, families or staff: Mainly occupied away from the building on educational/leisure activities.

9. *PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE BUILDING:*

Comments: As previous. There has been no work undertaken on structural or refurbishment needs. However, Phil Fisher, of Planning & Buildings, made recommendations for a new heating system if finance can be found.

Follow-up action, if any: To be continuously monitored.

10. HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES:

Comments: Basford College have agreed to provide training for staff using workshop machinery, which will greatly extend the scope and activities of the Working Boys' Project.

Follow-up action, if any:

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

Comments: 31.7.96 - Threatening behaviour and attempted assault by a resident against a member of staff. Resident was appropriately restrained and the incident properly recorded.

Follow-up action, if any:

12. ANY OTHER COMMENTS:

Staff morale remains high despite very heavy demands upon them. The drastic shortage of beds around the county means that it has not been possible to maintain Beechwood exclusively for remandees, and admissions of difficult and disturbed young people looked after, increases the pressure on staff.

SIGNED.

DPA

DATE.....

06/8/96

ADMIN: Copy of this form to be sent to:

1. Director of Social Services (Committee Support Section)
2. Assistant Director (Operations)
3. District Manager
4. Unit Manager
5. Retain original