



COMMUNITY HOMES - MONTHLY INSPECTION VISITS

- . Name of Community Home: Beechwood
- . Visit by: Paul Bohan 3. Status: Service Manager
- . Date of visit: 26.9.94 5. Time of visit: 7.30 a.m
- . Date of last visit: 22/8/94 7. Time of last visit:

RECORDS EXAMINED

8.1 Record of sanctions:

Comments: Only one sanction was placed on a child during September and this was appropriate and fair.

Follow-up action required: None

8.2 Daily Log:

Comments: The daily log was factual, precise and of good quality.

Follow-up action required: None

8.3 Fire record:

Date of last fire drill: 9.6.94

Date of last fire test: 20.9.94

Date of last emergency lighting test: 26.7.94

Follow-up action required: Fire tests should take place weekly without exception and emergency lighting tests should take place fortnightly. All details to be recorded. One week's fire tests have been missed. This was taken up with the Assistant Manager at the time of the inspection.

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9.1 Any child or young person: I spoke to a number of young people very briefly. Most were rushing for their breakfast, out to work or college. There were no derogatory or extremely positive comments.

Follow-up action required: To continue to access the views of the young men at Beechwood.

9.2 Any family member of a child or young person: I met no family members during my visit but notice from both the log book and the visitors' book that family members do contact on a regular basis.

Follow-up action required: None

9.3 Any Staff member: Both the gardener/handyman and social workers offered suggestions and guidance as to how make Beechwood much more secluded from its neighbours. The gardener/handyman was keen to undertake any necessary work with the support of RSW's on the Preparation for Work programme.

Follow-up action required: The gardener/handyman/RSW Preparation for Work Scheme at Beechwood to price up fencing around the boundary wall up at Beechwood.

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3. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE PREMISES

Comments: Beechwood Communal areas look grubby and need redecorating and a good cleaning.

Follow-up action required: Gardener/Handyman to redecorate where appropriate. Property Services to assist where necessary.

1. HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

Comments: There have been some material cleaning in the kitchen but this needs to continue and must include all work surfaces, wall, cupboards, switches, etc. Refill and replace fire extinguisher on first floor landing.

Follow-up action required: Social Services catering section to be asked for advice on upgrading kitchen work surfaces. Student Unit Manager at Beechwood to ensure that our

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

Comments: None

Follow-up action required: Senior staff to ensure that all appropriate voluntary forms are completed.

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3. ANY OTHER COMMENTS

High quality care is provided for young people on remand in Beechwood. The Unit needs cleaning throughout and where appropriate redecorated. Some of this falls clearly to the gardener/handyman and the Independent Preparation for Living programme that it is run internally at Beechwood. Remaining work needs to be undertaken by Property Services.

Suspended member of staff to be returned to work after full investigation and I have every confidence in senior management and RSW's at Beechwood to impact on the physical state of the Unit.

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Date: 29 September

P T Bohan, Service Manager

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