



9. ANY COMMENTS MADE BY

9.1 Any child or young person: I saw a number of young people during my inspection but they were busy washing, dressing and getting breakfast, and chose not to share any comments with me.

Follow-up action required: None

9.2 Any family member of a child or young person: From the Visitors' Book I noticed that the last family to visit Beechwood was on 26 June 1994.

Follow-up action required: To continue to encourage parents to visits their children when on remand at Beechwood.

9.3 Any Staff member: I spoke to a number of staff during my inspection. Beechwood currently has two staff vacancies. These vacancies have been advertised and we hope to interview late July/early August to fill the vacancies. Clearly with staff shortage and service to children is not as high as normal.

The staff I spoke to were positive but a number mentioned the shortage which has been dealt with.

Follow-up action required:

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0. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE PREMISES

Comments: Overall the standard of the building is relatively good although it does get grubby quite easily and constantly needs redecorating and furniture needs replacing when damaged.

Follow-up action required: Unit Manager and senior staff to audit the current state of Beechwood and take appropriate action when necessary.

1. HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

Comments: A new thermometer is required in the fridge in the kitchen. The kitchen at high points has not been adequately cleaned as per request in last month's inspection.

A new broken mirror from the downstairs toilet.

Follow-up action required: Unit Manager/Assistant Unit Manager to arrange.

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: None

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13. ANY OTHER COMMENTS Beechwood has young people aged from 11 to nearly 18 years old. An 11 year old as a matter of urgency needs moving to a community home, from his own District - City West. I shall take this issue up personally with West District today.

Overall care of remand cases in Beechwood is of a high standard but there are a number of non-remand, i.e. welfare cases remain locked in the system who it would be because of lack of resources in community homes.

The local community committee "Close Beechwood Committee" are quite concerned that they have not been consulted in relation to the document prepared and written by the Implementation Team. While I have tried to engage the Committee to discuss the comments, I am told by the Chair that they wish to talk directly to the Chairman of the Social Services Committee or David White personally, and are so far not prepared to enter discussions with myself as the line manager for Beechwood.

**DPA**

Signed:

Date: 5 July 1994

P T Bohan, Service Manager

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