

# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## CORPORATE PARENTING CABINET COMMITTEE

7 September 2010

### REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN

#### Rota Visiting Update

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide information to the Committee on rota visiting to Safeguarding and Family Support Service establishments.

#### 2. Connection to the Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority

- 2.1 Corporate parenting supports the following community strategy themes:
- Young Voices
  - Healthy Living
  - New Opportunities

#### 3. Background

- 3.1 Members will be aware that there is a programme of rota visits to the children's and adult's social services establishments. Members undertake visits in pairs and written reports are submitted for noting or action. The current rota schedule runs from April 2010 to March 2011 and full guidance has been provided to all Members involved.
- 3.2 The last report to committee on rota visiting was on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and covered the period June to December 2009. It was agreed at the June meeting that reports would be provided twice-yearly. In addition, the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee had undertaken to monitor these visits. The issue of duplication was raised and the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recorded the following:

*Following their discussion with Officers, Members expressed full support and endorsement for the Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee's review of Rota Visiting and welcomed any changes introduced to improve the Scheme.*

*In light of this, the Committee agreed to receive future verbal updates on the Rota Visiting work of the Corporate Parenting Cabinet-Committee from the Corporate Parenting Champion.*

This confirms that it will be the Corporate Parenting Cabinet Committee only that receives reports on rota visits to the Safeguarding and Family Support Service's children's homes.

#### **4. Current Situation**

- 4.1 It is recognised that rota visiting is a key component to ensuring that every Councillor fulfils their role as a corporate parent. To this end, it is important that Members contribute to the safeguarding of our children, young people and vulnerable adults and help to ensure that the quality of care provided is appropriate. It is essential that opportunities are presented for Members to meet with people who receive services from us to listen to their views.
- 4.2 Attached at Appendix A1 is a schedule of visits carried out to the four children's establishments between January 2010 and July 2010 together with a summary of the comments made. Out of 28 possible visits to the four children's establishments between those dates, 18 were carried out.

#### **5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules**

- 5.1 There is no effect upon the Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

#### **6. Equality Impact Statement**

- 6.1 Not applicable

#### **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications.

#### **8. Recommendation**

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Committee consider the information provided in this report and note its contents.

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#### **Background Documents**

None.