

Rota Visiting of Social Care and Nursing Establishments

Role Description

1 Accountabilities

- The most vulnerable people in our community
- The “Health and Wellbeing” and “Children and Young People” Overview and Scrutiny Committees
- Corporate Director, Wellbeing and the Corporate Director, Children
- The Council’s Commissioning and Procurement officers

2 Role Purpose and Activity

- **Representing and supporting communities**
 - To contribute to the monitoring and review of care and support to the residents and service users of the Social Care and Nursing establishments
- **Making decisions and overseeing council performance**
 - To provide an independent view of the standards of care provided to the adults and children and young people, supported by the Council
 - To contribute to ensuring that the appropriate quality of care is received by service users
 - To be satisfied that suitable safeguards are in place for the residents and service users.
 - To complement their roles as Corporate Parents
 - To complete and submit appropriate reports following a visit to an establishment
 - To promote and support good governance of the Council and its affairs
- **Internal governance, ethical standards and relationships**
 - To support, and adhere to respectful, appropriate and effective relationships with residents and service users by engaging with them and considering their views on topics that may include:
 - Involvement in the decision making regarding their wellbeing
 - Security
 - Contact with family and friends and access for visitors
 - Privacy
 - Facilities for reading/learning/studying
 - Wellbeing
 - General atmosphere/environment within establishment

▪ **Being a Corporate Parent**

- To have an understanding of the legal responsibilities of Elected Members under the Children Act 2004 as a corporate parent to the children in the care of Bridgend County Borough Council.
- To ensure that as Corporate Parents, you are satisfied that there is a joined up, effective and holistic approach to meeting the needs of looked after children through policy and planning.

3 Member Development

- To comply with the Members Code of Conduct and maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethics in the way in which you carry out your duties.
- To complete appropriate training prior to participating in rota visiting in order to provide an understanding of the role you will be undertaking.
- To use appropriate guidance and supporting documentation to assist in the effective undertaking of this role

4 Values

To be committed to the values of the Council and the following values in public office:

- Honesty and integrity
- Tolerance and patience
- Respect for the confidentiality of individuals
- Equality and fairness
- Appreciation of cultural difference