

**CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
17 November 2015**

Regulations 32 Reports - Confidential Item

The appendices attached to this report are confidential by virtue of paragraph(s) 12 of Part(s) 4 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason for the Report

1. The terms of reference for the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee require that the Committee receives Children's Homes Quality of Care Reports.

Background

2. The City of Cardiff Council currently directly delivers a single children's home. That children's home is known as Crosslands. Additional children's home placements are commissioned from independent providers.
3. Regulation 32 (5) of the Children's home (Wales) Regulations 2002 specifies that where the registered provider of a children's home is an organisation, copies of written reports on the conduct of the home shall be supplied to each of the directors or other persons responsible for the management of the organisation.
4. Regulation 32 quality of care reports relating to Crosslands are presented to the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee at every meeting.
5. Regulation 32 requires that visits take place at least once a month and may be unannounced.
6. The visits are conducted by an employee of Children's Services who is not directly concerned with the conduct of the home and who is suitable to visit the home, in accordance with part 2c of the regulation.
7. It is specified in part 4 of the regulation, that the person carrying out the visit shall:
 - (a) interview, with their consent and in private, such of the children accommodated there, their parents, relatives and persons working at the home as appears necessary in order to form an opinion of the standard of care provided in the home;

- (b) inspect the premises of the children's home, its daily log of events and records of any complaints; and
 - (c) prepare a written report on the conduct of the home.
8. A copy of regulation 32 reports conducted since the last Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee meeting are attached at **Appendix A** and **Appendix B**.
9. Regulation 32 reports are confidential by virtue of paragraph(s) 12 of Part(s) 4 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and should not be published nor submitted beyond the agreed readership.

Financial Implications

10. There are no direct financial implications arising from the report.

Legal Implications

11. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

12. The Committee is recommended to note the information contained in the regulation 32 reports.

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