
**CARDIFF SHORT BREAKS AT TY STORRIE: CSSIW INSPECTION REPORT,
REGULATION 33 REPORT AND REGULATION 32 REPORTS**

Appendices C, D & E of this report are confidential and exempt from publication by virtue of paragraphs 12 & 21 of Parts 4 & 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

Reasons for the Report

1. The terms of reference for the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee require that the Committee receives all Children's Home Quality of Care Reports and all relevant Children's Services Inspection Reports.
2. Relevant reports for the Cardiff Short Breaks service at Ty Storrie are attached at **Appendix A, B, C, D and E**. A representative of the organisation which provides the service will present the reports at the meeting.
3. The Committee's terms of reference require its members to ensure that the life chances of looked after children, children in need and care leavers are maximised to aid their transition to a secure and productive adulthood. Children who attend this service are children in need of care and support.

Background

Cardiff Short Breaks at Ty Storrie

4. Cardiff Short Breaks provides planned regular overnight stays for children and young people with autistic spectrum conditions, learning disabilities or physical disabilities. The service is registered with the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) to be provided by Action for Children from the Ty Storrie children's home. The home is a bespoke two storey building on the edge of the Ty Gwyn Special school campus.
5. The registration permits short breaks to be provided to a maximum of 8 children during any one session. Around 31 children are on the rota to receive overnight stays at Ty Storrie. The frequency of each child's stays depends on their individual needs and care plan.

6. Towards the end of October 2016, Children's Services identified a number of concerns about staffing and practice issues as well as concerns around inconsistent management / leadership of the home. Consequently, senior managers from Action for Children and Cardiff Children's Services have worked closely together to develop and implement a robust improvement plan to address the concerns and positive progress has been made since that time.

The Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) Inspection Report

7. All children's homes must be registered with the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) who regulate and inspect adult care, childcare and social services for people in Wales.
8. CSSIW inspectors inspect registered services to check:
 - That the service provides safe care;
 - That people's rights are being respected;
 - That people's quality of life is being enhanced;
 - That the Children's home (Wales) Regulations 2002 and National Minimum Standards for Children's Homes are being complied with. The provider is also itself required under regulations 32 and 33 to produce reports which demonstrate compliance with the Children's Home Regulations and associated schedules.
9. CSSIW undertook an inspection at Ty Storrie on the 15/03/2017-17/03/2017 – 21/03/2017 and 30/03/2017. The inspection report was published on the 27 June 2017 and is attached at **Appendix A**. As anticipated, the inspection report identified concerns but equally acknowledges the progress made since October 2016.
10. Action for Children's CSSIW Improvement Plan to respond to the findings of the inspection is attached as **Appendix B**.
11. I want to reassure the committee that senior officers from the council have worked very closely with senior managers from Action for Children to ensure that immediate action was taken to improve the service for children receiving care and support at Ty Storrie.
12. A follow up inspection took place on the 17 August 2017. The report is due to be published on the 17th of October.

Regulations 33 Report

13. Regulation 33(1) of the Children's home (Wales) Regulations 2002 states that the registered person shall establish and maintain a system for—
 - (a) Monitoring, and reviewing at appropriate intervals, the matters set out in Schedule 6 of the regulations; and
 - (b) Improving the quality of care provided in the children's home.
14. Regulation 33(3) states that the system referred to in part (1) of the regulation shall provide for consultation with children accommodated in the home, their parents and placing authorities.
15. Regulation 33(2) further states that the registered person shall provide to the appropriate office of the National Assembly a report in respect of each review conducted for the purposes of regulation 33(1), and make a copy of the report available on request to children accommodated in the home, their parents and placing authorities.
16. A copy of Cardiff Short Breaks' Regulation 33 report for the 2016/17 year is attached at **Appendix C**.
17. Regulation 33 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.

Regulations 32 Reports

18. Regulation 32 (1) of the Children's home (Wales) Regulations 2002 states that where the registered provider of a children's home services is an individual who does not manage the children's home, he or she shall visit the home in accordance with this regulation.
19. Regulation 32 (2) states that where the registered provider is an organisation, the home shall be visited in accordance with this regulation by—
 - (a) The responsible individual;
 - (b) Another of the directors or other persons responsible for the management of the organisation who is suitable to visit the home; or
 - (c) An employee of the organisation who is not directly concerned with the conduct of the home who is suitable to visit the home.
20. Regulation 32 (5) further 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.

21. As an externally contracted service, regulation 32 quality of care reports relating to Cardiff Short Breaks have not previously been presented to the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee.
22. During the last year Action for Children have been asked to provide copies of the regulation 32 reports to officers of the Council as part of the contract monitoring process.
23. Regulation 32 reports will be presented to future Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee meetings.
24. 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.
25. A copy of regulation 32 reports conducted since July 2017 are attached at **Appendix D and E**.
26. 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.
27. The committee is invited to note these reports and is invited to visit Ty Storrie to see the progress made.

Financial Implications

28. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

29. There are no legal implications arising from the report.

RECOMMENDATION

30. The Committee is recommended to note the information contained in the reports and make any observations or comments.

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List of Appendices:

Appendix A: CSSIW Inspection Report

Appendix B: Action for Children's CSSIW Improvement Plan

Appendix C: **(Confidential)** Regulation 33 Report

Appendix D: **(Confidential)** Regulation 32 Report

Appendix E: **(Confidential)** Regulation 32 Report