

Report of Director or Elected Member Visit to Front-line Service within Children's Services (VCI Recommendation 41)



Matters to be considered	Visit details and outcomes	Additional Comments including any follow up action required or taken
Individual(s) visiting setting	Fenella Bowden	Visit with Cllr Sarah Merry
Author of report	Fenella Bowden	
Date of Visit	5.2.19	
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Date reported to CPAC		
Setting Visited	Hywel Dda School	
General description of visit – e.g. number of staff (approx) involved in meeting visitor; number spoken to and engaged in discussion; whether the visit involved service users and/or carers	<p>I met with the HT & was introduced to the Deputy Head & other members of staff at the school as we toured the classrooms.</p> <p>The purpose of our visit was to see for ourselves the work that the school is doing, and has been recognised for, around CLA & children on the edge of care</p>	.
Positive messages gathered from visit	<p>I was deeply impressed by the way in which the HT and her staff created an environment of care & support for the children; that each child is known & tracked. We saw the impact that deprivation can have on YP & the challenges that the school faces. I was very impressed by the resources & interventions that are being used to engage</p>	

	with YP & help them achieve better outcomes. From what we saw, I was encouraged by the quality of work that the YP were producing. The model that has been established at the school is one I feel should be shared with other schools as a basis for further development in Cardiff schools..	
Concerning messages gathered from visit	Deprivation within the local community & the impact this has on the outcomes for YP & the challenges they face	
Were there any safeguarding concerns and if so what were they?	None that I could detect.	
Were there any concerns regarding the level of service being provided and if so what?	None	
Were there any other concerns?	None	

Copy to team, establishment, manager, worker, etc

Date: 5.2.19

Visitors Position and Signature

Date Sent to Manager of Setting: