



REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR GED CLARKE

REVIEW OF ROTA VISITS: DRAFT FINAL REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. This report presents the key discussion points from the last Rota Visit Review Group.

Information and Advice

2. The Rota Visit Review Group meeting on the 27th February 2012 Members discussed and agreed the following:

The Continuation of Rota Visit Inspections

3. It was without question that Members agreed that Rota Visits need to continue. Members felt it was their responsibility to ensure that the services being provided by homes and day services are appropriate for the needs of the person in a safe and friendly environment.
4. Members also felt that Independent Sector homes needed to be included in the schedule of visits.

Visits to Independent Sector Homes

5. The inclusion of independent sector homes, to which there are approximately 200, needs to be given further consideration by the department Joint Commissioning Unit as all the homes/Providers would need to be written to in order to seek permission for Members to 'visit' as there is no contractual agreement to this at present. The homes could potentially refuse to be visited.
6. It was agreed that as there are approximately 200 homes they should be visited within a four year administration cycle which would be approximately 50 independent sector homes per year.
7. In order to achieve the number of visits anticipated it was suggested that a Panel of members be set up with a quorum of approximately 20 Members. The Business Managers for each political party would need to appoint members as appropriate.

Visits to Local Authority Residential and Day Care Establishments

8. It was agreed that visits to Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection establishments should continue on an annual basis. There are approximately 20 local authority establishments.
9. Therefore, a Panel of 20 Members would need to undertake between 3-4 visits each per year.

Name Change

10. Members proposed that a new name be given for this task. Lots of ideas were mooted but no name agreed. This needs to be given further consideration.

Forms

11. During the discussions about the current form, it was agreed that each Member, including officers, should comment on the form outside of the meeting. All the suggested changes received have been included in the forms attached as **Appendices A and B**.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) It is recommended that the Rota Visit Review Group consider and comment on the information provided and a final report be referred to the Social Care and Health Standing Select Committee on the 16th April 2012.

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Chair of the Rota Visit Review Group

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Background Papers

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.