

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Director of the Community Health and Care Partnership

Community Health and Care Partnership Committee: 20 October 2010

Subject: Care Commission Inspection Report – Blairvadach Children’s Unit

1. Purpose

1.1 This report summarises the last inspection report for Blairvadach Children’s Unit received from the Care Commission in March 2010. This inspection was carried out on the 22nd February 2010 and was carried out on an announced basis. This was the first main inspection for 2010.

2. Background

2.1 Care Commission inspections normally take place twice per year in our residential units and they can be announced or unannounced. They focus on an identified group of national care standards.

2.2 During the inspection the Care Commission officer examined evidence from a number of sources. This included discussion with the Unit Manager, 2 young people and staff. The officer reviewed a range of policies, procedures, records and other documentation. She also observed staff practice whilst in the units.

2.3 Any serious shortcomings in a service may result in a requirement being imposed on a service. A requirement is a statement setting out an enforceable action required in order to comply with current legislation. A recommendation is a statement setting out proposed actions to be taken by a service, which is aimed at improving the quality of the service.

3. Main Issues

3.1 This inspection looked at 2 standards, Quality of Care and Support and Quality of staffing. Based on the findings of the inspection Blairvadach was awarded the following grades.

Quality of Care and Support	5	(Very Good)
Quality of Staffing	4	(Good)

3.2 Over the past 3 inspections there has been steady improvement within Blairvadach. The only remaining recommendation is about

staff and this is part of the overall organisational change which is taking place over all units. We hope this will be completed within the next 6 months.

- 3.3** The young people's views were positive about their relationships with staff, as to how staff encouraged and supported them especially at times of crisis.
- 3.4** There was one recommendation from this report which is explained in (3.2) and forms the Action Plan in (Appendix 1).
- 4. Personnel Issues**
- 4.1** Personnel issues arising from this inspection are included in the Action Plan (Appendix 1).
- 5. Financial Implications**
- 5.1** Making permanent the present temporary staffing arrangement in Blairvadach can be met with the current budgetary resource.
- 6. Risk Analysis**
- 6.1** There were no requirements with this inspection, and an action plan has been submitted to address the recommendation.
- 7. Conclusion and Recommendation**
- 7.1** Committee is asked to note the positive content and improved gradings achieved during this inspection.

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Appendix Action Plan

Wards affected: All wards

APPENDIX 1 – ACTION PLAN (Blairvadach)

RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION PLANNED	TIMESCALE
The Council should continue to work on making the staffing arrangements more permanent within the home.	This forms part of overall staffing changes in units being done via, West Dunbartonshire Councils “Organisational Change Policy”.	6 months

