

**Report To:** Community Health & Care  
Partnership Sub-Committee

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**Subject:** CARE INSPECTORATE SCOTLAND INSPECTION NEIL ST &  
REDHOLM RESIDENTIAL CHILDREN'S UNITS

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise members of the outcome of inspections of Neil St and Redholm Residential Children's Units.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 In August 2011 Neil St and Redholm Children's Residential Units were subject to inspection by the Care Inspectorate Scotland. These inspections took the form of an unannounced visit, inspection of written documentation, staff interviews, consultation with social work staff and consultation with young people. This was the first inspection of our children's units under the new inspection agency.
- 2.2 A full public report of this inspection with grades will be published on the Care Inspectorate Scotland website in due course.
- 2.3 The inspection focused on two main quality themes.
- Quality of Care and Support
  - Quality of Environment.

Previous inspections have focused on two other quality themes.

- 2.4 Both Neil St and Redholm maintained the previous quality grading awarded in January 2011 of 6 – excellent .In effect this means that the units are graded as excellent over all four quality themes which is the highest possible grading that can be awarded.
- 2.5 This will be the final inspection that will take place within Redholm as the plans for a new purpose built unit to be located in Kylmore Terrace Greenock are progressing with a completion target of April 2012.

2.6 The Care Inspectorate Scotland is informed of the plans for the new build and has received copies of plans and arrangements will be made to vary the registration nearer the completion of the unit .

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 Members are asked to note the inspection and the excellent work undertaken by staff within the Units.

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#### **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 In April 2011 the Care Inspectorate Scotland was set up by the Scottish Government and in effect replaced the previous regulatory bodies of the Care Commission and Social Work Inspection Agency.
- 3.2 One of the main functions of the Care Inspectorate Scotland is to regulate and inspect care services thus providing assurances and protection for individuals who use these services.
- 3.3 The recent inspections are the first to have been undertaken by the Care Inspectorate Scotland in respect of Inverclyde's residential children's units.
- 3.4 In line with the new regulatory time frames no further inspections of Neil St or Redholm are planned for 2 years unless issues of concern or complaints are noted by the Care Inspectorate Scotland
- 3.5 Plans in respect of a 6 bedded replacement unit for Redholm located within Kylmore Terrace Greenock are progressing. Work on the build is due to commence on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011.

#### **5.0 PROPOSALS :**

- 5.1 No specific actions arose from the inspection however we will strive to continue the excellent standards of care and support for our looked after young people across all of our residential children's units.

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS :**

- 6.1 Legal: None
- 6.2 Finance: None
- 6.3 Equalities:

Residential Children's Units are based on a model of anti discriminatory practice. An EQIA will be completed and recorded in respect of the move to Kylemore Terrace in 2012.