



Mr W. Powell AC/AM  
Chair  
Petitions Committee  
National Assembly for Wales  
Cardiff Bay  
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Our ref: KR/ WP

Your ref:

Date: 6 August 2012

Dear Mr Powell

The Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales has received a letter from Sue Darnbrook, Assistant Director Adult and Mental Health Services in Ceredigion, in which she forwards a request from yourselves following a visit to the new day centre in Aberystwyth that 'an externally validated inspection of the service to be carried out, ideally by CSSIW'.

The Care and Social Services Inspectorate is an operationally independent division of the Welsh Government. The powers and functions of the Inspectorate are enabled through legislation including the Care Standards Act 2000, its associated regulations and national minimum standards.

With regard to the provision of care and support to adults (people over the age of 18) the Care Standards Act 2000 empowers CSSIW with the responsibility to register and inspect care homes, nurses agencies and domiciliary care agencies.

The definition of a care home is an establishment that provides both accommodation and personal care for persons who are or have been ill, who have or have had a mental disorder, persons who are disabled or infirm and persons who are or have been dependent on alcohol or drugs.

The definition of a nurses agency is that of an employment agency or employment business which consists of or includes supplying, or providing services for the purposes of supplying registered nurses to individuals or establishments.

A domiciliary care agency is defined as an undertaking which consists of the provision of personal care in their own homes for persons who by illness, infirmity or disability are unable to provide it for themselves without assistance.

Day centres are not regulated settings as set out by the Care Standards Act 2000 and as such CSSIW do not have any legal powers in the registration or inspection of these schemes. Any quality assurance of such a facility must be that of Ceredigion County Council.

Yours sincerely



**Ken Redman**  
**Inspector**  
**South West Region**