

Cyngor Gwynedd Care services Site Visits.



Welcome

Site visits within Cyngor Gwynedd's Care services.

Thank you for showing interest in coming for a site visit at one of Cyngor Gwynedd's Care services.

The Council provides various Care services to the residents of Gwynedd in order to guarantee that the people of the area receive the best possible support in their communities, guaranteeing that the well-being, dignity and independence of individuals are respected.

Social Care services within the Council can be divided into the following services-

- Adults, Health and Well-being,
- Learning Disabilities and
- Children and Supporting Families

Further details about the Council and our Social Care services can be found on our website www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru

In this package we will elaborate more on the type of site visits available to you within our services.



Site visits

Do you have pupils or students who have a **real** interest in the Social Care sector? Do you have young people who are keen to know more either before choosing to study Health and Social Care further or before stepping into the world of work?

Some of Cyngor Gwynedd's Care services are ready to open their doors to young people who want to understand more about the sector. Who want to know more about the type of jobs available and understand more about roles or what working in the field really entails. Open to any pupil / student from year 8 upwards, we are keen to welcome those who are genuinely interested in pursuing a career in the field.

This package includes all the services that are willing to offer site visits. The pack contains more details about the services, which days of the week they could offer and the numbers who can attend at a time. Each service is different so read each offer carefully.



Site visits

We kindly ask for at least one month's notice before your site visit. This will guarantee enough time for the services to prepare. It will be **YOUR** responsibility as a School or College to keep young people under control, not the responsibility of the service. We therefore ask you to bring the appropriate staff numbers with you from your organisation.

You are welcome to arrange your site visit through your Careers Wales Business Engagement Adviser or directly by emailing the Council on **gofalu@gwynedd.llyw.cymru** and putting 'Site Visit' as the subject of your email.

We look forward to welcoming you!



Adults, Health and Wellbeing

The Adults, Health and Well-being Department provides a range of social care services for Gwynedd residents who require advice, information, support or care due to specific needs.

The Adults, Health and Wellbeing department provides a large number of different services to support the residents of Gwynedd. A small but very important percentage of the services provided are our residential homes, day services and home care. The objective of our internal services is to provide a first-class service to enable, support and promote people to live fulfilling lives as independently as possible. The department will focus on the user's life, offering a flexible service, completely person focused based on quality and emotion.



Residential Homes



The Council has 11 residential homes across the county in which you can arrange a site visit. The homes are spread across the county as follows;

- Plas Hafan, Nefyn
- Plas Y Don, Pwllheli
- Plas Gwilym, Penygroes
- Plas Maesincla, Caernarfon
- Plas Pengwaith, Llanberis
- Plas Ogwen, Bethesda
- Plas Hedd, Bangor
- Bryn Blodau, Llan Ffestiniog
- Cefn Rodyn, Dolgellau
- Llys Cadfan, Tywyn
- Hafod Mawddach, Barmouth.

Out of the 11 homes, one home, Plas Maesincla, is a home for individuals who require an intensive dementia service only with parts of Llys Cadfan, Bryn Blodau, Plas Hedd and Plas Hafan offering this service. Hafod Mawddach will also offer these services in the near future.

Residential Homes



Our Residential Homes are happy to welcome individuals on site visits on Wednesday afternoons. A group of 6 pupils / students will be allowed to visit at the same time.

By completing your work experience in one of the council's homes you will have various experiences including...

- An opportunity to develop people and interacting skills as you get to know the services users, develop a relationship and become their friend.
- A chance to take part in an activity to entertain residents e.g. organise and take part in a game of bingo - a good opportunity to use your creative skills.
- Improve your understanding of working in a care home.
- Get to know some of the home's staff and get to understand more about their career paths, their roles and duties.

Learning Disabilities

The Learning Disabilities services fall under the Adults, Health and Wellbeing department.

The purpose of the services is to address and promote the wellbeing needs of individuals with learning disabilities. Whether that be physical, emotional, mental or social needs. It is necessary to ensure that the services addresses what is important to individuals with a learning disability and their carers.

The Learning Disability service focuses on provision that offers opportunities to socialise and maintain relationships. There is a focus on developing a community-based service through the local hubs and offering a service that is led by the individuals and their carers.



Community Hubs



The Learning Disability service has community hubs across the county. Community hub is the term used for a location where individuals with learning disabilities receive opportunities during the day, to attend social events and learn new skills in a way that is open to the community.

The hubs are a very important part of the ethos of the service, and a way of integrating services with the wider community creating valuable links and relationships with residents and organisations. These are the hubs where you can come on a site visit;

- Y Gwystl, Y Ffôr, Pwllheli
- Cynllun Cymunedol Arfon, Maesincla, Caernarfon.

The Gwystl are willing to welcome individuals on site visit on Thursday afternoons. Groups of up to 6 pupils / students at the time.

Cynllun Cymunedol Arfon offers an opportunity to join cooking sessions on Thursday mornings or music sessions on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. A maximum of 4 in a group for these sessions.

Community Hubs



By coming to our community hubs for a site visit you will have various experiences including;

- Helping with varying projects
- Using your art, music or cooking skills in various different sessions.
- Getting an opportunity to meet individuals and offer your support
- Having the opportunity to get to know some of the staff and to learn more about their career paths, their roles and their duties.
- An opportunity to see the facilities on hand.

Children and Supporting Families

The Children and Supporting Families department provides various social care services for the residents of Gwynedd. The purpose of the department is to ensure that the children and young people of Gwynedd are protected from harm; experience stability in their life and have the best opportunities in terms of their health and well-being.

In Gwynedd, we believe that every child and young person should be given the opportunity to reach their full potential. We recognise that children develop best when they are supported to grow and succeed within their families and communities. We also recognise that providing early intervention is critical in helping children and their families to thrive and to reduce the need for more intensive services.



Hafan Y Sêr



Hafan Y Sêr is a short break Residential Home that offers respite for children with disabilities and their families. The home is open to children aged 8 to 18 and when Hafan Y Sêr opened back in 2019 it was the first such home across Gwynedd and Anglesey.

Hafan Y Sêr is a very important home - it gives the children a chance to socialise together, gives them a chance to have new experiences and also to learn new skills. Taking children out into the community gives them a chance to mix and gain confidence.

Hafan Y Sêr is located in Penrhyndeudraeth.

Hafan Y Sêr is happy to welcome individuals on site visits on either Monday afternoons or all day on Tuesdays. A maximum of 6 in a group for these visits.

When coming for a site visit to Hafan Y Sêr you will have various experiences including..

- A conversation with the staff about what Hafan Y Sêr is and the type of work they do. Also an opportunity to hear about their career paths.
- An opportunity to see the resources available to the children.
- An opportunity to use some of the equipment.

How to organise a site visit?

As you can see from this pack the Social Care sector has many career opportunities to offer. Why not come join for a site visit o get a taste of the type of work available and to get a glimpse of working in the sector?

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We look forward to welcoming you to our services on work experience. Any questions please e-mail: **gofalu@gwynedd.llyw.cymru**

