

Information on visits and advice given to private homes by SWD

No. of private homes known to Social Welfare Department (SWD) as in early September 2006: 33

No. of visits to these private homes during the period from April 2005 to March 2006: 56

No. of visits to these private homes during the period from April 2006 to present: 71

Nature of Advice given to the operators during the visits are set out below

- Arrangement of structured activities for residents
- Preventive measures for infectious disease
- Improvement of the home's hygiene
- Improvement of internal communication among home staff
- Introduction of and compliance with the Code of Practice
- Case management of the residents with emotional and violent behaviours
- Admission of old-age cases and requirements of registration of LORCHE
- Overcrowded living environment and spacing
- Proper completion and filing of residents' drug taking records
- Fire safety measures
- Arrangement of structured activities for school-age residents
- Strengthening of manpower
- Proper use of physical restraint
- Accurate content of information leaflet
- Proper handling of financial assets of MIP
- Seeking professional advice on plan of building new structure
- Management of home environment
- Others

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**Tentative Work schedule of the Voluntary Registration Scheme and  
Licensing of Residential Care Homes for People with Disabilities**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Action</u>
April 2006	Data collection visits to private homes, drawing up registration standards and application procedures under the Voluntary Registration Scheme (VRS) for private homes of people with disabilities
September 2006	Establishing a multi-disciplinary Registration Office and formally launching of the VRS
October 2006	Processing applications for VRS and conducting inspections of private homes
December 2006	Completion of vetting the first batch of applications and announcing qualified private homes under the VRS
Early 2007 onwards	Conducting survey on all 240 subvented and self-financing homes for people with disabilities
	Consulting the NGOs and relevant parties in the course of a detailed review of the existing Code of Practice (CoP) for residential care homes for people with disabilities
End of 2007/early 2008 onwards	Preparing draft legislative proposals
	Consultation with Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services regarding the specifications and requirements of the licensing system and the draft legislative proposals
	Preparing the draft Bill
2008	Aim to introduce Bill into LegCo

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