

Press Release  
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## **Housing association plays its part in helping local people make a positive impact on their lives**

Melin homes has let a line of its Pontypool offices to a business committed to delivering leading public services to local individuals and organisations.

A4e (Action for employment) moved into Ty Clarence, Clarence Corner, in June after previously being based in Newport. This is their first set of offices in Torfaen and, since the move, the company has helped 127 local people gain employment or return to work.

Local Service Manager Richard Thomas said: “Working from this new location has been incredibly beneficial to us as we have been able to engage with more people than we were previously able to reach. We look forward to helping more people in the Torfaen area to receive the training and support they need in the future.”

Melin’s Contract Manager Howard Jones said: “In addition to providing quality affordable homes, Melin also leases a number of commercial properties to external companies.”

He added: “When we heard that A4e was interested in our Ty Clarence offices, we were only too pleased to be able to lease them to this worthy organisation and we are delighted with the help they have provided to local people since they relocated.”

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## **Notes to editors**

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