

15 03 2007

Mr David Stokes
The Tower Nursing Home
Cappaghmore
Clondalkin
Dublin 22

Inspection Report

**Re: Inspection of The Tower Nursing Home, Cappaghmore,
Clondalkin, Dublin 22 under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990
and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.**

Dear Mr Stokes,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a Medical and Nursing perspective inspected The Tower Nursing Home on 07 03 2007.

The inspection commenced at 2.05pm and was completed by 6.00pm. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 18 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is fully registered for 21 residents.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 4 October 06 and 18 October 06 have been partially addressed. These issues related to Article 5 (b) 'high standard of nursing care'.

Required Action: See current report under Article 5(b)

Current Inspection

The following issues require your attention and action.

Article: 5(b)

The registered proprietor and the person in charge shall ensure that there is provided for dependent persons maintained in a nursing home:

(b) a high standard of nursing care.

Welfare and Well-being

Non-compliance(s): Inconsistent approach to care plans

Required Action: We acknowledge that care plans have been initiated but not all are being maintained, but we would like to re-iterate that training is needed for some members of staff, to develop more comprehensive care plans.

Timescale: Immediate

Article 11. 2 (f) (i)(j)

In every nursing home there shall be provided suitable and sufficient accommodation which meets the minimum standards as follows:

- (f) suitable and sufficient equipment and facilities having regard to the nature and extent of the dependency of the persons maintained in the nursing home;
- (i) over-bed lamps at each bed accessible to the person and permanent night lighting with dimming facilities;
- (f) emergency call facilities are provided at each bed;

Accommodation and Facilities

Non –compliance(s)

- (1) Unsuitable areas for storage of equipment.
- (2) Overhead lamp in bedroom 7 not in working order.
- (3) Resident call bells not present in rooms 2,5,12, & 13, nurse call available only.
- (4) Damaged wall in room 7.

Required Action:

- (1) Consider more appropriate storage space for equipment when not in use.
- (2) Repair and replace lamp bulb.
- (3) Install all connections to resident's call bells.
- (4) Repair wall damage

Time Scale: Immediate

Article 12(e)

The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall
(e) to ensure that safe floor covering is provided.

Design

Non compliance: Inadequate flooring in an upstairs bathroom, reported on in previous inspection.

Required Action:

Installation of floor covering.

Time Scale: Immediate

Article 14 (a)(b)(c)

- (a) ensure that the nursing home and its curtilage is maintained in a proper state of repair and in a clean and hygienic condition;
- (b) make adequate arrangements for the prevention of infection, infestation, toxic conditions, or spread of infection and infestation at the nursing home;
- (c) ensure that there are adequate arrangements for the laundering at regular intervals, and as occasion may require, of linen, clothing and other articles belonging to or used by dependent persons maintained in the nursing home.

Hygiene:

Non compliance(s):

- (1) The Nursing Home was not found to be in a clean and hygienic condition.
- (2) There was an absence of paper towels in designated staff wash hand dispensers.
- (3) Laundry had accumulated due to malfunction of the washing machine.

Required Action:

- (1) In times of emergency a back up of domestic staff should be available.
- (2) Ensure replenishment of hand towels when dispensers are empty.
- (3) Repair washing machine.

Time Scale: 1-3 Immediate.

Article 27, 1(a)

27 1(a) The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall:
(a) take adequate precautions against the risk of fire, including the provision of adequate means of escape in the event of fire and make adequate arrangements for detecting, containing and extinguishing fires, for the giving of warnings and for the evacuation of all persons in the nursing home in the event of fire, and for the maintenance of fire fighting equipment;

Fire Precautions:

Non-Compliance(s):

- (1) Fire doors on upper corridor were found open.
- (2) Equipment was blocking corridors.

Required Action:

- (1) Ensure staff close fire doors following movement of equipment and residents.
- (2) Equipment to be stored in designated areas.

Time Scale: (1&2) Immediate.

Article 29(a)(b)

- 29(a) The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall:
- (a) make adequate arrangements for the recording, safe-keeping, administering and disposal of drugs and medicines;
 - (b) ensure that the treatment and medication prescribed by the medical practitioner of a dependent person is correctly administered and recorded.

Medical Preparations:

Non Compliance(s): (1) Medical drug cupboard found to be open, displaying medications and sharps disposal bin. (2) Prescriptions not reviewed by General Practitioners.

Required Action: (1) Medical drug cupboard to be locked at all times when not in use. (2) Prescriptions to be reviewed and updated by G.P's every six months.

Timescale: 1 & 2 Immediate

The Nursing Home Inspection Team is to be notified in writing on or before the above dates indicating the steps taken by the Nursing Home to carry out the actions as required under the Regulations.

Signed:

Inspection Team Member

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