

8th March 2007

Ms. Breda O Reilly
Proprietor Mooncoin Nursing Home
Polerone
Mooncoin
Co. Waterford

Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of Mooncoin Nursing Home, Polerone, Mooncoin, Co. Waterford under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.

Dear Ms. O Reilly

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a Medical, Nursing and Environmental Health perspective inspected Mooncoin Nursing Home on the 28th February 2007.

The inspection commenced at 11:30am and was completed by 5:00pm. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 45 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently registered for 50 residents.

Issues identified in previous Inspection Report date 11th September 2006 have been partially addressed. Outstanding issues remain:-

Article: **22 – (When a dependent person dies in a nursing home, the registered proprietor or the person in charge shall send a notice in writing of the date and time of death to the Medical Officer of Health for the area in which the nursing home is situated, not later than forty eight hours after it occurs and the certified cause of death as soon as possible thereafter.)**

Non-Compliance: The causes of death are still outstanding on deaths notified.

Required Action: All causes of deaths must be notified in writing as soon as possible after certified death.

Timescale: Immediate

Current Inspection

The following issues require your attention and action.

Article: 7.2 – (In the year following the commencement of the Act, the registered proprietor or person in charge shall execute a contract with a dependent person and/or a person acting on his or her behalf within two months of the admission of that dependent person to the nursing home.)

7.3 – (such contract shall deal with the care and welfare of that person in the nursing home and shall include details of the services to be provided for that person and the fees to be charged.)

Non-Compliance: One contract of care was not available on a resident in the home since July 2006.

Required Action: A contract must be executed with this resident/next of kin.

Timescale: Immediate

Article: 11(i) -(over-bed lamps at each bed accessible to the person and permanent night lighting with dimming facilities;)

Non-Compliance: Over bed light in room 9 not working.

Required Action: Light to be repaired

Timescale: Immediate

Article: 11.2(k) – (suitable and sufficient heating with a minimum heating of 65 degrees F (18 degrees C) in bedroom areas and 70 degrees F (21 degrees C) in day areas.)

Non-Compliance: The temperatures recorded during visit were insufficient in the following areas – main dining room (20 degrees C), dining room in dementia wing (19.7 degrees C), reception area (20 degrees C), corridors in dementia wing (18.4 degrees C), smoking room (18.2 degrees C).

Required Action: Maintain the heating at 18 degrees C in bedrooms and 21 degrees C in day areas

Timescale: Immediate

Following the nursing and medical review of three residents notes the following breaches were found:-

Article: **19.1 (c) – (a record of the medical and nursing condition of the person at the time of admission;)**

Non-Compliance: On one residents file it was noted that there was no medical record on the resident at time of admission.

Requires Action: It is necessary that a medical record is available for all residents on admission to Nursing Home.

Timescale: Immediate

Article: **19.1 (e) – (a medical record with details of investigations made, diagnosis and treatment given, and a record of all drugs and medicines prescribed, signed and dated by a medical practitioner;)**

Non-Compliance: Of the three charts examined it was found that
(1). Lab reports of bloods taken in May and June 2006 were not available on one file.
(2). There were discrepancies noted on all 3 charts i.e. the G.P. had not signed the prescriptions for the prescribed drugs to be administered to the clients.

Required Action: (1). Following on from this review the Nurse in charge must review all residents prescriptions to ensure they are correctly prescribed.
(2). Nurse in charge must discuss these omissions with relevant G.P.'s

Timescale: Immediate

Article: **19.1 (g) – (a record of any accident or fall involving a dependent person;)**

Non-Compliance: One residents file reviewed identified that the said resident had had an accident. When the accident records were reviewed it was noted that there was no record made concerning this accident.

Required Action: All accidents be recorded in accident book.

Timescale: Immediate

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Non-Compliance: There were 5 deaths since the last inspection, all deaths were notified but cause of death not identified on 2 of these.

Required Action: All deaths must be notified to HSE – South within 24hours and cause of death as soon as possible there after.

Timescale: Immediate

The Nursing Home Inspection Team is to be notified in writing on or before the above date(s) indicating the steps taken by the Nursing Home to carry out the actions as required under the regulations.

Signed:

Area Medical Officer

Environmental Health Officer

Director Public Health Nursing