

16 January 2007

Mr. Jim & Mrs Breda Brosnan
St. Catherines Nursing Home
Freshford
Co. Kilkenny

Integrated Inspection Report

Date Mr. & Mrs Brosnan

The Nursing Homes Inspection Team visited St. Catherines Nursing Home, Freshford, on 15th December 2006.

There were 28 residents (+ 1 in hospital) on this date. The Nursing Home is currently registered for 32 residents.

The following issues require your attention and action.

Article: 11.2 (j) ***“Emergency call facilities shall be provided at each bed”***

Issues: **A number of call bells had the cord removed from the unit, (room 14, 4, 5B). The call bell in room 18 was not working.**

Required Action: **Some call cords have been removed in the interest of safety, a full risk assessment shall be carried out and documented. Alternative arrangements shall be put in place to ensure residents can communicate their needs i.e. securely fix the cord in safe manner.**

Timescale: **Immediately**

Recommendations: **The Department of Health Guide to Nursing Home Legislation recommends that call bells are provided at each bed, each bathroom and day rooms.**

Article: 12 (a) ***“take precautions against the risk of accidents to any dependent person in the nursing home”***

Issues: **The wash hand basins in room 1B and room 21 were not securely fixed to the wall.
Beds are located beside unguarded radiators in rooms 2 and 7.**

Required Action: **All fixtures shall be securely fixed to the wall.
Where the surface temperature of radiators exceeds 43°C the radiators shall be suitably covered and guarded.**

Timescale: **Immediately**

Article: 15 (a) *“there is a sufficient supply of piped hot and cold water at wash hand basins”.*

Issues: There was no cold water available at the wash hand basin in room 6.

Required Action: Ensure that there is a supply of cold water at the wash hand basin.

Timescale: Immediately

Article: 14 (b) *“make adequate arrangements for the prevention of infection, infestation, toxic conditions or spread of infection at the the nursing home.*

Article: 14 (d) *“Ensure that a separate well ventilated rooms is provided for sluicing”*

Issues: The bedpan washer has been installed into an existing bathroom.

Required Action: The bath and shower and WC shall be relocated from this room as agreed. A wash hand basin, sink unit and suitable shelving shall be provided.

Timescale: Six months.

Recommendations: This should be completed within 12 months from the date of the written proposal as received 11/5/06.

Article: 19.1 (e) *Medical record with relevant details duly signed and dated by medical practitioner.*

Issue: A single instance where a resident’s medical file had no entry for 10 months was noted.

Required Action: All medical visits must be noted in the resident’s medical file.

Recommendations: Despite the fact that the resident had no active medical problem or issues with her care it is best practice that all residents should be seen medically once every six months.
It is best practice that copies of correspondence and blood/investigation results are received for filing in a residents file at all times.

Article: 7.1 *Contract of Care within two months of admission to home.*

Issues: Two contracts of care outstanding, both were sent to next of kin and have not yet been returned.

Required Action: Write requesting signed contract of care by return post. A copy of this letter to be put in residents contact of care file.

Timescale: January 2007.

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

Signed:

Chairperson

Inspection Team Member

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