Monday, 08 October 2007

Ms. Bridie Kiernan - O'Donnell,
Registered Proprietor,
College View Nursing Home,
Clones Rd,
Cavan,
Co. Cavan

Amended Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of College View Nursing Home, Clones Road, Cavan under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.

Dear Ms. Kiernan-O’Donnell,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a nursing and environmental health perspective inspected College View Nursing Home, Clones Road, Cavan from 10.30am to 4.30pm on 24/4/2007. This inspection was routine unannounced.

There were 69 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered 70 residents.

Issues identified in previous inspection report dated 15th November 2006 Articles 19.1(a)(g), Article 15(g), Article 12(a) and Article 14(a) were satisfactorily addressed. Article 14(b) has not been addressed.

The following issues require your attention and action.
Article 14 (b) “The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall – make adequate arrangements for the prevention of infection, infestation, toxic conditions, or spread of infection and infestation at the nursing home.”

Non Compliance
Although bar soap and clean cloth towels are provided at the bedroom wash hand basins, liquid soap in a wall mounted dispenser and paper disposal towels in a wall mounted holder were not specifically provided at these wash hand basins to enable staff who care for residents to separately wash their hands.

Required Action
Liquid soap in a wall mounted dispenser and paper disposable towels in a wall mounted holder to be provided at each bedroom wash hand basin. Alternatively, an approved alcohol hand wash product may be provided.

Timescale
2 months

Non Compliance
An automatic bed pan washer or a facility to ensure efficient and satisfactory disinfection of sanitary items are not provided within the nursing home.

Required Action
Provide automatic bed pan washer or facility to ensure efficient and satisfactory disinfection of sanitary items at suitable locations within the nursing home.

Timescale
2 months

Non compliance
Paper disposable towels in a wall mounted holder were not provided at the cleaner’s store.

Required Action
Paper disposable towels in a wall mounted holder to be provided adjacent to the existing sink.

Timescale
2 months

Non compliance
The paint at the shelving of the cleaners store was chipped somewhat.
Required Action
The shelving to be undercoated and glossed or preferably the shelving to be replaced by stainless steel or plastic type shelving.

Non compliance
Suitable and adequate storage is not provided for mops.

Required Action
Mops to be hung head down to dry in a suitable area.

Timescale
2 months

Article
Article 11.2 (h) “In every nursing home there shall be provided suitable and sufficient accommodation which meets the minimum standards as follows:— suitable and sufficient lighting and ventilation, with natural lighting and ventilation in rooms which are regularly occupied by dependent persons.”

Non compliance
The central light at bedroom ** and the overbed lights at ** and ** were not in working order.

Required Action
These lights to be put in working order.

Timescale
2 days

Article
Article 5 (e) “The registered proprietor and the person in charge shall ensure that there is provided for dependent persons maintained in a nursing home:- opportunities to participate in activities appropriate to his or her interests and capacities.”

Non-compliance
There is no organised recreation or activity programmes available to dependent persons within the nursing home. The designated officers were informed that organised activities have not been undertaken since the previous post holder vacated post. A number of dependent persons stated that they would like to have more opportunities to participate in activities.
**Required Action**

1. Expedite the recruitment of designated persons to co-ordinate activity programme.
2. Compile an activity schedule which meets the interests and capacities of dependent persons within nursing home.
3. Implement a system of audit of activities in meeting the interest and capacity of dependent persons within nursing home.

**Timescale**

1. Within one month of receipt of this report
2. Within six weeks of receipt of this report
3. Within two months of receipt of this report.

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the use of restraint and rationale for same is discussed with the dependent person’s next of kin or appropriate other and a record is maintained within care plan.

The Chairperson of the Inspection Teams to be notified in writing on or before the above dates the steps taken by the nursing home to carry out the actions as required under the regulations.

Signed:

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Chairperson/Designated Officer.  Environmental Health Officer/
Designated Officer.  Designated Officer.

cc. Ms. Martina Jameson, Person-in-Charge.