Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Masonic Havens Ltd.,
Registered Proprietor,
St. Joseph’s Nursing Home,
Lurgan Glebe,
Virginia,
Co. Cavan.

Amended Inspection Report


Dear Sir/Madam,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a Nursing and Environmental Health perspective inspected St. Joseph’s Nursing Home on 28th March 2007.

The inspection commenced at 10.00am and was completed by 5.45pm. This inspection was routine unannounced.

There were 44 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 44 residents.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 2nd February 2007

The following:
- Articles have been satisfactorily addressed, Article 19.1(e)(d), Article 12, Article 11.2 (f),
- Articles have not been satisfactorily addressed Article 14 (a) items 5&11, Article 14, Article 18.1,
Current Inspection
The following issues require your attention and action:

Article
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.”

Non-compliance(s)
The designated officers were informed that 33 dependent persons did not have a contract executed.

Required Action
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.”

Timescale
Within one month of receipt of this report

Article
Article 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(s)
The fees to be charged were not included within the contracts of care.

Required Action
The fees to be charged are to be included within the contract of care.

Timescale
Within 7 days of receipt of report

Article
Article 11.2(d) “In every nursing home there shall be provided suitable and sufficient accommodation which meets the minimum standards as follows a visitor’s reception area and adequate facilities for persons to receive visitors in private.”

Non-compliance(s)
There are inadequate facilities for persons to receive visitors in private.
**Required Action**

Provide suitable and sufficient accommodation which meets the minimum standards as follows a visitor’s reception area and adequate facilities for persons to receive visitors in private.

**Timescale**

Within one month of receipt of this report.

**Article**

Article 14(a) “The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall ensure that the nursing home and its curtilage is maintained in a proper state of repair and in a clean and hygienic condition.”

**Non-compliance(s)**

A number of hoists and wheelchair being used by dependent persons were unclean due to congealed particles of food and dust collecting.

**Required Action**

Implement a cleaning schedule to ensure all equipment being used by dependent persons is maintained in a proper clean and hygienic condition.

**Timescale**

Within 7 days of receipt of report.

**Article**

Article 18.1 “In every nursing home there shall be kept in a safe place a bound register of all dependent persons resident in the home, which shall include the following particulars in respect of each person

(a) the first name, surname, address, date of birth, marital status and religious denomination of the person.”

(c the name address and telephone number of dependent person medical practitioner

**Non-compliance(s)**

The marital status of dependent person (**) was not entered on register.
The address and telephone number of dependent person medical practitioner was not entered on the register.

**Required Action**

Enter all particulars in respect of Article 18.1 for all dependent persons.

**Timescale**

Within 7 days of receipt of report.
**Article**

Article 29(a) “The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall make adequate arrangements for the recording, safekeeping, administering and disposal of drugs and medicines;”

**Non-compliance(s)**

A large number of drugs and liquid medications were stored on open shelves in the nursing office. The office was unlocked therefore drugs could not be secured.

**Required Action**

Provide a locked facility to ensure safekeeping of drugs at all times.

**Timescale**

Within 14 days of receipt of this report.

**Article**

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**

Conventional cloth towels were being used in the communal toilets on the ground floor leading to risk of cross infection.

**Required Action**

Disposable towels must be provided adjacent to each wash hand basin in communal toilets in order to ensure effective infection control.

**Timescale**

Within 7 days of receipt of report

**Article 14 (b)**

1. **Breach:** Suitable and adequate staff changing facilities are not provided.
   **Required Action:** Suitable and adequate staff changing facilities to be provided. It would be desirable that the facilities for food workers would be separate from other staff.
   **Time Scale:** 12 months.

2. **Breach:** Suitable and adequate cleaning facilities are not provided
   **Required Action:** A suitably located low level sink plumbed with hot and cold water to be provided for the filling and emptying of mop buckets. Suitable and adequate hand washing and drying facilities to be provided adjacent to this sink.

   Suitable facilities to be provided for cleaning and drying of equipment e.g. mops.
Separate and distinguishable cleaning equipment to be used in the food operation areas, toilets, and residents/public areas.

**Time Scale:** 12 months

**Article 12**

1. **Breach:** Some drainage piping in the laundry is a potential trip hazard.
   **Required Action:** This drainage piping should preferably discharge directly to the main drainage system on the outside of the premises.
   **Time Frame:** 3 Months

2. **Breach:** The clothes airing storage area of the laundry is need of upgrading.
   **Required Action:** This area to be suitably upgraded.
   **Time frame:** 3 months.

The Chairperson of the 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:

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Chairperson/Designated Officer,  Environmental Health Officer/Designated Officer,
Nursing Home Inspection Team  Nursing Home Inspection Team

cc Josephine Taite, Person-in-Charge, St. Joseph’s Nursing Home