24\textsuperscript{th} October, 2006

Mrs. Elizabeth Dunne, Proprietor,
Ardsley Nursing Home,
Farran,
Co. Cork.

\textbf{Inspection Report}

Dear Mrs. Dunne,

The Nursing Homes Inspection Team visited \textbf{Ardsley Nursing Home on the 10\textsuperscript{th} October, 2006}.

There were 17 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently registered for 18 residents.

The following issues require your attention and action:

\textbf{WELFARE AND WELL-BEING}

\textbf{Article 5:}

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  \item[(a)] suitable and sufficient care to maintain the person’s welfare and well-being, having regard to the nature and extent of the person’s dependency;
  \item[(b)] a high standard of nursing care;
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One patient was noted to have an early bedsore. Matron assured us that the lady who is very ill is being turned 2-hourly. She was being nursed on the appropriate mattress and her GP had been informed.

Some advice was given concerning the policy of charting the activity of turning the patient, as well as how best to manage the bedsore.

One patient was noted to have a urinary tract infection. All medical procedures were in place but need for Intake and Output chart discussed.
As already discussed re Pressure Sores, the team advised Matron to apply written policies and procedures to the following issues

- Pressure sores
- Wound care
- Incontinence

Matron has taken this advice on board and all staff will be encouraged to undertake training on these issues.

The importance of using Nursing Assessment Tools was once again discussed with the Matron. This had already been discussed at a previous inspection and documentation issued on these dates relating to the value of the proper use of Nursing Assessment Tools in nursing care.

**ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES**

**Article 11.2:**

(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;

**Bedrooms 4 & 5**
- Call bell facilities were not working.

**Bedroom 6**
- Call bell facility was not working.
- The toilet roll holder is in need of replacement.

**Bedroom 7**
- The cistern lid was cracked and in need of replacement.
- One call bell was not working.
- The toilet roll holder was in need of replacement.

**Bedroom 8**
- No dimmer switch is provided to the main light.
- Both call bells were not working.

**Bedroom 9**
- One of the wall lights is broken and in need of repair.

**Bedroom 10**
- There is some damage to the plaster beside a socket, which needs to be repaired.

**Bedroom 11**
- One call bell was not working.

**Bedroom 12**
No radiator cover.

**Guest Toilet/Waiting Area**
- The cistern cover was missing. Wall tiles/plaster was in need of repair. The cabinet used for the storage of toilet paper, sudocream etc. is unsuitable for such use.

**Downstairs Bathroom**
- The floor covering around the shower area is lifting. Matron advised the team that a new floor covering is being fitted within the next few days.
**Downstairs Toilet**
- A splashback should be provided to the wash hand basin.

**Upstairs Shower Room**
- The shower was not working at the time of our visit. This must be repaired/replaced immediately.

**Upstairs Landing**
- The cover to the light fitting must be properly secured.

**Laundry**
- The light was in need of cleaning and should be provided with a proper cover.
- This area was in need of re-decorating.
- A light must be provided to the outdoor area between the Nursing Home and the Laundry. Also, a barrier should be provided between the laundry and the hedge in the interest of safety for residents.

**Stairlift**
- The switch is in need of repair and the cable leading to the stairlift must be properly secured to the wall.

**General Items requiring attention**
- All loose leads, extension sockets and wires must be properly secured to walls. Also, broken conduit (which results in exposed wires) must be replaced/repaired.
- Chairs and wheelchairs should not be stored in the hallway leading to the fire exit door on the ground floor.
- **Hoist** needs servicing.

All the above items discussed. Advised.

**Article 19.1:**
“In every nursing home there shall be kept in a safe place in respect of each dependent person”

(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;

(f) a record of drugs and medicines administered giving the date of the prescription, dosage, name of the drug or medicine, method of administration, signed and dated by a medical practitioner and the nurse administering the drugs and medicines;

It was stressed to Matron the importance of having a Doctor’s signature on site. At present drugs are being administered to patients without Doctor’s signature as Scripts are with the pharmacy. Matron was advised and encouraged to look at Bord Altranais Code of Practice. Policies and procedures again discussed.

(h) a record of any occasion on which physical or chemical restraint is used, the nature of the restraint and its duration;
There are four patients with cot side restraints at present. The need for relative’s signature was stressed for proper record keeping. Again policy and procedure was encouraged and advised.

**STAFFING RECORDS**

**Article 21:**

(b) details of the qualifications and a copy of the certificate of current registration of each member of the nursing staff employed;

All staff Registration Pin Numbers submitted.

**FIRE RECORDS**

**Article 28.1:**

(c) the number, type and maintenance record of fire-fighting equipment;

The fire equipment was last serviced in September 2005 by Anti Fire. A service is now overdue.

Signed:

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Senior Medical Officer  Senior Environmental Health Officer  Ass. Director of Public Health Nursing