6th June, 2007

Mr. Kieran & Mrs. Fiona O’Brien,
Directors,
Beaumont Nursing Home,
Woodvale Road,
Beaumont,
Cork

Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of Beaumont Nursing Home, Woodvale Road, Beaumont, Cork under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care & Welfare) Regulations 1993

Dear Mr. & Mrs. O’Brien,

The Nursing Homes Inspection Team from Medical/Nursing and Environmental Health perspective inspected Beaumont Nursing Home on 2nd May, 2007.

The inspection commenced at 10.05am and was completed by 3pm. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 39 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 44 residents.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 13th December, 2006 have been partially addressed. Outstanding issues remain under Articles 5(a):

Article 5
The registered proprietor and the person in charge shall ensure that there is provided for dependent persons maintained in a nursing home:

(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;

Staffing levels have improved, however, we still have concerns about night time staffing.

**CURRENT INSPECTION**
The following issues require your attention and action:

**Article 5 (a)**
The registered proprietor and the person in charge shall ensure that there is provided for dependent persons maintained in a nursing home:

(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;

and

**Article 10.5 (d)**
The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall ensure that:

(d) a sufficient number of competent staff are on duty at all times having regard to the number of person maintained therein and the nature and extent of their dependency.

**Non-compliance:** The Home has increased the number of nursing staff and care assistants in the morning and in the evening. The vast majority of the residents remain maximum dependent. We have concerns that the night time staff remains 1 staff nurse and 2 care assistants from 10pm to 8am. Our understanding is that the care staff at night still have responsibility for domestic duties which we feel may cause difficulties due to the lay out of the building.

**Required Action:** Night time staffing should be reviewed.

**Timescale:** Will be reviewed at next inspection.

**Article 5**
The registered proprietor and the person in charge shall ensure that there is provided for dependent persons maintained in a nursing home:

(b) a high standard of nursing care;

Overall a good standard of nursing care was evident with the residents in the Nursing Home. Pressure relieving equipment (cushions, air mattresses etc) were in use according to the dependency level and assessment of the clients. All patients were well cared for and happy with the surroundings and staff.

**Non-compliance:** Wound Care Policy inadequate.

**Required Action:** Update same.

**Timescale:** Next inspection.

**Article 11.2**
In every nursing home there shall be provided suitable and sufficient accommodation which meets the minimum standards as follows:

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

(j) emergency call facilities are provided at each bed;

**Non-compliance:**
• There were several layers of sellotape around the emergency call bell in Room 41. This should be removed and the bell repaired as necessary.
• The covers on many of the call bell wall units on the first floor were worn and defective. These must be replaced.
• All over bed lamps were in a proper working order.
• The overhead bulbs were not working in Rooms 13 and 26.

**Required Action:** All the above must be rectified.

**Timescale:** Lighting issues must be rectified immediately. Other issues by next inspection.

**Article 14**

*The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall:*

(a) 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:**

- While 2 extra dedicated cleaning staff have been employed and cleaning was evident, particular attention must be paid to the area around taps in the wash hand basins in the en-suites throughout the Nursing Home and also the waste outlets to both the wash hand basins and the shower/bath units.
- The documented cleaning procedures must be elaborated upon to specify the exact cleaning to be conducted and the cleaning products and concentrations of products to be used.
- There was a build up of dust on many of the globe lighting units in the en suites throughout the Nursing Home and on the legs of a table unit in Room 35. High and low level dusting must form part of routine cleaning.
- The surface of the bedside table in Room 35 was soiled and requires cleaning.
- The carpet in Rooms 12 and 19 and 41 were heavily stained and require thorough cleaning.
- The skirting board and the wall surfaces behind the bed in Room 2 was marked and worn. The wall surface adjacent to the wash hand basin in Room 12 was marked and worn. The wall surface in Room 19 was marked. The painted surface on the base of the bedside tables in Rooms 28 and 39 were chipped and worn. All these areas require to be repainted.
- There was a smell of urine in the en suite in Room 42. The floor in this area was worn and sticky underfoot. This area requires a thorough cleaning.
- The tiles around the floor waste outlet in the Shower Room on the ground floor were damaged and incapable of being cleaned properly. This area must be repaired and rendered smooth and easily cleanable.

**Required Action:** As outlined above.

**Timescale:** All cleaning issues must be rectified immediately. All other items must be rectified by next inspection.

(b) make adequate arrangements for the prevention of infection, infestation, toxic conditions, or spread of infection and infestation at the nursing home;

**Non-compliance:** Staff hand washing facilities inadequate.

**Required Action:**
Suitable arrangements must be put in place to ensure a constant supply of suitable soap and disposable paper towels for all staff members who are engaged in wound dressing or dealing with patients where there is a risk of the spread of infection.

An adequate supply of soap and paper towels must be provided at the sink in the laundry room for staff hand washing purposes.

Timescale: 3 months.

Article 21

In every nursing home there shall be kept in a safe place a record of:

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

Non-compliance: 1 PIN number was out of date and could not be inspected.

Required Action: Uptodate PINs to be submitted to Dept. of Public Health Nursing, Abbeycourt House.

Timescale: As soon as possible.

The Nursing Home 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:

Senior Medical Officer,    As. Dir. Public Health Nursing,    Senior Environmental Health Officer,
Nursing Home Inspection Team.    Nursing Home Inspection Team.    Nursing Home Inspection Team.

Signed counterpart sent to: , Person-in-Charge