18th June 2007

Mr. John McDevitt
Proprietor
Aras Gaoth Dobhair Private Nursing Home
Meenaniller
Derrybeg
Co. Donegal

Inspection Report


Dear Mr. McDevitt

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a Medical, Nursing and Environmental Health perspective inspected Aras Gaoth Dobhair Private Nursing Home, Meenaniller, Derrybeg, Co. Donegal on 18th April 2007.

The inspections commenced at 10.30am and were completed by 4.30pm. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 33 residents present on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 41 residents.

Issues identified in the previous report dated 11th October 2006 have been fully addressed.
The following issues require your attention and action:

**Article: 12** The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall:—

(a) take precautions against the risk of accidents to any dependent person in the nursing home and in the grounds of the nursing home;

**Non Compliance:** The surface temperature of the enclosed gas fire in the main sitting room was excessively hot. This presented a burning risk to anyone who may have come into contact with the surface.

**Required Action:** As agreed during the inspection the gas fire was switched off immediately. It was agreed staff would be instructed not to use this fire and the controls would be disabled until a suitable guard would be fitted. A fireguard which is fixed and covers all areas of the surface of the gas fire must be fitted. Alternatively the temperature must be limited to ensure the surface temperature does not rise above 43 degrees Celsius.

**Timescale:** One month.

**Non Compliance:** The hot water temperature at the bath in bedroom no. 14 was 55 degrees Celsius. This temperature is above the recommended maximum temperature for hot water.

**Required Action:** Reduce the temperature at the hot tap to below 43 degrees Celsius.

**Timescale:** One month.

**GOOD PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**MEDICAL**

- The Management of Aras Gaoth Dobhair Nursing Home are to be commended on introducing a summary sheet specifically to record the Doctor’s admission note. They are reminded that the regulations require that all residents have a note of their medical condition at the time of admission.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

- Although the gas fire in the Alzheimer’s unit sitting room was not switched on at the time of inspection, it was agreed that the same action would be taken to ensure it does not present a burn risk.
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.

Yours sincerely,

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Area Medical Officer  Senior Environmental       Assistant Director of Nursing
Nursing Home   Health Officer        Nursing Home
Inspection Team  Nursing Home        Inspection Team
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Signed counterpart sent to Geraldine Coyle, Nurse in Charge