13th April 2007

Mr. & Mrs. Denis Fitzpatrick
Proprietors
St. Eunan’s Private Nursing Home
Rough Park
Ramelton Road
Letterkenny
Co. Donegal

Inspection Report
Re: Inspection of St. Eunan’s Nursing Home, Rough Park, Ramelton Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Home (Care and Welfare) Regulations 1993.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Fitzpatrick

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a Medical and Nursing perspective inspected St. Eunan’s Private Nursing Home, Rough Park, Ramelton Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on 13th March 2007. The Environmental Health inspection was carried out on 27th February 2007.

The inspections commenced at 9.30am and were completed by 4pm. These inspections were unannounced.

There were 14 residents on these dates. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 42 residents.
The following issues require your attention and action:

**Article: 19.1** In every nursing home the following particulars shall be kept in a safe place in respect of each dependent person:—

(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;

**Non Compliance:** Dispensing individual prescription drugs from unsigned prescriptions.

**Required Action:** All drugs dispensed outside of the dosage compliance system should be in compliance with Bord Altranais Guidance to Nurses and Midwives on Medication Management (2003).

**Timescale:** Immediate.

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

(a) a medical practitioner of the dependent person's choice or acceptable to that person is available to ensure that he or she receives appropriate medical care;

**Non Compliance:** The arrangements for medical care for respite residents are informal and based on good will.

**Required Action:** The Management of St. Eunan’s should ensure that there are arrangements in place so that all residents have access to appropriate medical care while they are in the home. This includes patients who are in for respite care.

**Timescale:** Immediate.

**GOOD PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**MEDICAL**

Bord Altranais guidelines on the use of dosage compliance systems are awaited. The status of the system being used in St. Eunan’s will be reviewed by the Nursing Home Inspection Team at the next inspection in light of the new guidance and further recommendations made as necessary.

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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