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Thursday, 16 August 2007

Inspection Report

**Re: Inspection of Alzheimer Care Centre, Swords Road, Whitehall,
Dublin 9, under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the
Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.**

Dear Sirs,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Homes Inspection Team inspected Alzheimer Care Centre, Swords Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9, from 10.00 a.m. to 02.30 p.m. on 15th March 2007. This inspection was routine and unannounced.

There were 64 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 64 residents.

Issues identified in previous Inspection Report date 22nd February 2007:

The following articles have been satisfactorily addressed: Article 10.1, Article 5 (a), (b) & (f) and Article 11.2 (f)

The following issues require your attention and action:

Article 5 (c)

The registered proprietor and the Person in Charge shall ensure that there is provided for dependent persons maintained in a nursing home:

- (c) *appropriate medical care by a medical practitioner of the person's choice or acceptable to the person*

Issue:

Resident ** – History of DVT. Resident was on Warfarin. On review of medical, nursing and drug records, it was noted by Designated Officer that her Warfarin was put on hold in August 2006. This was not reviewed since. Staff nurse in High Dependency Unit and Person-In-Charge was advised to report this to the GP in charge of the resident

Required Action:

GP to review resident ** Warfarin status, and decide if she is to continue on with her Warfarin or not

Timescale:

Advised to contact GP on day of inspection

Article 19

In every nursing home the following particulars shall be kept in a safe place in respect of each dependent person

(d) an adequate nursing record of the person's health and condition and treatment given, completed on a daily basis and signed and dated by the nurse on duty:

Issues

1. The care plan for ** requires evaluation as this is over due.
2. The nursing notes of **, **, **, **, **, ** are narrative in format and do not reflect the care plan
3. ** has not had a Waterlow completed since October 2006

Required Action

1. Ensure all care plans are evaluated within the set timeframes
2. The daily nursing notes should reflect the care plans in order to evaluate if the care prescribed in the care plan has been carried out
3. Ensure all residents are reassessed using Waterlow three monthly

Timescale

To be completed within 12 weeks of receipt of this report

Article 12 (a)

The registered proprietor and the Person In Charge of the nursing home shall:

- (a) *take precaution against the risk of accidents to any dependent person in the nursing home and in the grounds of the nursing home*

Issues

1. Uncapped half-filled Hibiscrub bottles were left unattended in one of the assisted toilets in the Care Centre
2. Plastic bags containing hip protectors and new toilet roll packs were left on the assisted bathroom floor of the Care Centre. Person In Charge advised to store these items in a designated storage area

Required Action

1. All unused cleaning chemicals should be securely capped and locked in a proper chemical storage area
2. Ensure adequate storage facilities for hip protectors and new toilet roll packs

Timescale

- 1: Immediately following the receipt of this report
- 2: Two weeks following the receipt of this report

Recommendations

Person in Charge was recommended to install a small shelf/ cabinet in the assisted bathroom to facilitate storage the hip protectors and toilet roll packs as constant supply of these items are necessary to meet its daily demand

Article 14 (a)

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*

Issues

1. Sink in Cedar in the High Dependency Unit was cracked
2. Splashbacks needed to be provided over all sinks in Ash, Beech, Cedar and Pine, in the High Dependency Unit
3. Missing tiles noted in shower stall in Beech in the High dependency Unit

Required Action

1. Replace cracked sink in Cedar
2. Provide splashbacks over all sinks in Ash, Beech, Cedar and Pine, in the High Dependency Unit
3. Replace missing tiles in shower stall in Beech

Timescale

One month on receipt of this report

The Chairperson of the Inspection Teams to be notified in writing on or before the above dates the steps taken by the nursing home to carry out the actions as required under the regulations.

Signed:

**Chairperson,
Nursing Home Inspectorate,
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**Designated Officer,
Nursing Home Inspectorate,
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