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Sisters of Our Lady of Charity,  
Registered Proprietors,  
Beechlaw House Nursing Home,  
High Park Estate,  
Grace Park Road,  
Drumcondra,  
Dublin 9

### **Inspection Report**

**Re: Inspection of Beechlaw House Nursing Home, High Park Estate, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.**

Dear Sisters,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from the Medical and Nursing perspective inspected **Beechlaw House Nursing Home** on the **01<sup>st</sup> May 2007**.

The inspection commenced at **12.30 p.m.** and was completed by **3 p.m.** This inspection was routine and unannounced.

There were **38 residents** on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for **40 residents**.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 05<sup>th</sup> October 2006:

The following;

- Articles have been satisfactorily addressed: **Article 11.2 (a)**
- Articles have been partially addressed: **Article 19.1 (d)**. *Outstanding Issues: Nursing Documentations (See Below)*

### **Current Inspection**

The following issues require your attention and action:

#### **Article 19.1 (d)**

**Article 19.1:** *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**

While we noted that there has been considerable improvement in the Care Plans and daily nursing narrative, we were informed by the Person In Charge and acknowledged during review of the nursing documentations, that work is still in progress in those area. Some of the daily nursing narratives still do not accurately reflect the nursing care delivered to the residents in the Nursing Home

#### **Required Action**

We recommend continuation of the planned work in progress to ensure that the daily nursing narrative continues to reflect accurately the nursing care delivered to all the residents in the Nursing Home

#### **Timescale**

Further progress of improvements to be reviewed again during the next inspection of the Nursing Home

#### **Article 19.1 (d)**

**Article 19.1:** *In every Nursing Home, the following particulars shall be kept in a safe place in respect of each dependent person:*

- (e) *a medical record with details of investigation made, diagnosis, and treatment given, and a record of all drugs and medicines prescribed, signed and dated by a medical practitioner*

**Issues**

A number of residents' medications were not dated and signed by a doctor:

1. Resident \*\* – On Neocytamen Injection – Not signed and dated by a doctor
2. Resident \*\* – On Difene Gel, Paracetamol and Zolnoct – Not signed and dated by a doctor

**Required Action**

Please ensure all prescribed medications are signed and dated by a medical practitioner

**Timescale**

One week following the receipt of this report

**Further Issues**

On reviews of the policies:

1. Policy on Medication Management needs to be updated
2. There were no policies on:
  - i. Management of patients with Challenging Behaviours/ Dementia
  - ii. Falls Prevention
  - iii. Continence Promotions
  - iv. Infection Control

**Recommendation**

1. Please ensure that all existing policies are reviewed and up to date
2. Ensure all policies are devised and/ or updated to ensure Best Practice within the Nursing Home

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:

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Designated Chairperson,  
Nursing Home Inspectorate,  
Dublin North East

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Designated Officer,  
Nursing Home Inspectorate,  
Dublin North East

**Cc Ms. Susan McGuire, Registered Person In Charge, Beechlawn House Nursing Home**