Date: 16th November 2007

Ms. Anna McCabe,
Registered Proprietor,
Beneavin Lodge Nursing Home,
Beneavin Road,
Glasnevin,
Dublin 11

Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of Beneavin Lodge Nursing Home, Beneavin Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 11 under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.

Dear Ms. McCabe,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from the Medical and Nursing perspective inspected Beneavin Lodge Nursing Home, Beneavin Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 11 on 18th April 2007.

The inspection commenced at 10.30 a.m. and was completed by 02.30 p.m. This inspection was routine and unannounced.

There were 57 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 62 residents.

No Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 1st December 2006.
Current Inspection

The following issues require your attention and action:

**Article 5:** 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

And

**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

**Issues:**

1. Resident **. was on Klacid 500 mg TDS dated 27/3/07 and Nytamel tablets 10 mg noete dated 2/4/7:
   
i. There is no GP signature on both of these prescribed medications. Review of administration records revealed that drug administration was commenced despite the absence of GP signature
   
ii. The resident have a faxed copy of the unsigned medications above attached in their medical notes. However, the unsigned medications was commenced more than 48 hours following its date of prescription

**Required Action:**

As discussed with the Person In Charge during inspection:

1. All prescribed medications must be signed by a qualified medical practitioner prior to commencement

   In cases of medical emergency, medication commencement can proceed following verbal prescription provided that a faxed prescription slip is sent to the Nursing Home. Administration of medications based on faxed prescription is valid up to 48 hours, after which, the prescription needs to be signed by a medical practitioner. This is stated by An Bord Altranais Guidelines, which needs to be brought to attention of and adhered to by each Staff Nurse

2. Unless in cases of medical emergency (in which case, a faxed prescription copy must be sent to the Nursing Home), all residents need to be assessed and
examined by a medical practitioner before the decision of treatment is made and commenced. All prescribed medications are to be written out and signed by a medical practitioner. All assessment must be documented in the resident’s medical notes.

3. Consider appropriate documentation of the date and time that faxed prescriptions are received and ensure follow-up inside 48 hours for written prescription to be made

**Timescale:**

1, 2 and 3 to be addressed within 24 hours following the receipt of this report

**Article 5:** The Registered Proprietor and the Person In Charge shall ensure that there is provided for dependent person maintained in a Nursing Home:

(b) a high standard of Nursing Care

**Issues:**

The Care Plans did not reflect the residents’ individual care needs and nursing requirements. In a random sampling of residents’ files, the Designated Officer observed:

1. Resident ** was assessed to have medium risk of pressure sores development. However, there was no Care Plans noted to address either of the above.

2. Resident ** was assessed to have high risk of pressure sore development but there was no Care Plans noted for pressure sore prevention

3. Resident ** was assessed to have medium risk of pressure sore development but there was no Care Plans noted for pressure area management

**Required Action:**

Person In Charge to ensure:

1. The nursing assessment must be comprehensive enough to provide adequate information to identify the residents individual needs within a Care Plan.

   If the nursing assessment on admission indicates a client to be in a specific ‘at risk’ category, further assessment i.e. the Medley Score assessment, should be undertaken and a Care Plan initiated to reflect the required intervention.
When problems or potential problems identified, a Care Plan must be initiated for the resident. The requirements of a Care Plan include the following:

- Problem identification
- Goal specification
- Specific nursing intervention including how, when and who will undertake the interventions within a specific timeframe
- Evaluation date
- All entries in the care plan must be dated and signed by the person who has formulated the care plan
- The plan should be reflected in the daily nursing notes.

**Timescale:**

1 to be addressed within two weeks of receipt of this report

**Article 17:** The Registered Proprietor and the Person In Charge of the Nursing Home shall have a brochure available with information about the Nursing Home, including the name and address of the home, the name of the Registered Proprietor, the admission policy, accommodation provided and special facilities and services

**Issue:**

The Registered Proprietor’s name is not included in the brochure

**Required Action:**

Please include the name of the Registered Proprietor into the brochure. The name of the Registered Proprietor must be the same as the name indicated in the Registration Application Form and the Registration Certificate

**Timescale:**

To be addressed within three months following the receipt of this report
Recommendations:

1. Ventilation system in ensuite toilet of Rooms **, **, **, **, ** & ** are dysfunctional and need to be serviced.

2. Ensure the cleaners store room is locked at all times.

3. Ensure room **, medical supplies store room is locked at all times.

The Chairperson of the 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:

Designated Chairperson/ Officer,  Designated Officer,
Nursing Home Inspectorate,    Nursing Home Inspectorate,
Dublin North East     Dublin North East

Signed counterpart sent to Ms. Finola Bell, Registered Person In Charge,
Beneavin Lodge Nursing Home