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Sisters of Mercy
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Catherine McAuley House
Beaumont
Dublin 9

Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of Catherine McAuley House, Beaumont, Dublin 9 under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care & Welfare) Regulations 1993

Dear Proprietor,

The Nursing Homes Inspection Team from Medical and Nursing perspective inspected Catherine McAuley House on 31st August 2007.

The inspection commenced at **10:10am** and was completed by **14:00**. This inspection was **routine and unannounced**.

There were **21 residents** on this date. There were 2 residents in hospital. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered **for 26 residents**.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 12th June 2007 have been partially addressed. Articles 12 (a) and 19.1 (g), Articles 19.1 (d) and 5 (a) & (b)

Outstanding Issues:

The following issues require your attention and action:

Articles 12 (a) and 19.1 (g)

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;

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

(g) a record of any accident or fall involving a dependent person;

Issue:

1. The designated officers identified that the required actions relating to these articles were partially addresses since the last inspection dated 24th May 2007. It is acknowledged that a falls prevention policy and assessment tool has been developed but the following issue remains outstanding:

Required Action

1. The falls policy needs to be signed as implemented and include a review date, within the timeframe as outlined in the Inspection Report dated 12th June 2007.

Articles 19.1 (d) and 5 (a) & (b)

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;

5. The registered proprietor and the person in charge shall ensure that there is provided for dependent persons maintained in a nursing home:—

(a) suitable and sufficient care to maintain the person's welfare and well-being, having regard to the nature and extent of the person's dependency;

(b) a high standard of nursing care;

Issue:

1. The designated officers acknowledged that a significant effort has been placed on the development of person centred care plans. The newly developed care plans have been piloted in the 4 bedded HDU and the designated officers have been informed that the remainder of residents will have these care plans introduced next week which is in line with the timescale outlined in the previous inspection report.

Required Action:

1. The new Person Centred Care Plans are introduced in line with the timeframe outlined in the Inspection Report dated 12th June 2007. It is recommended that during the transfer over to the new documentation there are no blank areas left on the admission assessment sheets and a reference to the fact that new documentation has been introduced is noted.

Current Inspection

Article: 19.1 (f)

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:

1. On review of the drug prescription records the designated officers noted that a number of the drugs prescribed did not have a G.P. signature; for example:
Resident ** was prescribed Epilim 200mgs on 10th August 2007 which did not have a G.P. signature.
Resident ** was prescribed Tramadol 50mg on 25th June 2007 and Ciproxin 500mg on 2nd July 2007 both which did not have a G.P. signature.
All of Resident **'s medications were not signed by a G.P. on the drug prescription record.
For a prescription to be valid it requires a doctor's signature.

Required Action:

1. Ensure that all prescribed medications are signed and dated by a medical practitioner.
2. All documentation relating to the administration of medication should be done so in line with An Bord Altranais "Guidance to Nurses and Midwives on Medication Management"(2003) and "Recording Clinical Practice, Guidance to Nurses and Midwives"(2002)

Timescale:

- 1 & 2: Within one week of receipt of this report.

Article 27(e)

27. The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall:—

(e) supply to the health board with the application for registration of the nursing home, written confirmation from a competent person that all the requirements of the statutory fire authority have been complied with;

Non- Compliance

1. As referenced in letter dated 19th July 2007 a letter of compliance with Articles 27 and 28 of the Care and Welfare Regulations (1993) is required to be submitted.

Timeframe

1. Within 7 days of receipt of this report.

Recommendations:

1. The designated officers were informed that the MDA Schedule 2 drugs are counted at the changeover of each shift, i.e. each morning and evening. There is no documented evidence of this and it is recommended that a form of documentary evidence is commenced.
2. The recording of resident's allergies is noted on their nursing care plan. In line with best practice this should also be recorded on the resident's drug prescription record.
3. The complaints procedure which is on display needs to be updated to include the HSE contact address.
4. The memorandum of care needs to have the Nursing Home name updated.

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 Officer/
Chairperson,
Nursing Home
Inspection Team**

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Signed counterpart sent to Helen Divilly, Person-in-Charge of Nursing Home