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Date: 17/07/07

Dear Mr and Dr Eustace,

Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of Elmhurst Convalescent Centre under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations 1993

The Nursing Home Inspection Team inspected Elmhurst Convalescent Centre nursing home on the 19/06/07 from 14.00hrs to 17.30hrs. This inspection was a routine unannounced inspection.

There were 48 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently registered for 49 beds.

Issues identified in previous inspection Report 13/12/06
The following:

- Articles have partially addressed 19.1
- Articles have been satisfactorily addressed 8 & 11.2

The following issues require your attention and action.

Article 18.1

In every nursing home there shall there be kept in a safe place a bound register of all dependent person resident in the home which shall include the following particulars in respect of each person;

(d) the date on which the person was last admitted to the nursing home;

(e) where the person has left the nursing home the date on which he or she has left and a forwarding address.

Non-compliance

The information on the number of residents currently in the home was incorrect in that ;.

1. **, **, **, **, were not discharged on the register and these residents are currently not in the home.
2. ** and ** are discharged on the register, yet these residents are currently residing in the home

Required action

The Person in Charge to ensure that

1. The information on the register is correct in line with article 18 inclusive
2. To ensure that all discharges and admissions or transfer to and from the nursing home are entered correctly in the register.
3. The register is monitored on an ongoing basis.

Timescale

Within 7 day on receipt of this report

Article 19.1

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

(a) and adequate nursing record of the persons health and condition and treatment given, completed on a daily basis and signed and date by the nurse on duty.

Issue

On a random sample of residents some of the nursing documentation, it was noted that

1. Tippex was used
2. The daily nursing notes are being initialled by the nurse
3. Residents in the Desmond unit have not been assessed under the Activities of living since admissions.

Required action

1. Tipex is not to be used on any documentation related to resident care. Any errors made should be crossed out with one line through and initialled. The original entry must be legible(in line with ABA guidelines)
2. The daily nursing notes must be signed by the nurse on duty as outlined in the article above
3. Implement a policy whereby all residents are reassessed under Activities of Living at least six monthly unless otherwise indicated.

Timescale

- 1& 2 immediately on receipt of this report
3. within 4 weeks on receipt of this report

Article 14

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;

Required Action

Repair or replace the kickboard in the kitchenette in the Desmond Ward

Timescale

4 weeks on receipt of this report

Recommendation

The current continuation sheet system in use in the Desmond Centre, and the medical documentation is high organised and very well maintained, we recommend the same system of medical documentation be implemented in the convalescent unit

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

Designated Officer/Chairperson.

Designated Officer

Designated Officer