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Date: 01/03/07

Dear Mr & Dr Eustace

Please find enclosed Inspection Report following routine inspection of Elmhurst Care Centre Nursing Home on 13/12/06

If you wish to raise any issues in relation to the accuracy of the Report, please do so in writing **within ten working days**. If I do not hear from you within that time, it will be assumed that the contents of the Report are understood and acceptable to you.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairperson

cc Person in Charge



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## **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 13<sup>th</sup> December 2006. This inspection was a routine unannounced inspection.

There were 48 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently registered for 57 beds.

Issues identified in previous inspection Report 23/03/06  
The following:

- Articles have not been satisfactorily addressed 19.1

The following issues require your attention and action.

### **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.*

### **Non-compliance**

On a random sample of residents some of the nursing documentation was incomplete.

- \*\* had no record of her fractured femur in her care plan.
- \*\* care not reflective of her current needs based on her assessment
- \*\* assessment not completed.

A number of the documentation did not have review dates on the care interventions prescribed.

### **Required action**

1. All care plans must be person centred and reflect the assessment carried out
2. Residents must be re-assessed on a regular basis in order to ensure the care plan is relevant and specific to the current needs of the resident.

### **Timescale**

All nursing documentation must be reviewed and updated by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

### **Issues:**

#### **Article 11.2**

In every nursing home there shall be provided suitable and sufficient accommodation which meets the minimum standards as follows

*(i) over-bed lamps at each bed accessible to the person and permanent night lighting with dimming*

### **Non-compliance**

The light in room 126 was not working

### **Required action**

Ensure the light is in working order

### **Timescale**

Within one working day of receipt of this report

### **Article 8 (a)**

The registered proprietor and person in charge of the nursing home shall ensure that

- (a) provision is made for the safe keeping of person belongings of a dependent person and a record kept of valuables signed by the person or a person acting on his or her behalf

### **Recommendation**

While the designated officers were satisfied on the day of inspection that there was provision for the safe keeping of personal belongings, it was identified that items are

not recorded for short terms residents. It is recommended that records are kept of all personal items.

**Timescale**

Within 12 hours of any new admission into the home.

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

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Designated Officer/Chairperson.

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Designated Officer