

	Nursing Home Inspection Report
	Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.
Nursing Home	Fingal House Nursing Home
Number of Residents	20 Residents
Registered for	20 Residents
Nursing Home Address	Fingal House Nursing Home, Spiddal Hill, Seatown, Swords, Co. Dublin
Proprietor	Ms. Helen Dunne Barron
Proprietor's Address (if different from above)	As Above
Person-in-Charge of Nursing Home	Ms. Helen Dunne Barron
Date and Time of Inspection(s)	24/09/2007, 10.30 a.m. to 02.00 p.m.
Date report issued	19/12/2007
Summary of previous report findings	The previous inspection from 08/06/2007 showed the nursing home to be substantially compliant with current nursing home inspectorate regulations at the time of inspection.
	Current Inspection Summary Findings
Compliance status	<p>Findings of latest (unannounced) inspection which took place on 24/09/2007, 10.30 a.m. to 02.00 p.m.</p> <p>The inspectors findings based on the current nursing home inspectorate regulations are as follows:</p>

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Findings

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Summary Findings of Current Nursing Home Inspection	Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under Care & Staffing the nursing home was compliant with 21 out of 21 regulations. On the basis of this inspection and under current nursing home regulations, the inspection team would consider that the nursing home provides a good standard of Care and Staffing for residents.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under Management the nursing home was compliant with 27 out of 27 regulations. On the basis of this inspection and under current nursing home regulations, the inspection team would consider the nursing home to have a good standard of management.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under Physical Environment the nursing home was compliant with 10 out of 11 regulations. On the basis of this inspection and under current nursing home regulations, there are issues that need to be addressed as outlined below in relation to the Physical Environment. 	

Compliance/Non Compliance

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Based on the most recent nursing home inspection the nursing home is non-compliant under one or more regulations. For more details see below.

Non-Compliance

Regulation number	Article 27.1 (a)
Non-Compliance	<p>Planning Permission of the Nursing Home on the 8th November 1989 indicated that <i>'The requirements of the Chief Fire officer be ascertained and strictly adhered to in the development – in the interest of safety and the avoidance of fire hazard'</i>. A Condition was placed on the Nursing Home by the Assistant Chief Fire Officer on the 11th January 1990 specifying that <i>'Non-ambulant patients to be confined to ground floor'</i>. This was highlighted in previous Inspection Reports dated 06/02/07, 02/08/07 and correspondence from the Inspectorate dated 26/06/07. During inspection, Designated Officers noted that there was one non-ambulant resident residing on the first floor of the Nursing Home. Following discussion with the Person In Charge of the Nursing Home, the Designated Officers were informed that this condition was placed due to the fact that there was no fire escape stairway available on the first floor. These adaptations have been undertaken and there are now fire escape stairways on both sides of the building. However, there was no written evidence available to indicate that the Nursing Home was subsequently inspected by the Fire Officers and that the condition was lifted.</p>

Required Action	<p>The Designated Officers acknowledge the letter was sent by the Registered Proprietor to the Fingal County Council Fire Section on the 16/08/07 with regard to this issue and that a receipt of acknowledgement was received from the Assistant Chief Fire Officer on the 17/08/07, indicating that the issue is currently being considered. On the day of the inspection, it was noted that there hasn't been any reply from the Fingal County Council Fire Section since date of the last correspondence. While the Designated Officers acknowledge Resident **'s relative's refusal in relocating the resident to the ground floor, please be advised that the Inspectorate must consider the Condition placed by the Assistant Chief Fire Officer to still be in place until the Registered Proprietor of the Nursing Home provides to the Designated Officers a legitimate confirmation that the Condition is officially removed.</p>
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Therefore, the Registered Proprietor or the Person in Charge to ensure that:

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1. This issue is to be followed immediately with Fingal County Council Fire Section and written confirmation is to be obtained and forwarded to the Inspectorate Office confirming that the Condition is removed

OR

2. Resident **. be moved to the ground floor of the Nursing Home to adhere to the assistant Chief Fire Officers condition and in the interest of the safety of this resident

Timescale

1 or 2 to be addressed within 7 working days following the receipt of this report

All regulations, their reference numbers and the details of those regulations can be viewed in [Nursing Homes \(Care and Welfare\) Regulations, 1993.](#)

Comments and Recommendations

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Comments and recommendations made by the inspection team as a result of the inspection

1. **Nursing Home’s Policies:**
 A number of the Nursing Home policies were noted to be signed by the previous proprietor. The Designated Officers recommend that all policies have an implementation and review date documented and should be signed by the current Registered Proprietor and/ or the Person In Charge

2. **Care Plans:**
 It is recommended that all Nursing Record entries are timed using the 24 hour clock system, in accordance to the An Bord Altranais *‘Recording Clinical Practice Guidelines to Nurses and Midwives’*, Section 7.8

3. **Formal Dependency Scoring System:**
 While it was noted that each residents is assessed appropriately and that the Nursing Home have its own Dependency Scoring System in place, it is recommended that a formal evidence base system of Dependency Scoring be implemented within the Nursing Home.

Recommendations

This report has been completed/issued by

Noel Mulvihill, LHO Manager

Author