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Date: 06/02/07

Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of Fingal House Nursing Home under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations 1993

Dear Ms Helen Dunne Barron,

The Nursing Home Inspection Team inspected Fingal House nursing home on the 20th December 2006. This inspection was a routine unannounced inspection.

There were 19 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently registered for 20 beds.

Issues identified in previous inspection Report 23/03/06

The following:

- Articles have been satisfactorily addressed 14
- 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.*

Breach

None of the care plans that were selected at random were fully and comprehensively completed. The care plans were not patient centred and did not reflect the assessment of the individual needs of the residents.

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.
3. The scheduled plan the nursing home identified for the completion of the new care planning systems must be implement in the timeframe specified below.

Timescale

A comprehensive care plan will be in place on all residents by 23rd February 2007 as agreed on the day of inspection .

Issues:

Article 5 (a)

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*

Required action

*** (who is nursed in bed for the most part) to be nursed on the ground floor to facilitate care and supervision and to comply with the following;

Ref 11th January 1990 Letter from Asst Chief Fire Officer 'Non-ambulant patients to be confined to ground floor'

Timescale

To be addressed by 19th February 2007.

Article 10.5 (d)

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

- (d) a sufficient number of competent staff are on duty at all times having regard to the number of the persons maintained therein and the nature of extent of their dependency*

Required action

The practice of the care attendant on night duty performing laundry tasks should cease immediately. The care attendant on night duty should solely be for the care of the residents

The nursing home inspection team recommend that the practice of the care attendant on night duty performing laundry tasks should cease immediately. The care attendant must leave the building in order to perform the laundry duties due to the dryer being situated in a separate building to the nursing home. The care attendant on night duty should solely be for the care of the residents working along side the registered nurse on night duty

Timescale

By 19th February 2007

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.

Breach:

No brochure available providing information on the nursing home as outlined in article 17.

Required Action:

Provide a brochure providing at a minimum the information as outlined in article 17.

Timescale:

Brochure to be in place by 27th February 2007

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