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Date: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2007

## Inspection Report

**Re: Inspection of La Verna Nursing Home, 30, Haddon Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3, under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.**

Dear Sir,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Homes Inspection Team inspected **La Verna Nursing Home, 30, Haddon Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3** from **10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.** on **27/02/2007**. This inspection was routine and unannounced.

There were **28 residents** on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for **28 residents**.

Issues identified in previous Inspection Report date 09/08/2007.

The following:

- Articles have been satisfactorily addressed: **Article 15 (d), Article 5 (b), (f) and Article 19.1 (d)**
- Articles have been partially addressed. Outstanding issues: **Article 11.1**

The following issues require your attention and action:

**Article 14 (b) & (d)**

**Article 14:** *The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall:*

- (b) *make adequate arrangements for the prevention of infection, infestation, toxic conditions or spread of infection and infestation at the nursing home*
- (d) *ensure that a separate well ventilated room is provided for sluicing and for the storage of dirty linen*

### **Issues**

1. The sluice room is small, cramped and not well-ventilated. Despite this reduced space, it is also used to store cleaning mops and buckets.

Apart from these findings, we acknowledged the Nursing Home's effort by building shelves in the sluice room, as per recommended in previous inspections, which do help to some extent in matters of providing some storage space in the sluice room

2. We were also informed by the Person In Charge that the Nursing Home's Infection Control Policy is currently work in progress

### **Required Action**

1. There is a shed located in the back garden area of the nursing home, which is currently used as miscellaneous storage spaces. Person In Charge advised to clear out a small portion of the shed and use it to properly store unused cleaning mops and buckets instead, hence, clearing up further spaces in the sluice room
2. Establish a formal Infection Control policy for the Nursing Home

### **Timescale**

One month following the receipt of this report

### **Article 19.1 (f)**

**Article 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*

### **Issues**

On review of the drug records:

1. Patient \*\* – Vitamin B12 to be given intramuscularly once per month. No dosage noted
2. Patient \*\* – Cytamen to be given intramuscularly every 3 months. No dosage noted
3. Patient \*\* – Lamisil charted. Not signed by doctor
4. Patient \*\* – No method of administration noted on several medicine
5. No drug allergies noted in most drug charts
6. Patient \*\* – Exputex and Augmentin stopped. No date and doctor signature noted
7. Patient \*\* – Chloromycetin Eye Drop and Visidif Gel stopped. No date and doctor signature noted

### **Required Action**

1. Please note down all medication dosages and method of administrations in the drug record chart
2. All medications need to be signed by a medical practitioner prior its administration
3. Please fill up the drug allergies section in all drug record charts
4. All changes in medications need to be signed and dated by a medical practitioner
5. All medications are to be administered and recorded in line with the An Board Altranais Guidance to Nurses and Midwives on Medication Management 2003

### **Timescale**

3 days following the receipt of this report

### **Article 11.2 (d)**

**Article 11.2:** *In every nursing home, there shall be provided suitable and sufficient accommodation which meets the minimum standards as follows:*

- (d) *a visitors reception area and adequate facilities for persons to receive visitors in private*

### **Issues**

It was noted from the last inspection report, that the nursing home was advised to provide an area in the Nursing Home that is specific for use by visitors in private. We

acknowledged during the time of inspection, that a designated visitor area was provided by the Nursing Home.

However, on inspection of the area, we also noted that the visitor's area is simply an extension of the resident's day area; and that there is no means of separation between the two areas to provide some sort of privacy for residents and visitors

**Required Action**

Person in Charge was advised to provide a mobile barrier or a curtain, to separate these areas, and provide some means of privacy for residents and visitors

**Timescale**

Two weeks following the receipt of this report

**Article 17**

*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*

**Issues**

On review of the sample of brochure provided by the Nursing Home, it was noted that the Nursing Home was authorised by the Eastern Health Board, registered under the Health (Nursing homes) Act 1990

**Recommendation**

We recommend updating the brochure by replacing the 'Eastern Health Board' to 'HSE', hence keeping in line with the current aspect of the Health Service administration service

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,  
Nursing Home Inspectorate  
Dublin North East

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**cc. Ms. Aileen Tevlin, Registered Person In Charge, La Verna Nursing Home**