

14th May 2007

Firstcare Ltd.,
Proprietor,
Northbrook House Nursing Home,
26, Northbrook Rd.,
Dublin 6.

Inspection Report

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

Dear Sirs,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a medical and nursing perspective inspected Northbrook House Nursing Home on 8/05/07.

The inspection commenced at 2.15.pm and was completed by 5pm.. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 23 residents listed on this date, 22 in residence & 1 in hospital. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 23 residents.

Current Inspection

The following issues require your attention and action.

Article: 14.(b) *make adequate arrangements for the prevention of infection,infestation,toxic conditions,or spread of infection and infestation at the nursing home;*

Non-compliance: Clean laundry was being brought from the laundry area through a staff toilet in a container that was uncovered.

Required Action:

Ensure that effective infection control measures are in place at all stages of the journey that clean linen takes, from the laundry room to the residents locker.

Timescale: Immediate, on receipt of this report.

Recommendations:

1. Thermostat to be installed in lounge area, & also be available for use in other rooms as required. At time of inspection, the lounge was very warm & several of the residents were drowsy.
2. Controlled drugs, when in use, to be stored in a locked press that is attached to a wall, & which contains no other items.
3. The drug administration system to be reviewed to ensure that the possibility for errors is reduced to the minimum level.
4. The signage on the sluice room door to be changed to denote room is to be used by staff members only.

The Nursing Home Inspection Team is to be notified in writing on or before 28th May 2007 indicating the steps taken by the Nursing Home to carry out the actions as required under the Regulations.

Signed:

Nursing Home Inspection Team

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Signed counterpart sent to Ms Julia Mitchell, Person-in-Charge of Nursing Home