

13th March 2007

Dr. Mary and Mr. Peter Jones,
Orwell House Nursing Home,
112 Orwell Road,
Rathgar,
Dublin 6.

Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of Orwell House Nursing Home, 112 Orwell Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6 under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.

Dear Proprietors,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from Dublin South City inspected Orwell House Nursing Home on 19th and 20th February 2007.

The inspection of the 19th February 2007 commenced at 10 a.m. and was completed by 1 p.m.. The inspection of the 20th February 2007 commenced at 9.40 a.m. and was completed by 1.45 p.m. Both inspections were unannounced.

There were 61 residents on the 19th February 2007. 2 residents are currently in hospital. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 66 residents.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 20th September 2006 have been addressed.

Current Inspection

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:*

(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

During the inspections of the 19th and 20th February 2007 the drug kardex and Medication Administration Record Sheets were reviewed.

Non-compliance(s):

(1)

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Drugs were transcribed onto the drug kardex and not signed by the G.P.

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Required Action:

The practice of transcribing drugs needs to cease immediately. This is not in keeping with best practice guidelines or An Board Altranais Guidance to Nurses & Midwives on Medication Management June 2003.

All residents drug kardex to be reviewed.

All Nursing staff to be advised to work within their Scope of Practice

Timescale: Immediately on receipt of this report.

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*

Non-compliance(s):

(2)

_____ was not recorded as having been administered on the 19th February 2007.

_____ commenced on the 24th January 2007, was not signed by the G.P.

_____ was discontinued but was not recorded on the front of the drug record sheet.

_____, was not recorded on the drug administration record sheet as having been administered since the 27th January 2007

_____ was not signed by a nurse as having been administered on the 19th February 2007

Discontinued drugs, not signed for by the G.P.

_____ was prescribed on the 18th May 2005. The drug kardex is not signed and there is no record of this drug having been administered or discontinued.

_____ not signed by the G.P.

_____ Prescribed on alternate days, was recorded as been given daily.

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_____ prescribed on the 16th October 2006 has a line through it on the drug kardex but not signed by the G.P.. _____ is prescribed again on the 15th January 2006 but ? should read 15th January 2007.

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_____ was not recorded as having been administered on the 19th February 2007

Required Action:

Review patients drug kardex and medication administration record sheets.

Ensure that all medication is signed and dated by the G.P.

Ensure that all discontinued medication is signed and dated by the G.P.

All nursing staff should be referred to An Board Altranais Guidance to Nurses and Midwives on Medication Management 2003 and work within their scope of practice.

Timescale: Immediately on receipt of this report.

Article: 29 The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall:

- (a) *make adequate arrangements for the recording, safe-keeping, administering and disposal of drugs and medicines,*
- (b) *ensure that the treatment and medication prescribed by the medical practitioner of a dependent person is correctly administered and recorded.*

Non-compliance(s):

It was reported to the Inspection Team by the nurse in charge of the home on the day of the inspection that the home has a supply of antibiotics for use in case of an emergency e.g. at weekends should it prove difficult to have prescriptions filled.

Required Action:

This practice of storing drugs in the Nursing Home must cease immediately. This is not in keeping with Best Practice Guidelines or A.B.A. Guidelines

Timescale:

Immediately on receipt of this report.

Article 21: In every nursing home there shall be kept in a safe place a record of:

- (b) details of the qualifications and a copy of the certificate of current *registration of each member of the nursing staff employed*;

Non-compliance(s):

2007 Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) were unavailable for inspection for the following nurses:

Required Action:

Same to be forwarded to the inspection team.

Timescale:

2 weeks from receipt of this report.

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

- (g) bed and bedding appropriate to the dependency of each person and suitable and sufficient furniture and any other necessary fittings and equipment;

Non-compliance(s):

The residents in Rooms ___ and ___ share a small wardrobe affording them very little space for their personal belongings. While the resident in Room ___ does have a wardrobe, it is very small and _____ are stored in the shower.

Required Action:

That each resident be provided with their own wardrobe space appropriate to their particular needs.

Timescale:

1 month from receipt of this report.

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 facilities;

Non-compliance(s):

Overhead light bulb missing in Room 120.

Required Action:

That the bulb be replaced.

Timescale:

Immediately.

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

- (j) emergency call facilities are provided at each bed;

Non-compliance(s):

The emergency call bells in Room 314 and bathroom were not working at the time of the inspection.

Also, the call bells in the bathrooms of Rooms 114, 115 and 315 were not working at the time of the inspection

Required Action:

That these call bells be repaired.

Timescale:

1 week from receipt of this report.

Recommendations:

- 1) While two nurses are on duty each night in the nursing home, a nurse is not present at all times in the High Dependency Unit. Because of the complex nursing needs of the residents in this unit at present, the team recommends that a nurse be present in this facility at all times.
- 2) As this nursing home has a high number of dependent residents, the inspection team recommends that the care staff should be increased by 1 staff member on each shift to cater for the needs of these residents.
- 3) During the inspection the team were informed that as of January 2007 the 3rd floor of the nursing home is now being used a secure unit. As the space available to residents is limited the team recommends that all ambulant residents should avail of downstairs activities and facilities during the daytime.

The Nursing Home Inspection Team is to be notified in writing on or before the above dates 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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c.c. Ms. R. O' Byrne, Orwell House Nursing Home,