Mr & Mrs Joe and Helen Kenny  
Registered Proprietors  
St Pappin’s Nursing Home  
Ballymun Road  
Dublin 9  

Date 21/03/07  

Dear Mr & Mrs Kenny,  

**Inspection Report**  
**Re:** Inspection of St Pappin’s Nursing Home under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care & Welfare) Regulations, 1993.  

The Health Service Executive Nursing Homes Inspection Team inspected St Pappins Nursing Home, Ballymun Road, Ballymun, Dublin 11 on 22/11/2006. This inspection was routine and unannounced.  

There were 52 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently registered for 59 residents.  

Issues identified in the previous inspection report date 26/03/06  
The following:  
Article were satisfactorily addressed 5 9a)  
Article was not satisfactorily addressed 19.1 & 12 (a)  

The following issues require your attention and action.  

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

(b) ensure that the treatment and medication prescribed by the medical practitioner of a dependent person is correctly administered and recorded.  

**Non-compliance**  
On the day of inspection prescribed medication to ** was left unadministered on his bed table.
Required Action
1. Person in charge to ensure prescribed medication is administered.
2. Person in Charge and Nursing Staff refer to Guidance to Nurses and Midwives on medication management June 2003. An Bord Altranais

Timescale
1. Immediate – from day of inspection 22.11.06 as outlined verbally to person in charge and immediately from receipt of this report.
2. Immediately from receipt of this report.

Article 12
The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall:

(a) Take reasonable precautions against the risk of accidents to any dependent person in the nursing home and in the grounds of the nursing home.

Article 19.1
In every nursing home the following particulars shall be kept in a safe place in respect of each dependent person.

(h) a record of any occasion on which physical or chemical restraint is used, the nature of the restraint and its duration.

Non-compliance
1. While efforts have been made by the Nursing Home, to review cot sides/bed rails as recommended in previous inspections – 02nd February 2006 and 08th May 2006 – re - cot sides attached to residents beds i.e. there is a wide gap between bed and cot side and could potentially cause injury thereby posed a risk to residents safety. At inspection today, the cot sides attached to resident beds in room 8, room 18 (Bed B), room 18 (Bed C), were not securely attached as outlined above. There was a wide gap between bed and cod side posing a risk to residents safety.
2. On inspection of records of restraint and care plans in relation to the restraint used, the restraint records did not have a review date or signature of GP as outlined in Nursing Home Policy on restraint.

Required Action
1. The person in charge to ensure cot sides are provided for residents in room 8, room 18(b), room 18(c) that do not pose a risk to residents safety.
2. Person in charge to review consents for restraint and ensure they are signed by GP with review date as per Nursing Home Policy.
3. Person in charge to ensure all staff receive education on the management and use or restraint.

Timescale
1. On receipt of this report
2. One month from receipt of this report.
3. One month from 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

(d) An adequate nursing record of persons health and condition and treatment given completed on a daily basis and signed and dated by nurses on duty.

Non-compliance
Following review of a random sample of nursing records, on date of inspection, the care plans and daily nursing records did not accurately reflect the resident need on day of inspection. This has been a recurrent issue on previous inspection reports 30/09/05, 13/01/05 08/12/03

Required Action
1. All care plans should be person-centred and reflective of current identified need.
2. All nursing documentation to be reviewed to ensure that there are current and in line with ABA guidelines recording clinical practice guidance to nurses and midwives 2002.

Timescale
1 & 2 to be completed by 30/03/07.

Article 19.1.
In every nursing home the following particulars shall be kept in a safe place in respect of each dependant person.

(f) A record of drugs and medicines administered giving 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
** prescription was last signed by General Practitioner 5/10/05

Recommendation
Implement a policy where by all resident’s mediation prescriptions are reviewed on a scheduled basis in line with best practice.

Timescale
To be in place by 30/03/07

Article 5
The registered proprietor and person in charge shall ensure that this is provided for dependent persons maintained in a nursing home.

(a) Suitable and sufficient care to maintain the persons well being and having regard to the nature and extent of the persons dependency.
(b) A high standard of nursing care.
Issues
1. There was no record in the random sample of care plans review of an individualised assessment included in the care plans for those dependent residents identified as being incontinent.

Required Action
1. Assessment tool for continence management incorporating toileting programme and appropriate use of continence wear to be implemented and revised on a scheduled basis.
2. Residents care plan to reflect individualised needs.
3. Review compliance of all staff to continence management policy.
4. Ensure all nursing and care staff receives training and education on continence management.

Timescale
1. One month from receipt of this report
2. One month from receipt of this report
3. One month from receipt of this report
4. Three months from receipt of this report

Article 14
The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall:
(a) ensure that the nursing home and its cartilage is maintained in a proper state of repair and in a clean and hygienic condition.

Issues
At time of inspection there was a strong odour of urine within a number of residents rooms.

Required Action
Person in charge to ensure hygienic standards are maintained.

Article 5
The register proprietor and the person in charge shall ensure that there is provided for dependent persons maintained in a nursing home
(a) a high standard of nursing care

Issue
1. On day of inspection the designated officers found that nebuliser masks on two residents were dirty and crusted.
2. There was no evidence of a policy or procedure on the cleaning and changing of tubing/masks.
3. It was also found by the designated officers that these nebuliser did not have the residents name on them
Required Action
1. Person in charge to ensure nebuliser masks are clean.
2. Guidelines are drawn up and implemented on the care and management of nebulisers.
3. Each nebuliser to have dependent resident name labelled on the machine.

Timescale
1. On receipt of this report
2. One week from receipt of this report.
3. On receipt of this report

Article 5
The registered proprietor and person in charge shall ensure that this is provided for dependent persons maintained in a nursing home.

(a) Suitable and sufficient care to maintain the persons well being and having regard to the nature and extent of the persons dependency.

Issues
On day of inspection the designated officers observed that some care staff did not engage with the residents that they were feeding, some care staff stood over the residents, at a distance from residents while feeding them.

Required Action
2. Person in charge to ensure that carers with dependant residents are positioned appropriately to best facilitate feeding and engagement with resident. They should be at eye level with the resident.
3. Person in charge to ensure provision of appropriate training and supervision of staff to support required action 1 above.

Timescale
1. Immediate from receipt of this report.

The Chairperson of the Inspection Team is to be notified in writing on or before the above date(s) indicating the steps taken by the nursing home to carry out the actions as required under the regulations.

Signed:

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Chairperson                                                      Designated Officer