
Mr. & Mrs. Padraic & Mary Noone,
Proprietors,
Ballinderry Nursing Home,
Kilconnell,
Ballinasloe,
CO. GALWAY.

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Nursing Homes (Care & Welfare) Regulations 1993.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Noone,

The Environmental Health Officer visited Ballinderry Nursing Home on the 23rd October, 2006. There were 43 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently registered for 52 residents.

The following issues require your attention and action.

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

(i) overbed lamps at each bed accessible to the person.

**Breach**

- The overbed lights to bedrooms no. 3/4 and 17 were not in working order.

**Required Action**

- The defective lights must be repaired/replaced.
Article 14
The registered person and person-in-charge of the Nursing Home shall -

(a) ensure that the Nursing Home and its curtilage is maintained in a proper state of repair and in a clean and hygienic condition.

(b) make adequate arrangements for the prevention of infection, infestation, toxic conditions or spread of infection or infestation at the Nursing Home.

Breach

- Many of the paper towel dispensers were found to be empty and I was advised during my inspection that additional paper towels were not in stock.

Required Action

- Suitable hand drying facilities must be available at all wash-hand basins at all times.

Breach

- The paintwork to the lower walls to part of the dining area is defective.
- Some wooden bedside lockers are worn and defective.
- An accumulation of fluff and dust particles was noted at the rear of washing and dryer machines in the laundry area.
- The walls adjacent to the bed in room no.19 were stained and dirty, the bed frame and cot sides in this bedroom were also found to be stained.
- The electrical extract fan in the en-suite in room no. 29 was not in working order.

Required Action

- Some walls to the dining room require repainting.
- Some wooden bedside lockers need replacing.
- The area at the rear of washing/drying machines requires thorough and regular cleaning.
- The walls, bed frame and cot sides to bed in room no. 19 require thorough cleaning.
- The defective extract fan must be repaired/replaced.
Article 28.1
In every Nursing Home there shall be in a safe place a record of -

(a) all fire practices which take place at the Home.

Breach

• Records were not available to indicate when the last fire drill/training had taken place and names of staff attending.

Required Action

• I am advised that fire safety training has recently taken place, however, written records must be maintained indicating date of training, type of training and name of staff attending.

I trust that the above matters will receive your immediate and ongoing attention.

Yours sincerely,

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Environmental Health Inspection Team Member.

NOTE* Correspondence has since been received by this Office indicating compliance with Article 28.1.