

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008

Ms. Monica Browne  
Proprietor  
St. David's Retirement Home  
Gentian Hill  
Knocknacarra  
Galway

## **Inspection Report**

### **Re: Inspection of St. David's Retirement Home, Gentian Hill, Knocknacarra, Galway under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care & Welfare) Regulations 1993**

Dear Ms. Browne,

The Nursing Homes Inspection Team from a Medical, Nursing and Environmental Health perspective inspected St. David's Nursing Home on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

The inspection commenced at 10.00 a.m. and was completed by 2.15 p.m. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 15 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered or 15 residents.

## **Current Inspection**

The following issues require your attention and action.

### **Article 19.1 (f) Care & Welfare Regulations 1993**

*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):** Zyprexa 5 mg is prescribed for Resident A twice per day. This was being administered three times per day since 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

**Required Action:** Please discuss this serious error with Resident A's general practitioner.

**Timescale:** Immediately

**Non-Compliance:** Lexapro 5 mg is prescribed for Resident B. The administration record shows that Resident B received this medication twice on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2008 and not at all on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

**Required Action:** The medication prescribing and administration charts are to be reviewed by Nurse Killeen, person-in-charge to ensure safe practice in administering medication by the qualified nurse.

**Timescale:** One week

**Non-Compliance:** Resident C was prescribed Sinemet Plus 4 times per day on the 12<sup>th</sup> June by her G.P. We note that she is receiving this medication three times per day.

**Required Action:** Please discuss with resident Resident C's general practitioner.

**Timescale:** Immediately

### **Article 23.1 (a) and (b) Care & Welfare Regulations 1993**

*The registered proprietor and any member of staff of the nursing home shall:— ( a ) permit designated officers to enter and inspect the nursing home and shall afford the said officers such facilities and information as they require for that purpose; ( b ) subject to article 23.3, permit designated officers to examine records kept by the nursing home and to obtain copies of any such records or of extracts therefrom;*

**Non-Compliance:** A number of documents were not available for our inspection which include the nurses current registration, insurance certificate, equipment register and maintenance of same and safety documentation.

**Required Action:** All documents necessary to complete our inspection should be readily available to us. The proprietor is to forward to the inspection team the outstanding documents as above.

**Timescale:** Immediately

We noted that Nurse Killeen has commenced new medical and nursing files for each resident and is currently reviewing their care plans.

### **Recommendations:**

As per our discussion the proprietor and person-in-charge will hold a meeting with all the nursing staff to address the serious issues highlighted in this report as a matter of urgency.

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.

We will carry out a follow-up unannounced inspection.

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**Signed:** *Medical / Nursing /Environmental Health Inspection Team*

Signed counterpart sent to Ms. Maria Killeen, Person-in-Charge

