12th March 2007

Dominican Sisters
Our Lady of Fatima Nursing Home
Oakpark
Tralee
Co. Kerry

Inspection Report


Dear Sisters

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team, from a Medical, Nursing and Environmental Health perspective, inspected Our Lady of Fatima Nursing Home on 16th February, 2007 from 12.20 to 5.10pm with a break for lunch. The Nursing Home was further visited on 19th February, 2007 from a Nursing and Medical prospective from 2.30 to 5pm. Both these inspections were unannounced.

There were 55 residents on these dates. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 59 residents.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 15th December, 2006 have been addressed satisfactorily.

Current Inspection

The following issues require your attention and action.

Article 10.5(d):  The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall ensure that:
( d ) a sufficient number of competent staff are on duty at all times having regard to the number of person maintained therein and the nature and extent of their dependency.

Non-compliance:  There was no cleaning or laundry staff for Saturday and Sunday duty on roster.

Required Action:  In order to prevent the spread of infection and maintain a high standard of hygiene, cleaning and laundry staff should be rostered for Saturday and Sunday duty.
Timescale: Immediately.

Article 29(b): 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: An antibiotic prescribed twice daily for a resident had been recorded as administered three times on the 13/2/07.

Required Action: Administration and recording of medication to be in line with Nursing Home Regulations.

Timescale: Immediately.

Article 7.3: Contract of Care - Such contract shall deal with the care and welfare of that person in the nursing home and shall include details of the services to be provided for that person and the fees to be charged.

Non-compliance: Contract of Care for a particular resident had no details of fees to be charged.

Required Action: Contracts of Care to be in line with Nursing Home Regulations.

Timescale: Immediately.

Article 12(a): The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall:
(a) take precautions against the risk of accidents to any dependent person in the nursing home and in the grounds of the nursing home;

There were two dogs unsupervised in parking area when Nursing Home Inspection Team arrived. One dog snarled and behaved in a threatening manner to a member of the Inspection Team.

Recommendation: In order to protect residents who may go for a walk in the grounds of the Nursing Home, all dogs should be controlled. Please consider having dogs on a leash in a public area.

Article 14(b): The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall:
(b) make adequate arrangements for the prevention of infection, infestation, toxic conditions, or spread of infection and infestation at the nursing home.

A box of open Latex gloves stored on ledge on back of toilet in some ensuites to bedrooms.

Recommendation: Recommend that Person-in-Charge should consult with an Infection Control Nurse, HSE South, on best practice for storage of latex gloves.
Article 16.1: The registered proprietor and person in charge of the nursing home shall ensure that suitable, sufficient, nutritious and varied food, properly prepared, cooked and served is provided. Some residents at interview stated that vegetables served are lacking in variety and usually served mashed and “wet” and that meat served at main meal is frequently tough.

Recommendation: Recommend that a variety of vegetables be served, with changes on a daily basis and that a choice of non-mashed vegetables be available. Recommend review quality of meat.

Article 30(b): The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall ensure that:

(b) when a person requires physiotherapy, chiropody, occupational therapy or other health service, such service is made available by the registered proprietor or by arrangement with the health board.

Physiotherapy sessions are available at Nursing Home to residents, privately with fee. No Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy sessions available at nursing home to residents who cannot afford fee and who are not well enough to attend for outpatient physiotherapy at Kerry General Hospital.

Recommendation: Recommend that Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy be available at Nursing Home when necessary, in line with Nursing Home regulations.

The Nursing Home Inspection Team is to be notified in writing indicating the steps taken by the Nursing Home to carry out the actions as required under the Regulations.

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Signed counterpart sent to Person-in-Charge of Nursing Home