23/08/07

The Managing Director
Candor Holdings Ltd
Cahermoyle House Nursing Home
Ardagh
Co. Limerick

**Inspection Report**

**Re: Inspection of Cahermoyle House Nursing Home Ardagh Co. Limerick under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a Medical a Nursing and an Environmental Health perspective inspected Cahermoyle House Nursing Home on 31/07/07.

The inspection commenced at 10.30am and was completed by 2.30pm. This inspection was unannounced.

There were forty two residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for forty seven residents.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 06/0207 have been partially addressed. Outstanding issues remain under Articles detailed below.

**Article: 15 (a)**

*The registered proprietor and person in charge of the nursing home shall ensure that there is a sufficient supply of piped hot and cold water and that wash hand basins are provided in each bedroom.*

**Non-compliance(s):** The wash hand basin in the sluice on the first floor has not been fitted with a hot water tap.

**Required Action:** Hot water shall be available at all times in all areas of the Nursing Home

**Timescale:** One month
Current Inspection

The following issues require your attention and action.

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

Non-Compliance (s): In rooms 4 and 10 toilet seats are loose. One of the over bed lights in seven bedded ward on the ground floor is hanging off the wall.

Required Action: Toilet seats shall be repaired or replaced. Light shall be securely fixed.

Timescale: Immediate

Articles: 14 (a)(d)
14 (a) The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall: ensure that the nursing home and its curtilage is maintained in a proper state of repair and in a clean and hygienic condition;
(d) ensure that a separate well ventilated room is provided for sluicing and for the storage of dirty linen;

Non-Compliance (s): There is evidence of water damage in: -
1. Room 45
2. The ceiling in the laundry.
3. A section of the wall adjacent to exit door of the East Wing
4. A section of ceiling in bathroom numbered 18
5. A section of wall around the window in bathroom numbered 19

There are no toilet seats in rooms 3 and 17.
There is no cover on the shower outlet in room 3.
In room 22 there is no shower head.
As mentioned in previous inspections in the interest of infection control the situation of the sluice room on the ground floor is very unsatisfactory as it can only be accessed through the hairdresser.

Required Action: The cause of water damage requires to be identified and to be repaired. The ceiling and walls need to be repainted. Toilet seats shall be replaced. Cover for shower outlet shall be replaced. The shower head shall be replaced. The sluice room shall be relocated.

Timescale: All repair work to be completed within one month. The sluice room shall be relocated within four months.
**Article 10.5 (d)**

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

**Non-Compliance(s):** The Team noted that two members of nursing staff were rostered to work excessive hours for two consecutive weeks.

**Required Action:** Sufficient staff shall be put in place.

**Timescale:** Immediate.

**Recommendations:**
- It was noted that toiletries are being stored on top of cisterns in en-suites. It is recommended that shelving be provided for storage of these items.
- In the visitors toilet the issue of ventilation should be addressed as there is difficulty opening the window because of its high position. Ventilation shall be sufficient to provide 6-8 air changes per hour. A lock should be placed on the door.
- All sanitary facilities for residents shall have suitable and sufficient grab rails

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:

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Signed counterpart sent to Ms. Maria Middleton-Spellissy, Person-in-Charge of Nursing Home