

29/11/07

The Chairman
Board of Management in Trusteeship
Sisters of Mercy
Catherine McAuley Nursing
Dominic St
Limerick

Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of Catherine McAuley Nursing Home 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 Catherine McAuley Nursing Home on 17/09/07.

The inspection commenced at 10.30am and was completed by 12.45pm. This inspection was unannounced.

There were thirty residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently registered with conditions for thirty three residents.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 26/03/07 have been partially addressed. Outstanding issues remain under Articles detailed below.

Article: 27.3 *A written confirmation provided in accordance with article 27.2 (i) shall suffice on any subsequent registration of the nursing home, save where structural alterations to the home have been carried out, in which case, a new written confirmation in accordance with article 27.2 (i) shall be produced to the Health Board.*

Non-compliance(s): While the Team acknowledge that fire safety procedures are now being carried out, in the last report a Fire Safety Compliance Certificate was required to be submitted before 01/07/07. This Fire Compliance Certificate has not been submitted to date.

Required Action: A Fire Compliance Certificate shall be submitted to this office on or before the beginning of February 2008.

Current Inspection

The following issues require your attention and action.

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

Non-compliance(s):

1. As stated in the last report there was no hand basin provided in the downstairs sluice.
2. The standard of cleanliness in general in the Nursing Home is unacceptable.

Required Action:

- A wash hand basin shall be provided in the downstairs sluice.
- The Nursing Home requires a thorough cleaning followed by the implementation of the cleaning schedule as discussed during the inspection.

Recommendations:

- As previously discussed it is recommended that a dedicated cleaning room be assigned for the storage of cleaning equipment and agents and also provided with a mop sink. Due to the size and layout of the Nursing Home, consideration should be given to locating one cleaning room on the ground floor and one on the first floor.
- While the Team acknowledge that most of the communal sanitary facilities have paper towels and liquid soap it is strongly recommended that they all contain the required liquid soap and paper towels.
- It is recommended that Sluices shall be used exclusively for sluicing activities and that paper disposable hand towels and liquid soap only (not tablet soap which may be a source of infection) be available in both sluices. Those items not associated with sluicing activities e.g. flower vases be stored elsewhere and that racks be provided over the sink for storage of clean bed pans etc. The spin dryer in the sluice on the first floor should be removed immediately.
- The Team welcomes the proposed replacement of all floor covering and it recommends that this be coved at wall/floor junctions for ease of cleaning.
- The Team recommends that shelving or cupboards be provided in all sanitary facilities for storage purposes.
- During the refurbishments it is recommended that lack of storage space be addressed
- Damaged tiles in room 8 should be replaced. It is also recommended that a more suitable bath mat be provided in this bathroom in the interest in hygiene.
- It is recommended that the mop sink be removed from the laundry and replaced with a stainless steel sink (for hand-washing of clothes) and a wash hand basin.

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:

**Assistant Director of
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Nursing Home
Inspection Team**

**Senior Medical Officer
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**Senior Environmental
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Signed counterpart sent to Ms. Deirdre Reddy, Person-in-Charge of Nursing Home