

26/03/07

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

Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of Catherine McAuley Nursing Home Dominic St 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 Nursing and an Environmental Health perspective inspected Catherine McAuley Nursing Home on 26/03/07.

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

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

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 01/12/06 have been partially addressed. Outstanding issues See Articles detailed below.

Article: 28.1 (a) (b) (c)

In every Nursing Home there shall be kept in a safe place a record of:

(a) *All fire practices which take place at the home.*

(b) *All fire alarm tests carried out at the home together with the result of any such test and the action taken to remedy defects.*

(c) *The number, type and maintenance record of fire fighting equipment.*

Non Compliance(s): There was no documented evidence that these practices were carried out.

Required Action: The records shall be maintained in accordance with above article.

Article: 27.1 (b)

The registered proprietor and person in charge of the nursing home shall: make adequate arrangements to secure by means of fire drills and practices that the staff, and so far as is practicable, dependent persons in the nursing home, know the procedure to be followed in the case of fire.

Non Compliance (s): The last recorded fire drill took place in 2004.

Required Action: Fire drills shall be carried as per above article.

Timescale: On or before the 26th April 2007.

Article: 19.1 (e)

In every nursing home the following particulars shall be kept in a safe place in respect of each dependent person: a medical record with details of investigations made, diagnosis and treatment given, and a record of all drugs and medicines prescribed, signed and dated by a medical practitioner.

Non Compliance(s): A significant number of individual drugs on the drug kardex were not signed by a medical practitioner.

Required Action: All drug kardex sheets shall be signed and dated by a medical practitioner.

Current Inspection

The following issues require your attention and action.

Recommendations:

- Reference is made to the letter from the Architect, dated 07/01/07 stating that the works of fire upgrading to the building were due for completion on 16/04/007. A fire safety compliance certificate shall be submitted to this office on or before 01/07/07.
- While the Team acknowledges that refurbishments and upgrading of the Nursing Home is taking place, it recommends that:
 - (a) A wash hand basin is placed in the sluice room.
 - (b) In the interest of infection control nothing other than items specifically used for sluicing shall be stored in the sluice room.
 - (c) It is recommended that all hand towel rails be removed from communal sanitary facilities to encourage staff to use only the disposable paper towels.
 - (d) It is recommended in the interest of infection control that wall mounted liquid soap dispensers and wall mounted paper towel dispensers be erected in all communal sanitary facilities. These are present in the majority of such locations.
 - (e) It is recommended that a dedicated cleaning room be assigned for cleaning equipment and agents as discussed at inspection.
 - (f) The standard of cleanliness in general requires improvement. Cobwebs were evident, overhead lights were dusty and bedroom windows and frames needed to be cleaned. A written cleaning schedule for the Home should be devised to include daily, weekly and monthly cleaning.

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 Public
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Nursing Home
Inspection Team**

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