14/09/07

The Managing Director
Elder Nursing Homes Ltd
Roseville House Nursing Home
Killonan
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Co. Limerick

Inspection Report


Dear Sir,
The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a Medical a Nursing and an Environmental Health perspective inspected Roseville House Nursing Home on 13/09/07.

The inspection commenced at 10.30am and was completed by 13.30pm. This inspection was unannounced.

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

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 29/01/07 have been partially addressed. Outstanding issues remain under Articles detailed below.

Article: 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.

Non-compliance(s): There are gaps in the floor covering in several bedrooms.

Required Action: Floor coverings in the bedrooms shall be made good. It is recommended that proposed floor covering is coved at wall/floor junctions for ease of cleaning.

Timescale: Within one month.
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 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):** According to the roster there is one nurse and one carer on duty from 10pm until 8am to care for a maximum of forty residents. At the time of inspection there were 12 residents with maximum dependency, 18 with high dependency and 9 with medium dependency. The Team feel that at least one other carer should be employed at night to ensure safe practice.

**Required Action:** Extra care staff shall be employed for night duty.

**Timescale:** Within two weeks.

**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):** On the day of inspection the sluice room contained mop buckets, buffer heads, wash basins, and other items not associated with sluicing activities.

**Required Action:** The sluice room shall be kept exclusively for sluicing activities. All other items shall be removed and stored elsewhere.

**Timescale:** Immediate

**Article 15 (d):** The registered proprietor and person in charge of the nursing home shall ensure that there is a sufficient number of baths and showers having regard to the number of persons in the nursing home and that a sufficient number of assisted baths and showers are provided, having regard to the dependency of persons in the nursing home.

**Non-Compliance(s):** On the day of the inspection the bathroom beside room 8 was completely inaccessible. This room is being used for storage and is unavailable for resident use.

**Required Action:** This room shall be cleared and made available for resident use.

**Timescale:** Immediate.

**Article: 11.2 (i)** In every nursing home there shall be provided suitable and sufficient accommodation which meets the minimum standards as follows over bed lamps at each bed accessible to the person and permanent night lighting with dimming facilities.

**Non-Compliance(s):** In room 15 the two bedded ward the over bed lights are inaccessible to the residents.

**Required Action:** These lights need to be repositioned to ensure their accessibility. In other rooms it is recommended that pull switches be applied to the lights to make them more user friendly for the residents.

**Timescale:** Within two months. (This time scale is given because the Team acknowledge refurbishing work that is proposed for room 15).
Recommendations:

1. The Team wish to seek clarification regarding the planning status of the extension which is almost complete. This structure is to provide dining and sanitary facilities for the nursing home staff. The Team refer you to letter of 16/02/07 from the Senior Environmental Health Officer, requesting this information.

2. The Team welcome the proposed cleaning room; however it is recommended that the location of this be reconsidered as the Team is of the opinion that it is situated too far away from the main Nursing Home.

3. It is recommended that a number of new commodes be purchased to replace the old and worn commodes presently in use.

4. It is recommended that a wash hand basin be provided in the laundry room.

5. A sign needs to be erected on the outside of the wheelchair toilet.

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 Health Nursing Nursing Home Inspection Team

Senior Environmental Health Officer Nursing Home Inspection Team

Senior Medical Officer Nursing Home Inspection Team

Signed counterpart sent to Ms. Kathleen Wilkinson Person-in-Charge of Nursing Home