Dear Sir/Madam

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a Medical a Nursing and an Environmental Health perspective inspected St. Anthony’s Nursing Home on 24/04/07.

The inspection commenced at 11.00am and was completed by 1.15pm. This inspection was unannounced.

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

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 22/11/06 have been addressed satisfactorily.

The following issues require your attention and action.

**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):** Although the Team acknowledges that the majority of the drug kardex sheets were signed a significant number of individual drugs were not signed by a medical practitioner.

**Required Action:** All drug prescriptions shall be signed and dated by a medical practitioner.

**Timescale:** Immediately.
Recommendations:

1. As discussed at the inspection it is recommended that additional staff be employed dedicated exclusively to cleaning duties.

2. As discussed at the Inspection the bathroom beside room 11 downstairs and the bathroom and the two toilets upstairs opposite room 4 require upgrading and refurbishment.

3. The bathroom which is currently being used as a temporary sluice shall be used exclusively for sluicing activities.

Signed:

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