23/08/07

The Managing Director
Barnacycle Nursing Home Ltd.,
Thorpes Nursing Home,
Clarina,
Co. Limerick

Inspection Report


Dear Sir/Madam,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a Medical, a Nursing and an Environmental perspective inspected Thorpes Nursing Home on 07/08/07.

The inspection commenced at 10.30am and was completed by 1.15 pm. This inspection was unannounced.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 15/03/07 have been partially addressed. Outstanding issues remain under Articles detailed below.

Article: 10.5 (d). The registered proprietor and person in charge of the nursing home shall ensure that (d) 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 dependencies.

Non-Compliance(s): On the day of inspection there was one nurse and two carers on duty. This was to care for 25 residents, a large number of whom have maximum dependencies. The Team feels this is insufficient to meet the needs of the residents.

Required Action: More staff shall be recruited and rostered to facilitate safe and adequate care for all the residents in the nursing home.

Timescale: Immediate
Current Inspection

The following issues require your attention and action.

**Article: 14 (a) (b)** The registered proprietor and person in charge of the nursing home shall:

(a) ensure that the nursing home and its curtilage is maintained in a proper state of repair and in a clean and hygienic condition;
(b) make adequate arrangements for the prevention of infection, infestation, toxic conditions, or spread of infection or infestation at the nursing home.

**Non-Compliance(s):** In the bathroom between bedrooms 5 and 7 a build up of dirt was noted at wall/floor junctions in the shower. The fore mentioned bathroom has a small hairdressing shower attachment in the hand basin and this is being used for showering resident. This is an unacceptable and unsafe practice. A number of wall tiles are missing in the shower unit in bathroom adjacent to bedroom 12. Room 22 has a water stain on the ceiling and a nail protruding from the wall. Bed linen was noted to be old and discoloured. In the linen store the trap door to the attic is missing. On the day of inspection a bag of used incontinence pads was noted on the floor of the sluice room.

**Required Action:**
Toilet seat to be replaced.
In bathroom between bedrooms 5 and 7 wall/floor junctions in shower to be thoroughly cleaned and re grouted where necessary.
In fore mentioned bathroom fitting removed from conventional shower shall be replaced and use of hand held fitting from wash hand for showering purposes discontinued.
Missing wall tiles in bathroom adjacent to bedroom no.12 shall be replaced.
Ceiling of Room 22 to be repainted and nail removed from wall.
The trap door to the attic to be replaced.
All incontinence wear to be double bagged and stored in appropriate bins in the curtilage of the premises pending final removal.

**Timescale:** Immediate
Article 11.2 (f) (j): In every nursing home there shall be provided suitable and sufficient accommodation which meets the minimum standards as follows: -
(f) suitable and sufficient equipment and facilities having regard to the nature and extent of the dependency of the persons maintained in the nursing home;
(j) emergency call facilities are provided at each bed.

Non-Compliance(s): On the day of inspection the Team noted that the buxton chairs are in a poor state of repair and not safe to use.
Bed tables are being used as occasional tables and this is not safe practice.
There are no emergency call bell leads in Rooms 1, 10, 11, 16 and 22.
In Rooms 6, 7 and 8 where there are 2 beds, there is only one emergency call bell lead in each room.

Required Action: Replace old buxton chairs with new ones.
Remove old bed tables and replace with conventional occasional tables.
Install emergency call bell leads by all beds.

Timescale: One month

Article 10.5 (d): The registered proprietor and person in charge of the nursing home shall ensure that: (d) 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): There is no one employed to work only in the laundry. The carer at night does the laundry. This is unacceptable given the number of maximum dependency residents.

Required Action: A person should be employed to work exclusively in the laundry thus enabling the carer to look after the needs of the residents.
Timescale: Immediate

Recommendations:
(1) The lights in the corridors should be checked frequently and bulbs replaced when necessary as recommended in the inspection report of 15/03/2007.
(2) The cleaning room to be de-cluttered and items not in use to be disposed of as recommended in inspection report of 15/03/2007.
(3) The sink in the laundry be thoroughly cleaned and kept in a clean and hygienic condition at all times as recommended in the inspection report of 15/03/2007.
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. O’Shea, Person-in-Charge of Nursing Home