Storey Broe Nursing Service Ltd.
Tí Aire Nursing Home,
Tallagh Hill,
Belmullet,
County Mayo.

19th December 2007


Dear Mr. Storey,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from an Environmental Health perspective inspected Tí Aire on the 28th November 2007 and carried out an inspection under the above legislation. The inspection commenced at 14:00 and was completed by 16:00. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 28 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently registered for 47 residents.

The following issues require your attention and action.

**Article 12 (a) Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.**

_The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall:_

- take precautions against the risk of accidents to any dependent person in the nursing home and in the grounds of the nursing home.

**Non Compliance:** Spare materials and other miscellaneous items were being stored in unoccupied bedrooms with doors left open leaving a potential danger to any resident entering those rooms.

**Required Action:** Ensure doors to such rooms remain closed and preferably locked.

**Timescale:** Immediate.

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Article 14 (a) Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.
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:
1. Wall finish around the hairdressing sink has become damaged from water
   splashing on it.
2. Cleaning trolley with soiled materials therein was stored in the clean
   storeroom.

Required Action:
1. Provide a suitable splash-back to the hairdressing sink to protect the wall
   finish from deterioration. Ceramic tiles or other water resistant finish would be
   appropriate.
2. Ensure cleaning trolleys are stored in the appropriate room and that soiled
   materials are decanted from trolleys and sluiced or disposed of quickly.

Timescale: Immediate.

Article 27 (a) Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.
The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall:-
Take adequate precautions against the risk of fire, including ...the provision of
adequate arrangements for...containing...fires.

Non Compliance: While it is acceptable under the terms of the guidance
document “fire Safety in Nursing Homes” not to have self closers fitted to bedroom
doors, certain specific conditions must be met to allow this situation. In the case of Ti
Aire, these conditions are not being fully met.

Required Action:
As confirmed following my visit, you have undertaken to provide appropriate self-
closers to all bedroom doors. In sourcing these closers please have due regard to
section 5.9 of the aforementioned guidelines published by the Department of the
Environment. In the interim, please ensure that doors to bedrooms remain generally
closed, and that staff are aware to close such doors following evacuation of residents
in the event of a fire.

Timescale: Interim measures immediately and closers to be fitted within 3 months.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Coffey SEHO