Monday, 25 June 2007

Mr. Joseph & Ms. Noreen Sheridan,
Registered Proprietors,
Heatherfield Nursing Home,
Raynestown,
Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath.

Inspection Report
Re: Inspection of Heatherfield Nursing Home, Raynestown,
Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990
and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.

Dear Mr. & Ms. Sheridan,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a Nursing and
Environmental Health perspective inspected Heatherfield Nursing Home on 8/3/07.

The inspection commenced at 10.30am and was completed by 4.45pm. This inspection
was routine unannounced.

There were 30 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently registered for 30
residents.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 4/9/06:

Articles 14(b), 14(e), 8(a) and 18.1(g) have been satisfactorily addressed.

The following issues require your attention and action:
Article
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 clean and hygienic condition.”

Non-compliance
The material seat cover on the chair in Room ** was dirty and grubby in appearance.

Required Action
Replace the cover on the chair and ensure that the seat covers can be readily cleaned and disinfected if necessary.

Timescale
2 weeks.

Non-compliance
The ceiling in the kitchen was stained with water marks. The Environmental Officer was informed that this resulted from a recent water leakage on the first floor.

Required Action
The ceiling should be allowed to thoroughly dry out and be repainted with a finish that is easily cleanable.

Timescale
1 month.

Article
Article 14(e) “The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall: maintain a high standard of hygiene in relation to the storage and preparation of food and the disposal of domestic refuse.”

Non-compliance
At the time of the inspection the Environmental Officer noted that some of the trays (already set for serving lunch) appeared dirty.

Required Action
Thoroughly clean the trays after every use and ensure that they are maintained in a clean and hygienic condition.

Timescale
Immediately.

Non-compliance
When foodstuffs, particularly raw meats, are frozen by the proprietor the Environmental Health Officer requires (in the interest of good stock rotation) that the date of freezing
should be marked on the product. At the time of inspection, the EHO noted that the markers used to date the time of freezing had rubbed off and become illegible.

**Required Action**
Use indelible markers for labelling the above mentioned products.

**Timescale**
Immediate.

**Article**
Article 15 (a) “The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall ensure that: there is a sufficient supply of piped hot and cold water and that wash-hand basins are provided in each bedroom.”

**Non-compliance**
Some of the spring loaded tap fittings (e.g. being room *) are such that they are extremely difficult to switch on, particularly for an elderly person. Also, the duration of water flow was extremely short.

**Required Action**
The taps should be adjusted accordingly or alternatively replaced so that the above mentioned problems are alleviated.

**Timescale**
1 month.

**Article**
Article 11.2(f) “In every nursing home there shall be provided suitable and sufficient accommodation which meets the minimum standards as follows:- suitable and sufficient equipment and facilities having regard to the nature and extent of the dependency of the persons maintained in the nursing home.”

**Issue**
Dependent persons who due to their dependency, cannot be weighed using a conventional scales, need alternate method of weighing.

**Required Action**
Provide scales to weigh immobile residents

**Timescale**
Within 14 days of receipt of this report.

**Recommendation**
Install sit-on chair scales.
Note 1
At the time of inspection the Environmental Health Officer noted approximately five kittens outside the kitchen windows and door. The EHO was informed that they belonged to the neighbouring dwelling. The EHO wishes to advise the proprietor that:

- The cats must be kept out of the kitchen and dining areas at all times.
- The cats should be discouraged from coming around the premises. Ensure that they are not being fed as this further encourages their presence.
- The proprietor should inform the cat owners of our concerns in this matter.

Note 2
- The proprietor is in the process of sinking a new well. Prior to using the well it is important that all information that may influence the water quality is submitted to the Environmental Health Officer for assessment and approval. Such details include:
  - Depth of the well
  - Construction details
  - Full bacteriological and chemical analysis (to be completed by an approved laboratory)
  - Extent of the zone of influence of the well
  - Well head construction details
  - Location and type of nearest sources of potential pollution e.g. septic tanks, farm yards, land spreading of waste
  - Water treatment detail (if any)

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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Chairperson/Designated Officer,  Environmental Health Officer/
Nursing Home Inspection Team.  Designated Officer.

Cc  Ms. Geraldine Slattery, Person in Charge.