30th October 2007

Mr & Mrs Shay and Sarah Costello,
Costello’s Vale View Nursing Home,
Ballyleague,
Co Roscommon.

Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of Costello’s Vale View Nursing Home, Ballyleague, Co Roscommon under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations 1993

Dear Mr & Mrs Costello

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a Medical and a Nursing perspective inspected Costello’s Vale View Nursing Home, Ballyleague, Co Roscommon on 26th September 2007.

The inspection commenced at 10.00 am and was completed by 16.30. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 31 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 33 residents.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 15th March 2007 have been partially addressed. Outstanding issues remain under Article 29 (b) in relation to administration of medication detailed below.
CURRENT INSPECTION

**Article 29**: “The registered proprietor and the Person-in-charge of the Nursing Home shall: (b) ensure that the treatment and medication prescribed by the medical practitioner of a dependent person is correctly administered and recorded”.

**Non Compliances**:

1. Resident A is prescribed Fosamax to be administered on a once weekly basis. On examination of the Drug Kardex there was no record that Resident A was administered Fosamax as prescribed by her medical practitioner on 5th September 2007.
2. The morning drugs which are prescribed for Resident B were not signed as administered in the drug administration sheet.

**Required Action**: It is the responsibility of all Nurses administering medication to ensure that all drugs are correctly administered and recorded as prescribed by the medical practitioner. Drugs when administered should be signed for at the time of administration

**Timeframe**: Please implement required action immediately

**Recommendations with regard to Administration of Subcutaneous fluids**

In the interest of best practice all residents in receipt of subcutaneous fluids should be medically reviewed at a minimum every 48 hours depending on the residents’ condition. Subcutaneous fluids are only suitable for short-term use. The time of commencement and completion of infusion should be recorded in the fluid balance chart.

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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Area Medical Officer   Asst Director of Public Health Nursing
Nursing Home Inspection Team   Nursing Home Inspection Team

Signed counterpart sent to: Person-in-Charge.