4th September 2007

Mr. Martin O’Dowd & Mr. Simon Knowles,
36 Fitzwilliam Square,
Dublin 2.

Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of Fearna Nursing Home, Elphin, Co Roscommon under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations 1993

Dear Sirs,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Homes Inspection Team from a Medical and a Nursing perspective inspected Fearna Elphin Nursing Home on the 29th June 2007.

The inspection commenced at 10.00am and was completed by 3.30pm. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 27 residents on these dates. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered without conditions for 35 residents.

Issues identified in the Previous Inspection Report dated 1st February 2007 have been satisfactorily addressed.

The following issues require your attention and action:

**Article 19.1:** “In every Nursing Home the following particulars shall be kept in a safe place in respect of each dependent person: (d) an adequate nursing record of the person’s health and condition and treatment given, completed on a daily basis and signed and dated by the nurse on duty.

Non Compliance: The type of dressing being applied to pressure sore on heel of Resident A was not recorded in the Care Plan or daily nursing records.

Required Action: Please arrange to record the treatment which is being applied to pressure sore of Resident A in the Care Plan and daily nursing records.

Timeframe: Immediately.
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:

Asst Director of Public Health Nursing
Nursing Home Inspection Team

Principal Medical Officer
Nursing Home Inspection Team

Signed counterpart sent to: Person-in-charge