27th June 2007.

Mr Chris Hurst,
Secretary,
Allenfield Care Homes Ltd,
Inis Ree Lodge,
Ballyleague,
Co. Roscommon.

Inspection Report


Dear Mr Hurst,

The Nursing Homes Inspection Team from a Medical and a Nursing perspective inspected Inis Ree Lodge Nursing Home on 6th June 2007.

The inspection commenced at 10.30 am and was completed by 4.30 pm. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 56 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 61 residents.

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 (h) a record of any occasion on which physical or chemical restraint is used, the nature of the restraint and its duration”.

Non Compliance: It was noted on inspection that Resident A was restrained in her chair with a seatbelt. The type or duration of restraint was not recorded in either the nursing care plan or restraint records.

Required Action: Please ensure that the type and duration of restraint is recorded on all residents in receipt of restraint.

Timescale: Immediately.
Article 11.2: “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”.

Non Compliance: Several wheelchairs in use for transferring residents did not have foot rests attached.

Required Action: In the interest of best practice and comfort and safety of residents, please arrange to have footrests in place on wheelchairs except in circumstances where the dependent person is capable of self-propelling.

Timescale: Immediately.

Recommendations

Butrans patch prescribed weekly for resident B was not signed as administered in Drug Kardex for but was signed up in controlled drug register and dated on the patch applied to the resident. We recommend that, as well as recording controlled drugs as administered in controlled drug register, they are also recorded as administered in Drug Kardex.

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

Signed counterpart sent to: Person-in-charge