Dear Mr McGarry,

Mr Declan McGarry,
Proprietor,
Oakwood Nursing Home,
Circular Road
Ballaghaderreen,
Co. Roscommon.

19th February 2007

Inspection Report


Dear Mr McGarry,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Homes Inspection Team inspected Oakwood Nursing Home, Circular Rd, Ballaghaderreen, Roscommon from 10.30am to 16.00pm on 21/12/2006. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 34 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 36 residents.

Issues identified in previous Inspection Report date 25/07/06 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.”

Breach: On examination of Resident K’s wound assessment records, the size of the wound was recorded as a “small hole”. However the nature of the wound bed, wound margin, exudates and odour were recorded as recommended in previous inspection.

Required Action: Please ensure that an accurate measurement of size and depth of Resident K’s wound is recorded in the nursing records.
**Timescale:** Immediately  
**Recommendations:** If a wound exists as part of the assessment, the size/depth should be measured. The use of a photographic record/observation chart/wound measurement device may be useful.

**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:”

**Breach:** There was only one sterile dressing pack in stock in the Nursing Home. This is not sufficient to meet the needs of the three residents that are in receipt of wound care.  
**Required Action:** Please ensure that there is a sufficient supply of dressing packs to meet the needs of residents in the nursing home at all times.  
**Timescale:** Immediately

**Article 18.1** “In every Nursing Home there shall be kept in a safe place a bound register of all dependent persons resident in the home, which shall include the following particulars in respect of each person; (c) the name, address and telephone number of the person’s medical practitioner;”

**Breach:** On examination of the bound register there was no record of Resident A’s medical practitioner.  
**Required Action:** Please enter the name, address and telephone number of resident A’s medical practitioner into the bound register.  
**Timescale:** Immediately

**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;”

**Breaches:** The Inspectorate were informed by a member of nursing staff that cot sides were in use in relation to the following residents:
- Resident B
- Resident C
- Resident D
- Resident E
- Resident F
- Resident H

There was no record of use of cot sides in relation to the above residents.

**Required Action:** Cot sides are a form of restraint. Please ensure that a record of use of cot sides including duration of use is recorded in relation to the above-named residents.  
**Timescale:** Immediately

**Recommendations:** In the interest of best practice a rationale for use of restraint for individuals should be documented in the nursing records following discussion with the resident where possible, or a person acting on his/her behalf and the medical practitioner. There should be regular review of the need of restraint in each individual case.
Article 22: “When a dependent person dies in a Nursing Home, the registered proprietor or the Person in Charge shall send a notice in writing of the date and time of death to the Medical Officer of Health for the area in which the Nursing Home is situated, not later than forty eight hours after it occurs and the certified cause of death as soon as possible thereafter”

Breach: Notification of the following deaths in the Nursing Home since our last inspection dated 25/07/06 were not received in the office of the Senior Medical Officer. Roscommon.
Resident I RIP
Resident J RIP

Required Action: Please forward Notification of Death Forms including details of certified cause of death in relation to Resident I RIP and Resident J RIP to the Senior Medical Officer, Community Services, Lanesboro Road, Roscommon.

Timescale: Immediately

Article 11.2: “In every Nursing Home there shall be provided suitable and sufficient accommodation which meets the minimum standards as follows: -(i) over-bed lamps at each bed assessable to the person and permanent night lighting with dimming facilities”.

Breach: The over-bed lamps were not working in room 18 and room 25.

Required Action: Please ensure all over-bed lamps are maintained in working order at all times.

Timescale: Immediately

Article 11.2: “In every Nursing Home there shall be provided suitable and sufficient accommodation which meets the minimum standards as follows: -(j) emergency call facilities are provided at each bed”.

Breach: The call bell in room 26 was not working on the day of inspection.

Required Action: Please ensure that call bells are maintained in working order at all times.

The Chairperson of the Inspection Teams to be notified in writing on or before the above dates 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  Nursing Home
Inspection Team  Inspection Team