27th June 2008

Ms Teresa Curley,
Proprietor,
Tearmainn Bhride Nursing Home,
Brideswell,
Co. Roscommon.

Inspection Report


Dear Ms Curley,

The Nursing Homes Inspection Team from a Medical and a Nursing perspective inspected Tearmainn Bhríde Nursing Home on the 24th June 2008.

The inspection commenced at 10.00 hrs and was completed by 14.00 hrs. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 28 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 30 residents.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 18th December 2007 have been partially addressed. Outstanding issues remain under Article 5 (g) below.

Current Inspection

The following issues require your attention and action.

Article 5: “The registered proprietor and the person in charge shall ensure that there is provided for dependent persons maintained in a nursing home: (g) privacy to the extent that the person is able to undertake personal activities in private.”

Non Compliance: In the course of the inspection a resident was observed sitting on a commode in her double room in the presence of another resident without any screens or curtains to facilitate privacy. There are no curtains available in double rooms to accommodate privacy for residents sharing a room. Two mobile screens were observed by the inspectorate but are only accessible by staff, therefore residents who are capable cannot screen themselves off if they so wish.
**Required Action**: Please ensure all residents are facilitated to undertake personal activities in private.

**Timeframe**: Immediately.

**Article 21**: “In every nursing home there shall be kept in a safe place a record of (b) Details of the qualifications and a copy of the certificate of current registration of each member of the nursing staff employed.

**Article 10.5**: “The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall ensure that: (c) a nurse is on duty at all times”.

**Non Compliance**: Certificate of Registration with An Bord Altranais was awaited for Ms X who has just qualified. She is rostered as a nurse on the duty roster since the 16th June 2008 and working as the only nurse on duty from:
- 16.00-22.00 on the 23rd June 2008
- 22.00-8am on the 25th and 26th June 2008
- 15.00-22.00 on 28th June 2008.

Ms X cannot work in the capacity of a Nurse until she is fully registered with An Bord Altranais and has a current certificate of registration with An Bord Altranais.

A revised duty roster was received by this office on the 27th June 2008 for the week commencing 23rd June outlining that Nurse X is no longer working as a Nurse in the Nursing Home and that a Registered Nurse is covering the shifts identified above.

A copy of certificate of registration for Nurse X was received by this office on the 31/07/08. Nurse X was entered in the general division of the register of nurses maintained by An Bord Altranais on the 27/06/08.

**Article 10.5**: “The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall ensure that: (d) a sufficient number of competent staff are on duty at all times having regard to the number of persons maintained therein and the nature and extent of their dependency.”

**Non Compliance**: On examination of the duty roster it was noted that there is only one carer and one Nurse on duty from 15.00 hrs - 17.00 hrs.

**Required Action**: Please ensure that there is enough competent staff on duty at all times to meet the needs of residents

**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:

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**Signed counterpart sent to**: Brid O’Brien, Person-in-charge