

Managing Director  
Foxborough Ltd  
Silverstream  
Health Care Ltd  
Nenagh Manor Nursing Home  
Yewstown Estate  
Nenagh  
Co. Tipperary

Date:24/10/06

**Re: Inspection of Nenagh Manor Nursing Home under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993**

Dear Sir/Madam

The Health Service Executive Nursing Homes Inspection and Registration Team visited Nenagh Manor Nursing Home on 23/10/06.

There were fifty one residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently registered for fifty four residents.

The following issues require your attention and action.

1. **Article: 19.1 (e)** *“In every Nursing Home the following particulars shall be kept in a safe place in respect of each dependent person: a medical record with details of investigations made, diagnosis and treatment given, and a record of all drugs and medicines prescribed, signed and dated by a medical practitioner”*

**Breach:** It was noted at inspection that a number of re-written drug kardex, one kardex for a new resident and a number of individual drugs on other kardex were not signed and dated by a medical practitioner.

**Required Action:** All drugs prescribed on the kardex sheets shall be signed and dated by a medical practitioner.

2. **Article: 10.5 (d)** *“The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the Nursing Home shall ensure that: 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”*

**Breach:** The Team considers that the nursing staffing levels both for day and night duty are insufficient.

**Required Action:** The nursing staffing levels shall be increased immediately.

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

**Breach:** It was noted at inspection that the over bed light was not working in room 16. The dimmer knobs were missing in rooms 19 and 28. The main light was not working in room 20.

**Required Action:** The above lights shall be put in working order.

4. It was noted that a floor pad was being steeped in the large sink in the sluice room beside room 8. Flower vases were also stored there. Items not directly associated with sluicing shall be removed from the sluice room.
5. As previously brought to your attention, the hot water temperature to the wash hand basins appears to be too hot. It is recommended that the hot water be thermostatically controlled in the interest of Health and Safety and in any case should not exceed 43 degrees Celsius.
6. The call bell facility was faulty in room 48.
7. It was noted that some of the rooms on the top floor are in need of painting and refurbishment. Also concern is expressed regarding the sizes and layout of these rooms (53, 54, 57 and 58) all 3 bedded rooms. The Team considers that difficulties may arise for health and safety reasons, for nursing care and where additional equipment is required, because of the limited space. Therefore it is recommended that each of these rooms be adapted to a 2 bedded room.
8. You are requested to submit to the undersigned (if you have not already done so)
- a) PIN number and Certificate of Registration in respect of Agency Nurse.

We wish to thank you for facilitating the inspection and look forward to your co-operation in the future

Yours sincerely

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Senior Medical Officer

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Senior Environmental  
Health Officer

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Assistant Director of  
Public Health Nursing

cc. Person in Charge