20th February 2007

Mr. Liam Long/Mr. Jack O’Reilly
Proprietors
Rathkeevin Nursing Home
Clonmel
Co. Tipperary

Inspection Report


Dear Mr. Long & Mr. O’Reilly

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a Medical, Nursing and Environmental Health perspective inspected Rathkeevin Nursing Home on 12th February 2007.

The inspection commenced at 1.30 a.m. and was completed by 5.00 p.m. The inspection was unannounced.
There were 51 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 63 residents.

Issues identified in the previous inspection report dated 29th August 2006 have been partially addressed. Outstanding issues remain under Articles detailed below.

Article 19.1
(i) a record of any substantial complaint made by the dependent person or a person acting on his or her behalf and of the outcome of the investigation.

Non-Compliance: There is now a complaints book in place but no evidence it is being used (no entries).

Required Action: All complaints should be logged.

Timescale: Immediately.
Current Inspection:

The following issues require your attention and action.

Article 14:
(d) ensure that the nursing home and its curtilage is maintained in a proper state of repair and in clean and hygienic condition;

(b) make adequate arrangements for the prevention of infection, infestation, toxic conditions, or spread of infection and infestation at the nursing home;

Non-compliance: Drip stands in 3 bedrooms used for internal feeding were heavily stained with liquid from the feed containers.

Required Action: Careful attention should be given to the erection of the nutritional feeds. Any liquid that spills should be cleaned immediately.

Timescale: Immediately.

Article 14
d) make adequate arrangements for the prevention of infection, infestation, toxic conditions, or spread of infection and infestation at the nursing home;

Non-compliance: Bottles of hibiscrub were noted at the wash hand basins in a number of ensuites but had not plunge applicators to dispense the liquid.

Required Action: If the hibiscrubs is used in areas where there are residents who are positive for M.R.S.A., infection control guidelines should be adhered to.

Timescale: Immediately.

Article 14
d) ensure that a separate well ventilated room is provided for sluicing and for the storage of dirty linen;

Non-compliance: At the time of inspection there was a foul smell evident in the sluice room opposite bedroom number 16.

Required Action: An additional separate fresh air intake should be provided in the sluice rooms to ensure a ventilation rate of 10 air changes per hour is maintained. This may also necessitate increasing the size/capacity of the existing extract fan in the sluice room to accommodate the increase in air movement.

Timescale: 3 months.
Recommendations:

- The nurses weekly drug administration/should be signed methodically by a nurse for each administered medicine on each occasion. Presently at the bottom of the page it is signed by nurse on duty on each of the 3 daily shifts, namely, 8.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m., 3.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m., and 8.00 p.m. – 8.00 a.m. This means the nurse administering a medicine on a particular occasion is not exclusively identified on many occasions as there may be 2 or 3 nurses on duty during the day shifts.

- A suggestion box/complaints box could be placed on a table in the reception area.

- Liquid soap and disposable paper towels should be provided in the ensuites of all multi-occupancy rooms and shared bathrooms and toilets.

- The showerhead in the ensuite in room 10 is badly stained and must be cleaned or replaced if necessary.

- The call bell in room 10 appeared faulty at the time of inspection.

- The floor of the ensuite in room 17 requires deep cleaning as it is stained around the toilet bowel.

- The record of fire training carried out by Suir Fire Prevention in September 2006 does not detail the specific areas of fire safety that were covered in the course. Training records should reflect the topics covered and details of any fire drills or demonstrations in the use of fire fighting equipment.

- The fire extinguisher adjacent to the exit door at room 50 was last serviced in April 2005 and not in April 2006 when all other fire extinguishers were serviced.

- A number of areas have impact damage and need retouch of paint.

- It is noted that new comprehensive care plans are being introduced. Ensure that on all pages the residents name and date of birth are inserted.

- It is noted that a new nursing policy manual is in place. The continence policy must be adapted and applicable to the local situation, i.e., the local assessment form, which is used in South Tipperary, must be included and details of where to contact the continence nurse advisor added to this policy.

- Remove 2 commodes from the sluice room (wing B) so that access can be gained to the sink area.

- Remove all unnecessary equipment (2 hoists) from the sitting room in Wing C.

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