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Sr Thecla Garvey
Mont Vista Nursing Home
Retreat Road
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Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of Mont Vista Nursing Home, Retreat Road, Athlone, Co Westmeath under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.

Dear Sr Garvey

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a Medical and Environmental Health perspective inspected Mont Vista on 19 June 2007 and from a Occupational Therapy and Nursing perspective on 20 June 2007.

The inspection commenced at 11.45am and was completed by 2.40pm on the 19 June 2007 and inspection commenced at 2.00pm and was completed by 4.30pm on 20 June 2007. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 10 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently registered with conditions for 15 residents.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 14/12/2006 have been addressed satisfactorily.

Current Inspection

The following issues require your attention and action.

Article 29 The registered proprietor and person in charge of the nursing home shall:

(a) made adequate arrangements for the recording, safe-keeping, administering and disposal of drugs and medicines.

Non Compliance (i) one resident's room had one tube of out of date Fucibet cream stored.

(ii) one other residents room had 2 tubes of Canesten cream and 1 tube of Voltarol gel stored on shelf. They did not have patients name labelled on tubes.

Required action: Ensure that adequate arrangements for the safe keeping and disposal of medicines are in place.

Timescale: Immediate

Article 11.2 In every nursing home there shall be provided suitable and sufficient accommodation which meets the minimum standards as follows:-

(a) adequate accommodation and space in single and shared sleeping rooms and portable screens or screening curtains to ensure privacy for individual persons.

Non-compliance: resident whose name is entered in the patient's bound register is being accommodated in an unregistered room.

Required Action: Residents of the nursing home must only be accommodated in rooms listed in the schedule of rooms listed in the conditions of registration.

Timescale: Immediate

Note The Nursing Home Inspection Team were specifically requested to inspect the room in question with a view to consideration/approval for registration at this inspection. Consideration is currently being given to this request.

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: Two shared bedrooms did not have adequate screening provided for the privacy needs of one of the room's residents – the resident immediately inside the door.

Required Action: Ensure privacy for all residents to the extent that the person is able to undertake personal activities in private.

Timescale: 3 months

Article 14 The registered proprietor and person in charge of the nursing home shall:

(a) ensure that the nursing home and its curtilage is maintained in a proper state of repair and in a clean and hygienic condition.

Non Compliance (i) A smell of urine was noted in one particular room which has a carpet type floor covering.

Required Action: Ensure that urine smells are adequately eliminated.

Timescale: Immediate

Non Compliance (ii) Wooden panels and shelves in the sluice room, adjacent to and beneath sluice sink are damaged.

Required action: Ensure all surfaces have smooth impermeable finish.

Timescale: 3 months

Article 12 The registered proprietor and person in charge of the nursing home shall:

(a) take precautions against the risk of accidents to any dependent person in the nursing home and in the grounds of the nursing home.

Non Compliance A double wardrobe on the ground floor shared ‘red room’ was unstable and posed risk of accident.

Required Action: Remove or make safe the wardrobe.

Timescale: Immediate

Article 5 The registered proprietor and the person in charge shall ensure that there is provided for dependent persons maintained in a nursing home:

(a) suitable and sufficient care to maintain the person’s welfare and well-being, having regard to the nature and extent of the person’s dependency.

Non Compliance Pressure relief assessments are not being reviewed to meet the residents’ on-going needs.

Required action: Pressure relief assessments should be up to date and reviewed at regular intervals and when a residents conditions changes.

Timescale: Immediate

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:

**Nursing Home
Inspection Team**

Signed counterpart sent to Gabrielle Flanagan, Person-in-Charge of Nursing Home