

Mr & Mrs Tom Cummins, Proprietors,
Cherrygrove Nursing Home,
Priesthaggard,
Campile,
County Wexford

Date: 4th May 2007

Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of Cherrygrove Nursing Home, Priesthaggard, Campile, County Wexford, under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care & Welfare) Regulations, 1993.

Dear Mr Mrs. Cummins,
The Nursing Homes Inspection Team visited Cherrygrove Nursing Home on the 27th March 2007 between 10.55-14.30hrs.

There were 29 residents on the day. The Nursing Home is currently registered for 43 residents.

The following issues require your attention and action.

Article 7.2 "In the year following the commencement of the Act, the registered proprietor or person in charge shall execute a contract with a dependent person and/or a person acting on his or her behalf within two months of the admission of that dependent person to the nursing home".

Breach: Two contracts are still outstanding for residents admitted more than two months

Required Action: Ensure said contracts are executed.

Timescale: Immediate.

*Article 11.2 "In every nursing home there shall be provided suitable and sufficient accommodation which meets the minimum standards as follows: —
(g) bed and bedding appropriate to the dependency of each person and suitable and sufficient furniture and other necessary fittings and equipment;"*

Breach: In room 3, the male resident had a large square of cardboard acting as a mat.

Required Action: A non-slip washable mat should be provided.

Timescale: Immediate

Article 12 *“The registered proprietor and the 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;”*

Breach: The windows in the visitors’ sitting room, which overlook a stairwell, could be opened without any restriction.

Required Action: Safely secure the opening

Timescale: Immediate

Article 12. *“The registered proprietor and the 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;”*

Breach: The door of the sluice room was unlocked and the door closer was broken. A confused resident wandered into the sluice room during our inspection. There were two unsealed sharps containers on the windowsill.

Required Action: Restrict access to the sluice room for residents.

Timescale: Immediate

Breach: The raised toilet seat in the en-suite of room 5 had a hand support close to the wall which if used could injure the hand of the user.

Required Action: Provide safe equipment.

Timescale: Immediate

Article 14. *“The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall: —*

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

Breach: In room 1, there was a wheelchair, which was grubby, in need of a thorough cleaning, and a pressure-relieving cushion, which was dusty with what appeared to be dry flaky skin.

Required Action: Maintain equipment and surfaces in a clean condition.

Timescale: Immediate.

Breach: In room 10 there was a very marked stale smell, which transpired to be damp clothes in a laundry basket.

Required Action: The clothes should be removed to laundry.

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;”

Article 19.1 “In every nursing home the following particulars shall be kept in a safe place in respect of each dependent person: —

(a) Where the person is in receipt of a health board subvention, a summary of the assessment of the person's level of dependency on admission and on review;

(c) A record of the medical and nursing condition of the person at the time of admission;

(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;

(h) A record of any occasion on which physical or chemical restraint is used, the nature of the restraint and its duration;”

Breach: On reviewing the nursing records it was noted that a resident with a diagnosis of C.V.A. and a learning disability had his assessment of resident’s need last undertaken on 09/10/06.

Another resident (amended for website reporting)with a bilateral limb amputation was transferred to the National Rehabilitation Centre in Dun Laoghaire from 08/01/07 until 13/03/07. She was not reassessed when she returned to the nursing home. Her Waterlow / pressure sore assessment was last undertaken on 09/10/06. A third resident’s records report that she was nursed in a buxton chair on 24/03/07, the records did not state the duration of same.

The wound management chart on 13/03/07 stated that she had “two broken heels” yet her last pressure sore assessment was on 13/12/06. The notes also state on 25/02/07 that her “sacral area was broken”. A fourth resident was admitted on 05/07/06, the records show that the Waterlow score was not done until 09/10/06 and the assessment of needs until 05/10/06. A fifth resident with diagnoses of senile dementia, hypertension and diabetes was admitted on 31/01/06. The last assessment was carried out 03/03/06. A sixth resident admitted for respite care who had a large open laceration on his scrotum with a necrotic area at the base, did not have a wound management chart.

Required Action: keep appropriate and adequate records.

Timescale: Immediate

Article 19.1 (f) “a record of drugs and medicines administered giving the date of the prescription, dosage, name of the drug or medicine, method of administration, signed and dated by a medical practitioner and the nurse administering the drugs and medicines;”

Breach: A number of copies of prescriptions are held on file. Although many seem to have been written by a medical practitioner, they have not been signed by same:

Required Action: a system should be implemented whereby a record of drugs and medicines administered are signed and dated by a medical practitioner.

Timescale: Immediate

General Recommendation for Infection Control: Provide hand gel for the use of visitors at the front door.

The Chairperson of the Inspection Team is to be notified in writing, indicating the steps taken by the nursing home to carry out the actions as required under the regulations.

Signed;

Chairperson
Senior. Environmental
Health Officer

Inspection Team Member
Senior Medical Officer

Inspection Team Member
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