

Mr Pat Shanahan,
Proprietor.
Oakfield Nursing Home,
Courtown,
Gorey,
County Wexford

Date: 18th June 2007

Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of Oakfield Nursing Home, Courtown, under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care & Welfare) Regulations, 1993.

Dear Sir,

The Senior Area Medical Officer and the Assistant Director of Public Health Nursing from Nursing Homes Inspection Team visited Oakfield Nursing Home, Courtown on the 1st May 2007 between 10.30hrs and 12.50 hrs.

There were 44 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently registered for 72 residents.

The Senior Environmental Health Officer visited on 21st May 2007.

The visits were unannounced.

The following issues require your attention and action.

Article 7.2

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:

There were at least seven Contracts of Care outstanding. This was on the back of four outstanding from the last visit.

Required Action:

All contracts should be executed.

Timescale:

Immediate.

Article 19.1(c) & (d)

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

(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;

Breach:

A number of the nursing records inspected did not have appropriate assessments carried out. The care plans were not being fully completed and the review dates were not being adhered to in many cases

Required Action:

All records must be completed.

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;

Article 29 (a & b)

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

(a) make adequate arrangements for the recording, safekeeping, administering and disposal of drugs and medicines;

(b) ensure that the treatment and medication prescribed by the medical practitioner of a dependent person is correctly administered and recorded.

Breach:

The nursing notes of one resident indicate that on 30th April 2007 "Mixtard Insulin" was administered twice.

Required Action:

All records must be completed at the time of the administration of the medication.

Timescale:

Immediate

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
Asst. Dir. Public Health
Nursing

Signed counterpart sent to: Ms. Wendy Furlong, Nurse in Charge