

20th April 2007

Mr. T. Cahill,
Proprietor,
Atlanta House Nursing Home,
Sidmonton Rd.,
Bray, Co. Wicklow.

Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of Atlanta House Nursing Home, Sidmonton Rd. Bray, Co. Wicklow under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.

Dear Mr.Cahill,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from medical/nursing/environmental health perspective inspected Atlanta House N.H on 20/03/2007.

The inspection commenced at 14.25hours and was completed by 18.45hours. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 41 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently registered with conditions for 43 residents.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 04/10/2006 have not been addressed satisfactorily

Regulation 12(a) *take precautions against the risk of accidents to any dependent person in the nursing home and in the grounds of the nursing home.*

**Fire Escape doors on the top and middle floors were not locked
Window room 20 unsafe. To be made secure.
All windows and fire escape doors to be made secure.**

Current Inspection

The following issues require your attention and action.

Non Compliance with a condition of Registration:

Condition(b) That the person in charge should be rostered and work full time.

The person in charge was rostered but was not present. No written record to explain absence was recorded in the roster.

Article: 8(b) *adequate space is provided for a reasonable number of personal possessions*

Non-compliance(s): insufficient bed lockers rooms 22&25

Required Action: provide

Timescale: within 1 month

Article: 11.2(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(s): unsuitable screens rooms 8,9,10,11,13,14,19,24,25

Required Action: provide

Timescale: within 2 months

Recommendations: fixed screens would be suitable.

Article: 11.2(b) *adequate day space for each person in an area separate from the circulation and sleeping areas and adequate dining and sitting space for mobile persons.*

Non-compliance(s): inadequate dining room space

Required Action: provide

Timescale: within 2 months

Recommendations: small dining room to be allocated exclusively as dining area.

Article: 11.2(h) *suitable and sufficient lighting and ventilation, with natural lighting and ventilation in rooms which are regularly occupied by dependent persons.*

non-compliance(s): extractor fans not working in ground floor toilet,rooms 14,16,17 shower room,23,24,26 no ventilation en suite room13,15,22

Required Action: rectify

Timescale: within 2 months

Article: 11.2(i). *over-bed lamps at each bed accessible to the person and permanent night lighting with dimming facilities.*

non-compliance(s): no functional overbed light room 20,no dimmer knobs on switches in rooms 1,2,3,10,12,26

Required Action: rectify

Timescale: immediate

Article: 14(b) *make adequate arrangements for the prevention of infection, infestation, toxic conditions, or spread of infection and infestation at the nursing home.*

non-compliance(s):insufficient alcohol handrubs,insufficient fixed dispensers for paper towels,insufficient handtowels in residents washrooms.

Required Action: rectify

Timescale: within 1 month

Article: 14(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(s):broken window in toilet adj.room 20,defective window opening bathroom 2nd floor

Required Action: rectify

Timescale: within 1 month

Article: 19.1(e) *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;*

non-compliance(s):dispensed medications not signed for,incorrect dosages of medications dispensed (noted on spot check of one clients chart)

Required Action: rectify

Timescale: within 1 month

Recommendations training of nursing staff, review prescribing procedures

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:

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Signed counterpart sent to Mr T.Cahill, Person-in-Charge of Nursing Home