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Proprietors  
Dargle Valley Nursing Home  
Cookstown  
Enniskerry  
Co. Wicklow.

16<sup>th</sup> February 2007

## **Inspection Report**

**Re: Inspection of the Dargle Valley Nursing Home, Cookstown, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.**

Dear Sir & Madam,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Homes Inspection Team inspected the Dargle Valley Nursing Home, Cookstown, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow from 10.40hrs to 14.20hrs. on 06/02/2007. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 28 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 30 residents.

**Issues identified in a previous Inspection Report dated 09/08/2006 remain in relation to recommendations which did not constitute a breach but which were of concern ..i.e.:**

The provision of a Quiet Room / Oratory for the Nursing Home was not addressed.

### **Required Action:**

- **A Quiet Room / Oratory to be provided for the Nursing Home.**

### **Timescale:**

**6 months.**

The following issues require your attention and action:

**Article: 7.1. Contract of Care:**

*Within two months of the registration of a nursing home, the registered proprietor or person in charge shall execute a contract with each dependent person and/or a person acting on his or her behalf.*

**Breach:**

- **3 Contracts of Care were not signed.**

**Required Action:**

- **Contracts of Care to be signed.**

**Timescale:**

**One month.**

**Article: 14(a) Hygiene:**

*The registered proprietor and the 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.*

**Breaches:**

- **There was a strong smell of urine in Room 14.**
- **The toilet seats in Rooms 8 and 29 are in a state of disrepair.**

**Required Action:**

- **Thorough cleaning of the carpet and the furniture to be carried out in Room 14.**
- **The toilet seats in Rooms 8 and 29 to be replaced.**

**Timescale:**

**One month.**

**Article: 12(a) Design:**

*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.*

**Breaches:**

- **Wheelchairs were stored inappropriately in Rooms 1 and 27**
- **Windows were unsafe in Rooms 11, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23 and 24.**

**Required Action:**

- **Wheelchairs to be stored appropriately.**
- **Windows to be secured in Rooms 11, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23 and 24.**

**Timescale:**

**One month.**

The Inspection Team to be notified in writing on or before the above dates of the steps taken by the nursing home to carry out the actions as required under the regulations.

Signed:

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Inspection Team Member

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Inspection Team Member

cc. Ms. Deirdre McDonnell.  
Person-in-Charge of Nursing Home.