

15th May 2007

Mr. Percy & Joyce Griffin,
Proprietors,
Donore Nursing Home,
Sidmonton Rd.,
Bray, Co. Wicklow

Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of Donore 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. & Mrs Griffin,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from Medical/nursing/ Environmental health perspective inspected Donore nursing home on 11th April 2007.

The inspection commenced at 9.30 hrs and was completed by 14.05hrs. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 25 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 26 residents.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 20th November 2006 have been addressed satisfactorily.

Current Inspection

The following issues require your attention and action.

Article: 27.1 (a) *take adequate precautions against the risk of fire, including the provision of adequate means of escape in the event of fire and make adequate arrangements for detecting, containing and extinguishing fires, for the giving of warnings and for the evacuation of all persons in the nursing home in the event of fire, and for the maintenance of fire fighting equipment.*

Non-compliance(s): fire exits blocked rooms 11, 12, 14.

Required Action: remove obstructing furniture

Timescale: immediately

Recommendations: keep fire exits clear at all times

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): three prescriptions not signed by G.P.

Required Action: bring to attention of G.P.

Timescale: immediately

Recommendations: All prescriptions to be signed by G.P.

Article: 5(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: no record of "patient moving and handling" training for staff.

Required Action: All staff involved in moving and handling residents must receive training in same every 2 years.

Timescale: immediate.

Article: 5 (b) *a high standard of nursing care;*

Non-compliance(s): (1) care attendant observed carrying out wound dressing
(2) Female residents observed being transported down hallway to/from showering area in a state of undress.

Required Action:

1. Care attendants not to carry out nursing procedures.
2. All residents' dignity to be maintained at all times.

Timescale: immediate

Recommendations: registered nurses only to carry out nursing procedures.
Better segregation of male/female residents concerning washing facilities.

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):

- (1) Insufficient alcohol gels for hand cleansing in the home
- (2) Soiled incontinence wear and wound dressing put on floor by care attendant during personal care to resident
- (3) Resident's personal wound hygiene bucket stored in communal bathroom/toilet.

Required Action:

- (2) All clinical waste to be disposed directly into clinical waste bags.
- (3) Wound hygiene bucket to be stored dry in resident's own room.

Timescale: immediate

Recommendations: provide pocket alcohol gel hand cleansers for all staff.

Article: 15(d) *there is a sufficient number of baths and showers having regard to the number of persons in the nursing home and that a sufficient number of assisted baths and showers are provided, having regard to the dependency of persons in the nursing home;*

Non-compliance(s):

1. Insufficient baths /showers for residents.
2. Tap broken on sole bath in home.

Required Action:

1. Repair bath
2. Provide additional baths/showers

Timescale: 2 months

Article: 19.1(h)

a record of any occasion on which physical or chemical restraint is used, the nature of the restraint and its duration;

Non-compliance(s): no record of restraint in chairs of 3 residents

Required Action: supply documentation on all restraint employed, to include nature of, frequency, written consent of client/family, authorisation by GP and dated.

Timescale: immediate.

Article: 11.2 (f) *suitable and sufficient equipment and facilities having regard to the nature and extent of the dependency of the persons maintained in the nursing home.*

Non-compliance(s):

1. no service history for 5 electric pressure relieving mattress
2. 8 commodes not currently in use are stored in residents bedrooms

Required Action:

1. All mattresses to receive servicing
2. store commodes in a suitable storage area.

Timescale: immediate

Recommendations: maintain list of all equipment with service dates and signatures

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 dimmer switch room 10

Required Action: provide a dimmer switch in room 10

Timescale: immediately

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): The waste pipe from the sink in bedroom number 9 on the ground floor was discharging directly onto the outside area. This waste pipe should discharge into a proper drainage system connected to the main drain so as to prevent pooling of waste water onto the outside yard.

Required Action: connect pipe to main drain

Timescale: immediate

Article 21 states:

In every nursing home there shall be kept in a safe place a record of:

(c) appropriate weekly duty rosters covering 24 hour periods.

Non-compliance(s): No designated staff member listed on roster for laundry duties.

Required Action: Designated laundry staff to be listed on rota

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:

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Signed counterpart sent to Maria Balanquit RGN, Person-in-Charge of Nursing Home