

Mr. Mervyn Smith
First Care Ireland Ltd., Proprietor
Earlsbrook Nursing home
Meath Raod
Bray
Co. Wicklow

11th of July 2007

Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of the Earls Brook Nursing Home, Meath Road Bray, Co. Wicklow under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.

Dear Mr. Smith,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a Medical, Nursing and Environmental Health perspective inspected the Earlsbrook Nursing Home on 3rd of July 2007.

The inspection commenced at 10.00 hrs and was completed by 15.15 hrs. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 61 residents on this date, (one in hospital) The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 64 residents.

Issues on the previous Inspection carried out on the 13th of December 2006 were resolved satisfactorily

Current Inspection

The following issues require your attention and action.

Article: DESIGN:

Regulation 12 states:

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

(b) Ensure that handrails are provided in circulation areas and that grab – rails are provided in bath, shower and toilet areas;

Non-compliance(s):

There was no hand rail on the wall opposite the seating area in the lobby adjacent to the Nurses station

Required Action:

Hand rail to be installed

Timescale: Two weeks

Article: HYGIENE

Regulation 14 states: 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;

Non-compliance:

Room 15: The stay handle on the window was broken

Required Action:

Stay handle on the window to be replaced

Timescale: One Week

Article: Design

Regulation 12 states: 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;

Non Compliance(s)

Room 19: Toilet / Shower, Both hot and cold taps on the wash hand basin had blue colour coding.

Required Action:

Red indicator to be installed on the hot tap.

Timescale: Immediately

Article: Hygiene

Regulation 14 states: 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;

Non Compliance(s):

Room 19: Toilet /Shower: Window stay broken

Required Action:

Replace stay

Timescale: One week

Article: HYGIENE

Regulation 14 states: 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;

Non Compliance(s):

Room 50: Sluice, no window stay on window.

Required Action:

Install window stay

Timescale: One week.

Article: Design:

Regulation 12 states: 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;

Non Compliance(s):

Room 41: High dependency Lounge: The Radiator was very hot to the touch.

Required Action:

Install Radiator cover

Timescale: Immediately

Article: Accommodation and Facilities

Regulation 11.2 states: In every nursing home there shall be provided suitable and sufficient accommodation which meets the minimum standards as follows

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

Non Compliance(s):

Room 77: Toilet: Ventilation system in toilet out of order

Required Action:

Replace / Repair ventilation

Timescale: One week

Article: Fire Precaution

Regulation 27.1 states: *The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the Nursing home shall:*

(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):

The Fire Exit was partially obstructed with bedroom furniture.

Required Action:

Remove the obstruction

Timescale: Immediately

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 Ms Kay Cheevers, Person-in-Charge of Earlsbrook
Nursing Home.**