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41 Meath Road  
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Date: 28<sup>th</sup> December 2006

## **Inspection Report**

**Re: Inspection of Earlsbrook House Nursing Home under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.**

The Health Service Executive Nursing Homes Inspection Team inspected Earlsbrook House Nursing Home on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

There were 60 residents in the home on this date. The Nursing Home is currently registered for 64 residents.

The following issues require your attention and action.

**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: -*

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

*(j) emergency call facilities are provided at each bed.*

**Breach(es):**

- The over bed light in Room 37 was not in working order
- The emergency call bells in ensuite rooms 4 and 12 and in room 20 where not in working order.

**Required Action:**

- The over bed light in Room 37 to be put in working order
- The emergency call bells in ensuite Rooms 4 and 12 and in Room 20 to be put in working order.

**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.*

**Breach:**

- The cord in the window frame of Room 11 was broken

**Required Action:**

- The cord in the window frame of Room 11 to be replaced

**Timescale: 2 weeks**

**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.*

**Breach:**

- The storage cupboard (85), which contained paint and a plasterer's finishing float, was not locked.

**Required Action:**

- The storage cupboard (85) to be locked at all times.

**Timescale: Immediately.**

The Inspection Team to be notified in writing on or before the above dates 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 Inspection Team Member

cc. Person-in-Charge of Nursing Home  
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