

13<sup>th</sup> August 2007

Mr. P. O'Neill & Ms. Claire Carroll  
Proprietors  
Greystones Nursing Home  
Church Road, Greystones  
Co. Wicklow

## **Inspection Report**

**Re: Inspection of the Greystones Nursing Home, Church Road, Greystones Co. Wicklow under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.**

Dear Mr. O'Neill and Ms. Carroll,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a nursing, medical and environmental health perspective inspected the Greystones Nursing Home on 1st August 2007.

The inspection commenced at 09.50 hours and was completed by 15.48 hours. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 67 residents present on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 76 residents.

Issues identified in the previous inspection report dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 2006 have been addressed satisfactorily.

### **Current Inspection**

The following issues require your attention and action.

#### **Article: 29 (a) and (b) Medical Preparations:**

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

- (a) *make adequate arrangements for the recording, safe-keeping, administering and disposal of drugs and medicines.*
- (b) *ensure that the treatment and medication prescribed by the medical practitioner of a dependent person is correctly administered and recorded.*

#### **Non-compliance(s):**

- (i) A medication discontinued by the G.P. for one resident was continued / administered again on the following day.

- (ii) Medicated cream labelled for a named resident was found in another resident's room.
- (iii) Records of controlled drugs in use / in stock recorded in standard stationery notebook.

**Required Action:**

1. All medicines prescribed by the medical practitioner for residents, to be administered as directed, recorded and stored appropriately for each resident.
2. Controlled drugs records to be documented in a controlled drugs register.

**Timescale:** Immediate.

**Recommendations:**

All Nursing Staff to work in accordance with An Bord Altranais guidelines for the administration of medications.

**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.*

**Non-compliance(s):**

- (i) External door in Sea Patrick Wing leading outside to the front of the Nursing Home was not securely locked.
- (ii) Window in Room 18 was not secure.
- (iii) Plastic Garden Chair was in use in shower of room 43

**Required Action:**

- 1) All external doors and windows must be secure at all times.
- 2) Remove plastic chair and provide a shower chair in room 43.

**Timescale:** 1) Immediate.

2) 1 month

**Recommendations:**

Review time locking system in use on front door exit of Sea Patrick wing and secure. Apply window restrictor / stay in room 18.

**Article: 27.1(a) Fire Precautions:**

*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 fighting equipment.*

**Non-compliance(s):**

The automatic closing mechanism on fire door outside room 35 in Sea Patrick wing was broken.

**Required Action:**

Fire door closing mechanism to be repaired and kept closed.

**Timescale:** Immediate.

**Article: 11.2 (a) Accommodation and Facilities:**

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

- (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):**

Insufficient screening curtains for the number of residents occupying rooms; 11, 12, 17.

**Required Action:** Provision of separate screening curtains or portable screen for each individual resident in shared occupancy bedrooms.

**Timescale:** One month.

**Recommendation:**

Provide fixed ceiling rail and screening curtains.

**Article: 11.2 (h) Accommodation and Facilities:**

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

**Non-compliance(s):**

- (i) Failure to provide adequate ventilation in the ensuite bathrooms attached to rooms no: 20, 24, 25, 26, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47.
- (ii) The light in bedroom no.26 was broken and the light in the ensuite bathroom attached to bedroom no. 25 was broken.

**Required Action:**

- (i) Provide adequate ventilation in all bathrooms.
- (ii) Repair light in room no. 26 and in ensuite room no. 25.

**Timescale:** Two weeks

**Article: 11.2 (i) Accommodation and Facilities:**

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

**Non-compliance(s):** No light dimming facility in room no. 2.

**Required Action:** Provide light dimming facilities in room no. 2.

**Timescale:** Two weeks

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- **All Nursing Staff to work in accordance with An Bord Altranais guidelines for the administration of medications.**
- **Review time locking system in use on front door exit of Sea Patrick and secure. Apply window restrictor / stay in room 18**
- **Provide fixed ceiling rail and screening curtains.**

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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Insp. Team Member

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Cc: Ms. Zephra Johnson, Person in Charge.