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5-6 Putland Road
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Inspection Report

Re: The Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990, Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations 1993 and the Tara Care Centre Nursing Home.

The Nursing Homes Inspection Team visited the Tara Care Centre Nursing Home on 13th of November 2006.

There were 47 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently registered for 50 residents.

The following breaches of the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993, and Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) (Amendment) Regulations, 1994, were noted:

Article: Accommodation and Facilities

Regulation 11.2 states:

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

- (i): Make 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.*

Breaches:

- **The overhead light in the toilet of room number 7 was not in working order.**
- **The emergency call bell in room number 26 was not in working order.**

Required Action:

- **Overhead light to be repaired.**
- **Emergency call bell to be repaired.**

Timescale:

- **One Week**

Article: Design

Regulation 12 states:

The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the Nursing Home shall:

(a): Take precautions taken against the risk of accidents to any dependent person in the nursing home and in the grounds of the nursing home.

Breaches:

- **In room 3 an unlocked box (in use as a dressing box) containing a large scissors, was on an unattended Dressing Trolley.**
- **Builder's equipment including nails and drills was stored in an open area on the ground floor.**
- **A broken mirror was on the floor of the Toilet in room 13.**
- **The window in room 12 was unsafe.**

Required Action:

- **Dressing trolley to be stored appropriately at all times.**
- **Builder's equipment to be safely stored.**
- **Broken mirror to be removed.**
- **Window in room 12 to be made secure.**

Timescale:

- **Immediately**

Article: Register and Records

Regulation 18.1 states:

In every Nursing home there shall be kept in a safe place a bound register of all dependent persons resident in the home, which shall include the following particulars in respect of each person.

(f): Where the person dies in the nursing home, the date, time and the certified cause of death.

Breaches:

- **The causes of death were not recorded in the register for a number of residents who had died.**
- **One entry in the registrar was recorded twice.**

Required Action:

- **The register should be recorded accurately, and all particulars should be included for each resident.**

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.

Breach:

- **The toilet in room 2 was leaking and there was a strong smell of urine.**

Required Action:

- **Toilet to be replaced.**

Time scale:

- **One Week.**

Article: Regulation.

Regulation 19.1 states:

In every Nursing home the following particulars shall be kept in a safe place in respect of each dependent person:

(f): A record of drugs and medicines administered giving the date of the prescription, dosage, name of the drug or medicine, method of administration signed and dated by a medical practitioner and the nurse administering the drugs and medicines.

(g): A record of any accident or fall involving a dependent person;

Breaches:

- **The medication given to one resident was not signed by the nurse administering the drugs.**
- **The outcome on some recorded accidents was not recorded on the accident form, but was available in the nursing notes.**

Required Action:

- **The nurse to sign the record of medicines administered.**
- **Outcome of all accidents to be recorded on the Accident Forms**

Timescale:

- **Immediately**

Comment:

We express our serious concern regarding the breaches of the safety regulations and also the high number of falls documented since our last inspection.

Legal Consequences: Contravention of the requirements of the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993, and Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) (Amendment) Regulations, 1994, is an offence. The consequence of non-compliance include prosecution for the breach of the regulations and/or a condition to registration or to remove the home from the register.

The Inspection Team is to be notified on or before the above date indicating the steps taken by the home to carry out the actions as required under the regulations.

Your immediate attention to this report is requested.

Signed:

Inspection Team Member,

Inspection Team Member,

Cc Person-in-Charge