

30 March 2007

Mrs Eileen Stapleton
Proprietor
Beechwood Nursing Home
Leighlinbridge
Co. Carlow

Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of Beechwood Nursing Home, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.

Dear Mrs Stapleton,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a Medical, Nursing and Environmental Health perspective inspected Beechwood Nursing Home on 16th March 2007.

The inspection commenced at 9.30 a.m. and was completed by 1.30 p.m. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 32 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 32 residents.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 10th October 2006 have been addressed satisfactorily.

Recommendations: **It is recommended that the daily nursing record and the care plan of each resident are integrated.**

Current Inspection

The following issues require your attention and action.

Article: 7.1 **Contract of Care within two months of admission.**

Non-compliance: One Contract of Care was unsigned for a resident who is a Ward of Court. Written advice from the Ward of Court office could not be put into effect.

Required Action: Inform the Ward of Court office in writing of same. A copy of all correspondence is to be placed in the residents contract of care file.

Timescale: As soon as possible.

Article: 18.1 *Bound register with required details in place.*

Non-compliance: In one instance where a death notification was received 16/10/06 there was no entry in the cause of death column. No death certificate has been received to date.

Required Action: The cause of death needs to be entered.

Recommendation: The certified cause of death is to be forwarded to the Health Service Executive as soon as possible after a death as per the Nursing Home Regulations.

Article: 2.9 (a) *The Registered Proprietor or the Person in Charge of the nursing home shall:- make adequate arrangements for the recording, safekeeping, administering and disposal of drugs and medicines.*

Non-compliance: A number of medications were held in “stock” in the controlled drug safe and as such represent unlabelled medication.

Required Action: All medications should only be retained for seven days following a discharge (death) in the event of a coroner notification. Thereafter they must be returned to the appropriate pharmacy.

Timescale: As soon as possible.

Recommendation: Review drug policy to ensure that this occurs. Advice given regarding more appropriate drug cardex systems to that currently in use.

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:

**Director of Nursing
Nursing Home
Inspection Team**

**Senior Medical Officer
Nursing Home
Inspection Team**

**Environmental Health
Nursing Home
Inspection Team**