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B. Mc Phartlain,
Registered Proprietor,
Fairlawns Nursing Home,
Bailieboro,
Co. Cavan.

Inspection Report

Re: Inspection of Fairlawns Nursing home, Bailieboro, Co. Cavan under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.

Dear Ms. McPhartlain,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection Team from a Nursing and Environmental Health perspective inspected Fairlawns Nursing Home on 5th April 2007.

The inspection commenced at 10am and was completed by 4.20pm. This inspection was unannounced and routine.

There were 32 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 35 residents.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 15/02/2007:

Following previous inspection there is compliance with articles 21(b), Article 11.2(a) Article 11.2(g) Articles 19.1. Article 18.1, Article 19(g) Article 14(a) have not been addressed

Current Inspection

The following issues require your attention and action.

Article

Article 5 (a) *“The registered proprietor and the person in charge shall ensure that there is provided for dependent persons maintained in a nursing home:- suitable and sufficient care to maintain the persons welfare and well-being, having regard to the nature and extent of the persons dependency.”*

Issue

Individualised continence assessments are currently not being undertaken, this may impact on care and welfare of Dependent Persons.

Required Action

Plan and develop a continence promotion and management policy, access to continence education programme. Recommend use of evidence based tool. Document assessments in care plan with review dates.

Timescale

Within 21 days of receipt of this Inspection Report.

Article

Article 12(a) *“The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall:- 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

No falls prevention and assessment observed in line with best practice. One resident – ** has four documented falls since last inspection.

Required Action

A risk management policy should be developed to include falls assessment and prevention programme for dependent persons in the nursing home.

Timescale

Within one month of receipt of this Inspection Report.

Article

Article 14 (a) *“The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall:- ensure that the Nursing Home and its curtilage is maintained in a proper state of repair and in clean and hygienic condition.”*

Non-compliance

Chairs, and metal bed frames heavily soiled. Large oval glass coffee table top missing in day room is a Health & Safety hazard.

Required Action

Commence structured cleaning programme for chairs and bed frames including mattresses with close observation for wear and tear of mattress covering. Document and record cleaning schedule.

Removal of coffee table from day room.

Timescale

Within seven days on receipt of this report.

Article

Article 14 (b) *“The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall – make adequate arrangements for the prevention of infection, infestation, toxic conditions, or spread of infection and infestation at the nursing home.”*

Non-compliance

Soap and conventional cloth towels in communal male and female toilets.

Required Action

Discontinue this practice as per evidence based infection control guidelines. Implement the use of papers towels and soap dispensers in communal toilets currently in place.

Timescale

Within one week of receipt of this report.

Article

Article 17 *“The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall have a brochure available with information about the nursing home, including the name and address of the home, the name of the registered proprietor, the admissions policy, accommodation provided and special facilities and services.”*

Non-compliance

Current brochure does not include admission policy and the name of the registered proprietor. Previously requested in last inspection report dated 15/02/07.

Required Action

Update current brochure to include admissions policy with the name of the registered proprietor.

Timescale

7 days

Article

Article 19.1(f) *“In every nursing home the following particulars shall be kept in a safe place in respect of each dependent person:- a record of drugs and medicines administered giving the date of the prescription, dosage, name of drug or medicine, method of administration, signed and dated by a medical practitioner and the nurse administering the drugs and medicines;”*

Issue

Transcribing of drugs – bulk signed. This is a recurrent issue identified on last inspection report dated 15/02/07.

Required Action

Cease practice of transcribing of drugs in line with An Bord Altranais Guidance to Nurses and Midwives on medication management (June 2003), in particular point 2.1.(j) regarding transcribing.

Timescale

Within 21 days of receipt of this report.

Article

Article 19.1(g) *“In every nursing home the following particulars shall be kept in a safe place in respect of each dependent person:- a record of any accident or fall involving a dependent person.”*

Non-compliance

Six falls noted since last inspection – Four accident reports pertain to on resident **, three of these falls occurred within one calendar week. ** sustained a fall, GP, or next of kin not informed regarding fall, no clinical observations undertaken, no witness or person who found patient recorded on accident form.

Required Action

A record of any accident or fall involving a dependent person must be kept.
Develop a policy or procedure to be followed in the event of any accident or fall involving dependent persons. Guidelines relating to informing GP and next of kin need to be clear and accident forms need to be completed in full.
Implement falls assessment for dependent at risk of recurrent falls. Implement preventative actions in Nursing Care Plan.

Timescale

Within one week on receipt of this report.

Article

Article 19.1(i) *“In every nursing home the following particulars shall be kept in a safe place in respect of each dependent person:- a record of any substantial complaint made by the dependent person or a person acting on his or her behalf and of the outcome of the investigation.”*

Non-compliance

Complaint made by the family of the late **, investigation not carried out and no report available to the Designated Officers on the day of the inspection.

Required Action

Make available written report of outcome of the complaint investigations regarding ** to the inspection team.

Timescale

Within two weeks on receipt of this Inspection Report.

Article

Article 29(a) *“The registered proprietor and 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

Unlabelled oral Nystatin suspension found in room of ** and **.

Required Action

Removal from room, store in a locked cupboard with correct labelling.

Refer registered nurses to An Bord Altranais “Guidelines for Nurses and Midwives on the administration of medical preparations” 2000.

Timescale

Within seven days of receipt of this report.

Article

Article 30(a) *“The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall ensure that:- where medical treatment is recommended and agreed to by a dependent person or the person acting on his or her behalf that it is carried out.”*

Non-compliance

Dependent Person ** reviewed by General Practitioner following a fall, X-ray of arm ordered.

Dependent Person ** not sent for X-ray at Cavan General Hospital as advised.

Required Action

1. When specific treatment is ordered by the GP this should be carried out within a reasonable period of time as indicated by the GP.
2. Attendance at falls prevention training for registered nurses and carers.
3. Review policy on incident and accidents to clearly indicate the correct procedure to follow.

Timescale

Within 21 days of receipt of this Inspection Report.

Recommendations

- Recommend complaints policy include name and address and telephone number of HSE Nursing Home Inspectorate, in the event of not being satisfied.
- Erasure ink used on register for entry **, attention regarding same should be noted from An Bord Altranais document ‘Recording clinical practice guidance to nurses and midwives’2002) Section 7.11; ‘No attempt should be made to alter or erase the entry made in error. Erasure fluid should never be used’.

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:

**Chairperson/Designated Officer,
Nursing Home
Inspection Team**

**Designated Officer,
Nursing Home
Inspection Team**

**Environmental Health Officer,
Nursing Home
Inspection Team**

cc. Ms. Brigid Cahill, Person in Charge, Fairlawns Nursing Home.