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Mr & Mrs James & Catherine O'Byrne
Hillview Nursing Home
Tullow Road
Carlow

Integrated Inspection Report

Date Mr & Mrs O'Byrne

The Nursing Homes Inspection Team visited Hillview Nursing Home on 15th November 2006.

There were 49 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently registered for 52 residents.

The following issues require your attention and action.

Article: 10.5 (d) *A sufficient number of competent staff are on duty at all times having regard to the number of persons maintained therein and the nature and extent of their dependency.*

Required action: The staffing levels of nurses should be reviewed taking into account the high level of maximum dependency patients and the layout of the building (2 storey)

Timescale: Immediately

Recommendations: Extra nursing care staff should be employed for night duty.

Article: 18.1 (c) *In every nursing home there shall be 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,*

The name, address and telephone number of the persons medical practitioner.

Required action: Correct the addresses of two medical practitioners which have been incorrect.

Timescale: Immediately

Recommendations: Entries to be performed with due care and attention.

Article: 18.1 (e) *In every nursing home there shall be 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,*

Where the person has left the nursing home, the date on which he or she left and a forwarding address.

Required Action: Complete the outstanding details.

Timescale: Immediately

Article: 18.1 (g) *In every nursing home there shall be in a safe place a bound register of all dependent persons in the home, which shall include the following particulars in respect of each person, name, address*

Where the person dies in the nursing home, the date, time and the certified cause of death is available.

Required action: The cause of death is to be entered into the register as soon as the certified cause of death is available.

Article: 11.2 (i) *Accommodation and facilities: Overbed lamps at each bed accessible to the person.*

Issue: A number of bulbs were missing from the over bed lamp fittings. The switch for the lamp in room 25 is inaccessible.

Required action: Replace all missing bulbs and relocate switches to an accessible location adjacent to residents beds where applicable.

Article: 14 (a) *Ensure that the nursing home and its curtilage is maintained in a proper state of repair.*

Issue: There was a strong smell of sewage emanating from the w.c. in the ensuite for Room 10.

Required action: Please investigate and remedy this problem.

Article: 22 ***When a dependent person dies in a nursing home the registered proprietor or the person in charge shall send a notice in writing of the date and time of death to the Medical Officer of Health for the area in which the nursing home is situated, not later than 48 hours after it occurs and the certified cause of death as soon as possible.***

Required action: **All certified cause of death causes to be notified as soon as nursing home receives same.**

Timescale: **Immediately.**

Please note: The above information to be included separately in respect of each offence noted at inspection.

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

Signed:

Inspection Team Member

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