

07 March 2007

**Ms. Martina McGauran
Proprietor
Riverdale Nursing Home
Ballon
Co. Carlow**

Inspection Report

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

Dear Ms. McGauran,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Home Inspection team from a Medical, Nursing and Environmental Health perspective inspected Riverdale Nursing Home on 13th February 2007.

The inspection commenced at 10.45 and was completed by 14.30. This inspection was announced.

There were 27 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 27 residents.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 27th November 2006 have been addressed satisfactorily.

Recommendations: It is recommended that the daily nursing record is integrated into the care plan for the resident.

Current Inspection

The following issues require your attention and action.

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

Non-compliance: One resident who is a Ward of Court has not got a signed contract of care, but the Ward of Court office has been written to on three occasions, (13/10/04, 17/5/04, 22/1/07).
One resident's next of kin who does not visit, refuses to sign a contract of care.
One resident has refused to sign a contract of care.

Recommendation: As agreed the situation will continue to be highlighted to relevant persons at regular intervals.

Article: 29 (a) *Medical preparations, 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 medicine.*

Non compliance Medication was not returned in a timely manner following a discharge in 2003.

Required Action: All medication must be returned following a discharge as soon as is possible. There is no provision for "stock" items in a nursing home under the legislation.

Recommendation: The nursing home drug policy must be reviewed in terms of drug disposal and then adhered to.

I enclose a copy of the Irish Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland Best Practice Guidelines on the provision of pharmacy services to residential homes by Community Pharmacies.

Article: 14 (b) *“make adequate arrangements for the prevention of infection, infestation, toxic conditions, or spread of infection and infestation at the nursing home”.*

Non compliance: Timber shelving in the sluice room for the storage of bedpans etc is not suitable.

Required Action: Timber shelving shall be replaced with shelving which is cleanable, non-absorbant i.e. stainless steel, heavy duty plastic.

Timescale: Six months.

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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Director of Nursing Nursing Home Inspection Team	Senior Medical Officer Nursing Home Inspection Team	Environmental Health Nursing Home Inspection Team