

	<b>Nursing Home Inspection Report</b>
	Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.
<b>Nursing Home</b>	Swords Nursing Home
<b>Number of Residents</b>	54
<b>Registered for</b>	60
<b>Nursing Home Address</b>	Swords Nursing Home Mountambrose Swords Co. Dublin
<b>Proprietor</b>	Mowlam Healthcare Ltd.
<b>Proprietor's Address</b> (if different from above)	As Above
<b>Person-in-Charge of Nursing Home</b>	Geraldine O'Hora
<b>Date and Time of Inspection(s)</b>	19/02/2008 11:40am – 17:30pm
<b>Date report issued</b>	11/05/08
<b>Summary of previous report findings</b>	Following the previous inspection from 13/12/07, the nursing home has addressed the non-compliance issue outlined in the report.
	<b>Current Inspection Summary Findings</b>
<b>Compliance status</b>	<b>Findings of latest (unannounced) inspection which took place on 19/02/2008</b>  The inspectors findings based on the <a href="#">current nursing home inspectorate regulations</a> are as follows:

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## Summary Findings of Current Nursing Home Inspection

- **Under Care & Staffing the nursing home was compliant with 19 out of 21 regulations.**

On the basis of this inspection and under current nursing home regulations, there are issues that need to be addressed as outlined below in relation to the Care and Staffing.

- **Under Management the nursing home was compliant with 27 out of 27 regulations.**

On the basis of this inspection and under current nursing home regulations, the inspection team would consider the nursing home to have a good standard of management.

- **Under Physical Environment the nursing home was compliant with 9 out of 11 regulations.**

On the basis of this inspection and under current nursing home regulations, there are issues that need to be addressed as outlined below in relation to the Physical Environment.

**Based on the most recent nursing home inspection the nursing home is non-compliant under one or more regulations. For more details see below.**

Regulation number

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

*19.1. In every nursing home the following particulars shall be kept in a safe place in respect of each dependent person:*

*(d) an adequate nursing record of the person's health and condition and treatment given, completed on a daily basis and signed and dated by the nurse on duty;*

Non-Compliance

The Designated Officers were informed by the person in charge on the day of inspection that there was one resident who was readmitted to the nursing home from hospital for palliative care and that this resident was very ill. During the inspection the Designated Officers noted that the resident was in bed asleep and the resident's breathing appeared laboured. This residents tongue and lips were noted to be very dry. The urine in the catheter drainage bag was noted to be very dark. There was no mouth care tray provided for the

**Non-Compliance (This section should be deleted if no non-compliances have been recorded)**

Compliance/Non Compliance

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resident.

The Staff nurse informed the Designated Officers that this resident did not have any particular staff nurse assigned to the care of this resident but all staff nurses on duty were caring for the resident.

The Designated Officers reviewed the Fluid Intake and Output monitoring chart at 15:00 and noted that the resident had had 100mls to drink early morning and had no fluids since. It was recorded that the resident refused a drink at lunchtime.

On review of the nursing documentation the Designated Officers acknowledge that the resident was admitted to the nursing home less than 24 hours. However the readmission documentation and daily nursing note at time of inspection were of an insufficient standard to determine the care needs of this resident.

A Blood Pressure and pulse rate was taken on readmission the previous evening and recorded on the EpicCare system (computerised documentation system) at 07:43am. This Blood Pressure and Pulse rate would be considered to be outside of the normal range. At approximately 15:30pm when the Designated Officers requested to review the recorded follow up vital signs documentation there was no evidence to demonstrate that repeat vital signs had been taken since those taken on admission.

## Required Action

1. The person in charge to ensure that all residents on admission or readmission to the nursing home have a full assessment of activities of living completed at the time of admission/ readmission to establish an accurate health status of the resident in order that a plan of care can be implemented which ensures suitable and sufficient care is provided to each resident until a full care plan can be implemented. Particular attention must be paid those residents who are ill or of a maximum dependency to ensure that their specific care needs are provided for.
2. The person in charge to ensure that when a resident is identified as having abnormal recordings of vital signs that systems are in

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place to ensure that actions are taken in response to that individual resident needs to include monitoring, reporting and recording of vital signs to ensure appropriate care is provided and reported to the medical practitioner as necessary.

3. The person in charge is to ensure that all staff within the nursing home understands the responsibilities assigned to them. The person in charge to implement a system of care which ensures that all residents have a named nurse responsible for the coordination, provision and supervision of care for their residents, particularly those who are identified as very ill.

**Timescale** Within one week of receipt of this report.

**Regulation number** *11.2. In every nursing home there shall be provided suitable and sufficient accommodation which meets the minimum standards as follows:  
(j) emergency call facilities at each bed;*

**Non-Compliance** On the day of inspection the Designated Officers noted that the residents in rooms \*\*, \*\* & \*\* were unable to access the call bell facilities as there was no cord attached to the call bell facility at their bedside.

**Required Action** The person in charge to ensure that each resident has an accessible and appropriate call bell facility at their bedside.

**Timescale** Immediately as outlined on the day of inspection to the person in charge.

**Regulation number** *12. The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home shall:  
(a) 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** In bedroom \*\* the Designated Officers noted that the door of a cupboard with electrical fuses was broken. This is a potential hazard to residents who could access this area.

**Required Action** The person in charge to ensure that this cupboard door is repaired and secured so that residents do not have access to this potential hazard.

**Timescale** Immediately as outlined to person in charge on the day of inspection.

All regulations, their reference numbers and the details of those regulations can be viewed in [Nursing Homes \(Care and Welfare\) Regulations, 1993](#).

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<p>Comments and recommendations made by the inspection team as a result of the inspection</p>	<p>On the day of Inspection the Designated Officers noted that the menu viewed provided a choice of meal for the residents. On discussion with a number of residents it was not clearly understood by the residents that they had a choice at meal times should they so wish. The Designated Officers recommend that the Nursing Home ensure that the choice of meal for the day is clearly displayed for the residents to ensure that they are aware of the choices of meals available to them.</p> <p>The Designated Officers were present in the dining room during lunch time and spoke with a number of residents. The residents were complimentary in regard to the soup and dessert courses. However the Designated Officers would recommend that extra care and consideration is given to the presentation of the main course meal.</p> <p>The Designated Officers noted that the ensuite floors in rooms *,*,* &amp; ** were stained. It is acknowledged that these floors are cleaned on a daily basis however this does not appear to adequately remove staining. The Designated Officers would recommend that a regular programme of appropriate cleaning is introduced to remove the stains.</p>	<b>Recommendations</b>
<p>This report has been completed/issued by</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">_____ Noel Mulvihill LHO Manager</p>	<b>Author</b>