



# **Announced Variation Application Premises Inspection Report 15 October 2018**



## **Loughshore 1**

**Type of service: Residential Care (RC)**  
**Address: 646 Shore Road, Newtownabbey, BT37 0PR**  
**Tel No: 028 9085 5888**  
**Inspector: Gavin Doherty**

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It should be noted that this inspection report should not be regarded as a comprehensive review of all strengths and areas for improvement that exist in the service. The findings reported on are those which came to the attention of RQIA during the course of this inspection. The findings contained within this report do not exempt the service provider from their responsibility for maintaining compliance with legislation, standards and best practice.

## 1.0 What we look for



## 2.0 Profile of service

This is a registered residential care home which is registered to provide care for up to 16 persons.

### 3.0 Service details

<b>Registered Provider:</b> Amore (Watton) Ltd.  <b>Responsible Individual:</b> Nicola Cooper	<b>Registered Manager:</b> Catherine Busby
<b>Person in charge at the time of inspection:</b> Catherine Busby	<b>Number of registered places:</b> 16

### 4.0 Inspection summary

An announced inspection took place on 15 October 2018 from 10:45 to 11:15.

This inspection was underpinned by:

- The Residential Care Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005
- Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS) Residential Care Homes Minimum Standards (2011)

The purpose of the inspection was to inspect the premises in connection with a proposed change of use of a bedroom to provide additional day space for a named individual service user.

From evaluation of the inspection findings, the premises will continue meet the relevant standards for registration as a residential care home from an estates perspective.

The findings of this report will provide the provider with the necessary information to assist them to fulfil their responsibilities.

### 5.0 Inspection outcome

	Regulations	Standards
<b>Total number of areas for improvement</b>	0	0

This inspection resulted in no areas for improvement being identified. Findings of the inspection were discussed with Catherine Busby, Registered Manager as part of the inspection process and can be found in the main body of the report.

Enforcement action did not result from the findings of this inspection.

The findings of the inspection were provided to the person in charge at the conclusion of the inspection.

## 6.0 The inspection

The purpose of this inspection was to assess a proposal by the registered provider to change the use of a bedroom to provide an apartment type setting for a named individual service user.

The inspector was shown the proposed bedroom which was located at the end of the corridor, adjacent to the fire exit, within unit 2 of the premises. The proposal would involve providing an additional door into this room from the adjacent bedroom, thus providing separate day dining and living space for this service user. It was also proposed that an additional dividing corridor door would be provided adjacent to the service user's bedroom door, effectively creating an apartment type scenario.

Subject to the following points, the inspector confirmed that the proposed changes detailed above could be undertaken with respect to the current minimum standards for residential care.

- The newly formed separating door between the bedroom and the day space accommodation and the new corridor door should both provide 30 minutes fire resistance and suitable smoke sealing.
- Additionally the separating door between the bedroom and the day space accommodation should be fitted with a swing free type door closer linked to the premises fire detection and alarm system.
- The premises fire risk assessment should be suitably reviewed to take account of these changes and any requirements flowing from this review should be implemented within the timescales stipulated.

The above changes may be approved in principle subject to a suitable variation application being submitted with RQIA. On completion of any alterations, the estates inspector should be informed and the works inspected to ensure continued compliance with the current regulations and standards.

	Regulations	Standards
<b>Total number of areas for improvement</b>	0	0

## 7.0 Quality improvement plan

There were no areas for improvement identified during this inspection, and a QIP is not required or included, as part of this inspection report.



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