

Announced Variation Pre Registration Inspection Report 22 September 2020



Oakmont Lodge Residential Care Home

Variation VA011365

Type of service: Residential Care Home

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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 from their responsibility for maintaining compliance with legislation, standards and best practice.

1.0 What we look for



2.0 Profile of service

This residential care home is registered to provide care for up to 27 residents on the ground floor of a two storey building, the first floor accommodates a nursing home care facility.

3.0 Service details

Organisation Dunluce Healthcare Limited Responsible Individual: Mr Ryan Smith	Registered Manager: Ms Annette Martin (acting, application pending)
Person in charge at the time of inspection: Mr Ryan Smith	Number of registered places: 27

4.0 Inspection summary

An announced pre- registration inspection took place on 22 September 2020 from 10.00 to 15.40 hours. The inspection was undertaken by both estates and care inspectors.

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 (August 2011).

RQIA received a variation application VA011365 proposing to increase the maximum number of bedrooms in the nursing home from 27 to 39.

The purpose of the inspection was to review the new residential care home accommodation on the ground floor of the two storey extension to Oakmont Lodge.

The new extension is connected to the existing building at ground floor level via corridor 04, adjacent protected stairwell number 1.

Following the inspection, RQIA confirmed that from an estates and care inspector's perspective there were no matters requiring improvement/remedial attention.

A Quality Improvement Plan is not required, or attached.

The variation application VA011365 to provide an additional twelve RC category bedrooms and ancillary accommodation is approved.

The findings of this report will provide the Registered Manager/Registered Individual with the necessary information to assist them to fulfil their responsibilities.

5.0 Inspection outcome

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	0	0

The findings of the inspection were provided to Ryan Smith, registered individual, and Annette Martin, manager at the conclusion of the inspection.

There were no improvement/remedial actions noted during the estates or care inspector review, and the variation VA011365 was approved.

6.0 The inspection

Fire safety: there were no concerns relating to fire safety, and the fire risk assessment was reviewed on 21 September 2020.

Health & safety: A legionella risk assessment was completed on 02 September 2020. Chlorination of the water storage and distribution system was completed on 29 July 2020. A water samples bacteriological analysis report dated 08 September 2020 indicated that there were no legionella bacteria detected in the samples taken from the water distribution system

Statutory controls: Planning authority and building control approvals were obtained and the relevant certificates were reviewed.

General: The interior building fabric and finishes were completed to a good standard. Exterior grounds were tidy and well maintained.

Care: Management described how the environment and service had been planned to provide individualised and modern dementia care. Bedrooms, communal areas and the secured sensory garden area were well equipped, furnished and decorated to a high standard.

We were satisfied that there were arrangements in place to maintain and promote residents safety, independence, privacy, dignity and choice. Management outlined how residents and their families would be involved and included in planning their care.

There were good opportunities available to maintain and improve residents quality of life, including their social, leisure, cultural and emotional needs. Staffing included designated activity therapists.

The manager confirmed the admission and transfer arrangements and demonstrated her awareness of managing these processes during the covid-19 pandemic. The home have invested in additional technology and planned how they can ensure residents contact with family can be maintained safely and effectively.

Staffing levels, recruitment, recording of care and staff training were discussed and satisfactory arrangements were in place. We particularly discussed the staffing arrangements between the two homes and the managers were both clear that staff on duty for the residential home would not be providing care or supervision for residents within the nursing unit, and vice versa. The manager confirmed the arrangements in place to ensure good communication.

From a care perspective no areas for improvement were identified and the variation application was approved.

Areas for improvement

No areas for improvement were identified during this inspection.

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	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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