

Inspection Report

16 July 2024



Bradley Manor

Type of service: Residential
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1.0 Service information

Organisation/Registered Provider: Healthcare Ireland (Belfast) Ltd	Registered Manager: Mrs Julie Watson
Responsible Individual: Ms Amanda Mitchell	Date registered: 10 December 2018
Person in charge at the time of inspection: Mrs Julie Watson	Number of registered places: 21 Residents to be accommodated on the Ground Floor.
Categories of care: Residential Care (RC) DE – Dementia.	Number of residents accommodated in the residential care home on the day of this inspection: 21
Brief description of the accommodation/how the service operates: This home is a registered Residential Care Home which provides health and social care for up to 21 residents.	

2.0 Inspection summary

An unannounced inspection took place on 16 July 2024, from 9.30am to 4.50pm by a care Inspector.

The inspection assessed progress with all areas for improvement identified in the home since the last care inspection and to determine if the home was delivering safe, effective and compassionate care and if the service was well led.

The home was clean and tidy with a homely atmosphere.

We found that there was safe, effective and compassionate care delivered in the home and the home was well led by the manger.

It was evident that staff were knowledgeable and well trained to deliver safe and effective care.

Residents said that living in the home was a good experience. Residents unable to voice their opinions were observed to be relaxed and comfortable in their surroundings and in their interactions with staff.

New areas requiring improvement were identified. Please refer to the Quality Improvement Plan(QIP) for details.

RQIA were assured that the delivery of care and service provided in Bradley Manor was safe, effective, compassionate and that the home was well led. Addressing the areas for improvement will further enhance the quality of care and services in Bradley Manor.

The findings of this report will provide the manager with the necessary information to improve staff practice and the residents' experience.

3.0 How we inspect

RQIA's inspections form part of our ongoing assessment of the quality of services. Our reports reflect how they were performing at the time of our inspection, highlighting both good practice and any areas for improvement. It is the responsibility of the service provider to ensure compliance with legislation, standards and best practice, and to address any deficits identified during our inspections.

To prepare for this inspection we reviewed information held by RQIA about this home. This included the previous areas for improvement issued, registration information, and any other written or verbal information received from residents, relatives, staff or the Commissioning Trust.

Throughout the inspection RQIA will seek to speak with residents, their relatives or visitors and staff for their opinion on the quality of the care and their experience of living, visiting or working in this home.

Questionnaires were provided to give residents and those who visit them the opportunity to contact us after the inspection with their views of the home. A poster was provided for staff detailing how they could complete an on-line questionnaire.

The daily life within the home was observed and how staff went about their work.

A range of documents were examined to determine that effective systems were in place to manage the home.

The findings of the inspection were discussed with the management team at the conclusion of the inspection

4.0 What people told us about the service

Residents commented positively regarding the home and said they felt they were well looked after. A resident told us of how, "We are all very well looked after, the girls are caring." Another resident spoke of how, "The care is excellent, the food is good and there are activities put on."

A relative spoke of how the care in the home was, "Great, and the staff are attentive."

Staff told us they were happy working in the home, that there was enough staff on duty and felt supported by the manager and the training provided.

No additional feedback was provided from residents, relatives or staff following the inspection.

5.0 The inspection

5.1 What has this service done to meet any areas for improvement identified at or since last inspection?

Areas for improvement from the last inspection on 9 April 2024		
Action required to ensure compliance with the Residential Care Homes Minimum Standards (December 2022) (Version 1:2)		Validation of compliance
Area for improvement 1 Ref: Standard 30 Stated: First time	The registered person shall ensure that the administration of liquid medicines and inhaler preparations is appropriately monitored to ensure they are administered as prescribed.	Carried forward to the next inspection
	Action required to ensure compliance with this standard was not reviewed as part of this inspection and this is carried forward to the next inspection.	
Area for improvement 2 Ref: Standard 12.10 Stated: First time	The registered person shall ensure that residents are supervised at mealtimes in accordance with their assessed need.	Met
	Action taken as confirmed during the inspection: There was evidence that this area for improvement was met.	
Area for Improvement 3 Ref: Standard 5 Stated: First time	The registered person shall ensure that records pertaining to Speech and Language (SALT) assessments are kept up to date to accurately reflect the needs of the resident.	Met

	<p>Action taken as confirmed during the inspection: There was evidence that this area for improvement was met.</p>	
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5.2 Inspection findings

5.2.1 Staffing Arrangements

Safe staffing begins at the point of recruitment. There was evidence that a robust system was in place to ensure staff were recruited correctly to protect residents.

There were systems in place to ensure staff were trained and supported to do their job.

There was a system in place to ensure staff were appropriately registered with the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC)

Staff said there was good team work and that they felt well supported in their role, were satisfied with the staffing levels and the level of communication between staff and management.

The staff duty rota accurately reflected the staff working in the home on a daily basis. The duty rota identified the person in charge when the manager was not on duty.

Staff told us that there was enough staff on duty to meet the needs of the residents.

It was noted that there was enough staff in the home to respond to the needs of the residents in a timely way; and to provide residents with a choice on how they wished to spend their day

5.2.2 Care Delivery and Record Keeping

Staff were observed to be prompt in recognising residents' needs and any early signs of distress or illness, including those residents who had difficulty in making their wishes or feelings known. Staff were skilled in communicating with residents; they were respectful, understanding and sensitive to residents' needs.

Staff met at the beginning of each shift to discuss any changes in the needs of the residents. In addition, resident care records were maintained which accurately reflected the needs of the residents. Staff were knowledgeable of individual residents' needs, their daily routine wishes and preferences.

It was observed that staff respected residents' privacy by their actions such as knocking on doors before entering, discussing residents' care in a confidential manner, and by offering personal care to residents discreetly.

Examination of records and discussion with the manager confirmed that the risk of falling and falls were well managed.

Good nutrition and a positive dining experience are important to the health and social wellbeing of residents. Residents may need a range of support with meals; this may include simple encouragement through to full assistance from staff.

The dining experience was an opportunity of residents to socialise, music was playing, and the atmosphere was calm, relaxed and unhurried.

It was observed that residents were enjoying their meal and their dining experience. Staff had made an effort to ensure residents were comfortable, had a pleasant experience and had a meal that they enjoyed.

There was no menu on display in the home for the residents. This was discussed with the manager and an area for improvement was identified.

There was choice of meals offered, the food was attractively presented and smelled appetising, and portions were generous. There was a variety of drinks available. Lunch was a pleasant and unhurried experience for the residents.

There was evidence that residents' weights were checked at least monthly to monitor weight loss or gain. If required, records were kept of what residents had to eat and drink daily.

Residents' needs were assessed at the time of their admission to the home. Following this initial assessment care plans were developed to direct staff on how to meet residents' needs; and included any advice or recommendations made by other healthcare professionals. Residents care records were held confidentially.

Care records were well maintained, regularly reviewed and updated to ensure they continued to meet the residents' needs. Review of a sample of care plans evidenced that they were not all signed by the resident or their representative. An area for improvement was identified.

Residents' individual likes and preferences were reflected throughout the records. Care plans were detailed and contained specific information on each residents' care needs and what or who was important to them.

Daily records were kept of how each resident spent their day and the care and support provided by staff. The outcome of visits from any healthcare professional was recorded.

Each resident had an annual review of their care, arranged by their care manager or Trust representative. This review should include the resident, the home staff and the resident's next of kin, if appropriate. A record of the meeting, including any actions required, was provided to the home.

5.2.3 Management of the Environment and Infection Prevention and Control

Observation of the home's environment evidenced that the home was clean, tidy and well maintained.

Residents' bedrooms were personalised with items important to the resident. Bedrooms and communal areas were well decorated, suitably furnished, and comfortable. Residents could choose where to sit or where to take their meals and staff were observed supporting residents to make these choices.

A fire door into the dining room was sticking, and a picture frame in a bedroom was broken. These issues were addressed by the manager on the day of inspection.

Fire safety measures were in place and well managed to ensure residents, staff and visitors to the home were safe. Staff were aware of their training in these areas and how to respond to any concerns or risks.

There was evidence that systems and processes were in place to ensure the management of risks associated with COVID-19 infection and other infectious diseases.

Review of records, observation of practice and discussion with staff confirmed that effective training on infection prevention and control (IPC) measures and the use of PPE had been provided.

Staff were observed to carry out hand hygiene at appropriate times and to use PPE in accordance with the regional guidance. Staff use of PPE and hand hygiene was regularly monitored by the manager and records were kept.

5.2.4 Quality of Life for Residents

Discussion with residents confirmed that they were able to choose how they spent their day. For example, residents could have a lie in or stay up late to watch TV.

It was observed that staff offered choices to residents throughout the day which included preferences for getting up and going to bed, what clothes they wanted to wear, food and drink options, and where and how they wished to spend their time.

The activity planner was on display, but not in a dementia friendly format. This was discussed with the manager and an area for improvement was identified.

Residents' needs were met through a range of individual and group activities, such as knitting, reminiscence, arts and crafts and musical activities.

5.2.5 Management and Governance Arrangements

There has been no change in management of the home since the last inspection. Mrs Julie Watson has been the manager in this home since 10 December 2018.

There was evidence that a robust system of auditing was in place to monitor the quality of care and other services provided to residents. There was evidence of auditing across various aspects of care and services provided by the home.

Each service is required to have a person, known as the adult safeguarding champion, who has responsibility for implementing the regional protocol and the home's safeguarding policy. The manager was identified as the appointed safeguarding champion for the home. It was established that good systems and processes were in place to manage the safeguarding and protection of vulnerable adults.

Residents spoken with said that they knew how to report any concerns and said they were confident that the manager would address these. Review of the home's record of complaints confirmed that these were well managed and used as a learning opportunity to improve practices and/or the quality of services provided by the home. This is good practice.

Staff were aware of who the person in charge of the home was, their own role in the home and how to raise any concerns or worries about residents, care practices or the environment.

It was established that the manager had a system in place to monitor accidents and incident that happened in the home. Accidents and incidents were notified, if required, to residents' next of kin, their care manager and to RQIA. A review of the records of accidents and incidents which had occurred in the home found that these were managed correctly and reported appropriately.

There was a system in place to manage complaints.

Residents and their relatives said that they knew who to approach if they had a complaint and had confidence that any complaint would be managed well.

Staff commented positively about the manager and described her as supportive, approachable and always available for guidance.

The home was visited each month by a representative of the registered provider to consult with residents, their relatives and staff and to examine all areas of the running of the home. The reports of these visits were completed in detail; where action plans for improvement were put in place, these were followed up to ensure that the actions were correctly addressed. These are available for review by residents, their representatives, the Trust and RQIA. It was discussed with the management team the need for these reports to be signed by the manager.

7.0 Quality Improvement Plan/Areas for Improvement

Areas for improvement have been identified where action is required to ensure compliance with **The Residential Care Homes' Minimum Standards (December 2022) (Version 1:2)**

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of Areas for Improvement	0	4*

* the total number of areas for improvement includes one under the Standards which is carried forward for review at the next inspection.

Areas for improvement and details of the Quality Improvement Plan were discussed with Mrs Julie Watson, Registered Manager as part of the inspection process. The timescales for completion commence from the date of inspection.

Quality Improvement Plan	
Action required to ensure compliance with the Residential Care Homes Minimum Standards (December 2022) (Version 1:2)	
<p>Area for improvement 1</p> <p>Ref: Standard 30</p> <p>Stated: First time</p> <p>To be completed by: From the date of the inspection onwards (9 April 2024)</p>	<p>The registered person shall ensure that the administration of liquid medicines and inhaler preparations is appropriately monitored to ensure they are administered as prescribed.</p> <p>Ref 5.1</p> <p>Action required to ensure compliance with this standard was not reviewed as part of this inspection and this is carried forward to the next inspection.</p>
<p>Area for improvement 2</p> <p>Ref: Standard 12</p> <p>Stated: First time</p> <p>To be completed by: From the date of inspection</p>	<p>The registered person shall ensure that the daily menu is displayed in a suitable format, and in a suitable location for residents and their representatives.</p> <p>Ref: 5.2.2</p> <p>Response by registered person detailing the actions taken: The daily menu has been made available in a pictorial format. This is displayed in the dining room. HM and Person in Charge will continue to confirm correct menu is displayed on daily basis. Senior Management will review within Reg 29 visits</p>
<p>Area for improvement 3</p> <p>Ref: Standard 6.3</p> <p>Stated: First time</p> <p>To be completed by: From the date of inspection</p>	<p>The registered person shall ensure that the resident or their representative signs the care plan.</p> <p>Ref: 5.2.2</p> <p>Response by registered person detailing the actions taken: This is in progress, contact has been made with all resident representatives, care plans have been signed or a time planned to review the care plan. Senior Management will continue to monitor progress in Reg 29 visits.</p>
<p>Area for improvement 4</p> <p>Ref: Standard 13.4</p> <p>Stated: First time</p>	<p>The registered person shall ensure that the programme of activities is displayed in a suitable format, for residents and their representatives.</p> <p>Ref: 5.2.4</p>

To be completed by: From the date of inspection	Response by registered person detailing the actions taken: The daily activities are available in a pictorial format. This is displayed in the communal corridor. Senior Management will continue to monitor within Reg 29 visits
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