

Unannounced Care Inspection Report 3 October 2018











Greenvale House Residential Home

Type of Service: Residential Care Home Address: 82-84 Mill Hill, Castlewellan, BT31 9NB

Tel No: 028 4377 8280 Inspector: Kylie Connor

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 is a residential care home registered to provide care and accommodation for 12 persons in the categories of care cited on the home's certificate of registration and detailed in section 3.0 of this report. The home is located on the same site as Greenvale House Nursing Home.

3.0 Service details

Organisation/Registered Provider: Greenvale House	Registered Manager: Donna Fitzpatrick
Responsible Individuals: Barbara Foster Margaret Foster Norman Foster	
Person in charge at the time of inspection: Donna Fitzpatrick	Date manager registered: 20 February 2018
Categories of care: Residential Care (RC) I – Old age not falling within any other category DE – Dementia	Number of registered places: 12

4.0 Inspection summary

An unannounced care inspection took place on 3 October 2018 from 10.20 to 19.00.

This inspection was underpinned by The Residential Care Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and the DHSSPS Residential Care Homes Minimum Standards, August 2011.

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

Evidence of good practice was found including, staff recruitment, training, listening to and valuing residents and taking account of the views of residents and maintaining good working relationships.

Areas requiring improvement were identified in regard to the completion of written consents for access to residents' care records and night-time checks and for the completion of a smoking risk assessment.

Residents said that staff were kind and attentive and that they were happy with the standard of care provided in the home.

The lay assessor commented, "All staff were observed to be very kind and caring with each resident and seemed to know all their individual needs. They interacted extremely well with the residents."

The findings of this report will provide the home with the necessary information to assist them to fulfil their responsibilities, enhance practice and resident experience.

4.1 Inspection outcome

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	0	2

Details of the Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) were discussed with Donna Fitzpatrick, Registered Manager and Barbara Foster, Responsible Individual, as part of the inspection process. The timescales for completion commence from the date of inspection.

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

5.0 How we inspect

Prior to the inspection a range of information relevant to the service was reviewed. This included the following records: the pre-registration inspection report, notifiable events, and written and verbal communication received since the pre-registration inspection.

During the inspection the inspector met with the registered manager, responsible individual, two care staff and one visiting professional. A lay assessor was present during the inspection to speak with residents regarding their experiences of living in the home. Comments received are included within this report.

A total of 10 questionnaires were provided for distribution to residents and/or their representatives to enable them to share their views with RQIA. A poster was provided for staff detailing how they could complete an electronic questionnaire. No questionnaires were returned by residents, residents' representatives or staff.

During the inspection a sample of records was examined which included:

- Staff duty rota
- Induction programme for one new staff
- Staff supervision and annual appraisal schedules
- One staff competency and capability assessment
- Staff training schedule and training records
- One staff file
- One resident's care file
- Minutes of staff meetings
- Complaints and compliments records
- A range of audits
- Accident, incident, notifiable event records
- Reports of visits by the registered provider
- Legionella risk assessment
- Programme of activities
- Policies and procedures
- RQIA registration Certificate
- Employer's Liability Insurance Certificate

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

6.0 The inspection

6.1 Review of areas for improvement from the most recent inspection dated 5 May 2018

The most recent inspection of the home was an unannounced medicines management inspection. The completed QIP was returned and approved by the pharmacist inspector.

This QIP will be validated by the pharmacist inspector at the next medicines management inspection.

6.2 Review of areas for improvement from the pre-registration care inspection dated 21 December 2017

There were no areas for improvement made as a result of the last care inspection.

6.3 Inspection findings

6.4 Is care safe?

Avoiding and preventing harm to patients and clients from the care, treatment and support that is intended to help them.

The registered manager advised that the staffing levels for the home were subject to regular review to ensure the assessed needs of the residents were met. Temporary/agency staff were not used in the home. Any turnover of staff was kept to minimum, where possible, and was monitored by the management of the home. A visitor book was located at the entrance to the home.

No concerns were raised regarding staffing levels during discussion with residents and staff. A review of the duty rota confirmed that it accurately reflected the staff working within the home.

A review of a completed induction record and discussion with the registered manager evidenced that an induction programme was in place for all staff, relevant to their specific roles and responsibilities. The inspector advised the registered manager of the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC) Induction Programme; the registered manager gave assurances to obtain a copy and integrate into practice.

Discussion with staff confirmed that mandatory training, supervision and annual appraisal of staff was regularly provided. Schedules of training, staff appraisals and supervision were reviewed during the inspection.

Discussion with the registered manager and review of two staff files confirmed that competency and capability assessments were undertaken for any person who is given the responsibility of being in charge of the home for any period in the absence of the manager.

Discussion with the registered manager and review of one staff file confirmed that staff were recruited in line with Regulation 21 (1) (b), Schedule 2 of The Residential Care Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005.

The registered manager advised that AccessNI enhanced disclosures were undertaken for all staff prior to the commencement of employment. A staff file reviewed confirmed that AccessNI information was recorded and managed in line with best practice.

Arrangements were in place to monitor the registration status of staff with their professional body (where applicable). Care staff spoken with advised that they were registered with (NISCC).

The adult safeguarding policy in place was consistent with the current regional policy and procedures. This included the name of the safeguarding champion, definitions of abuse, types of abuse and indicators, onward referral arrangements, contact information and documentation to be completed. The necessity to complete the annual ASC position report from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 was discussed.

Staff were knowledgeable and had a good understanding of adult safeguarding principles. They were also aware of their obligations in relation to raising concerns about poor practice and whistleblowing. A review of staff training records confirmed that mandatory adult safeguarding training was provided for all staff.

Discussion with the registered manager, review of accident and incidents notifications, care records and complaints records confirmed that all suspected, alleged or actual incidents of abuse were fully and promptly referred to the relevant persons and agencies for investigation in accordance with procedures and legislation; written records were retained.

The registered manager stated there were risk management procedures in place relating to the safety of individual residents and the home did not accommodate any individuals whose assessed needs could not be met. A review of care records identified that residents' care needs and risk assessments were obtained from the trust prior to admission.

The registered manager advised there were restrictive practices within the home, notably the use of keypad entry systems.

Staff training records evidenced that all staff had received training in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) in line with their roles and responsibilities. Discussion with staff established that they were knowledgeable and had understanding of IPC policies and procedures.

Inspection of the premises confirmed that there were wash hand basins, adequate supplies of liquid soap, alcohol hand gels and disposable towels wherever care was delivered. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), e.g. disposable gloves and aprons, was available throughout the home. Observation of staff practice identified that staff adhered to IPC procedures. One IPC dispenser did not have a lid in place; this was fitted during the inspection.

Good standards of hand hygiene were observed to be promoted within the home among residents, staff and visitors. Notices promoting good hand hygiene were displayed throughout the home in both written and pictorial formats.

IPC compliance audits were undertaken and action plans developed to address any deficits noted.

The registered manager reported that there had been no outbreaks of infection within the last year. Any outbreak would be managed in accordance with the home policy and procedures, reported to the Public Health Agency, the trust and RQIA with appropriate records retained.

The registered manager reported that they were aware of the "Falls Prevention Toolkit" and were using this guidance to improve post falls management within the home. Audits of accidents/falls were undertaken on a monthly basis and analysed for themes and trends; an action plan was developed to minimise the risk where possible. Referral was made to the trust falls team in line with best practice guidance.

A general inspection of the home was undertaken and the residents' bedrooms were found to be individualised with photographs, memorabilia and personal items. The home was fresh-smelling, clean and appropriately heated. Observation of the underside of a number of toilet roll dispensers identified that two had not been thoroughly cleaned; the registered manager immediately addressed this, checked all dispensers and added this task to the cleaning schedule.

Inspection of the internal and external environment identified that the home and grounds were kept tidy, safe, suitable for and accessible to residents, staff and visitors. There were no obvious hazards to the health and safety of residents, visitors or staff. No malodours were detected in the home.

The registered manager advised that the home's policy, procedures and risk assessments relating to safe and healthy working practices were appropriately maintained and reviewed regularly e.g. Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH), fire safety, hot surfaces and smoking etc.

The home had an up to date Legionella risk assessment in place dated 1 February 2018 and all recommendations had been actioned or were being addressed.

It was established that some residents smoked. A review of one care record identified that a risk assessment had not been completed but a corresponding care plan in relation to smoking was in place. The risk assessment needs to take account of contributing factors pertaining to the risk such as medical conditions and subsequent prescribed interventions, as well as current safety guidance. Action was required to ensure compliance with the standards.

The registered manager advised that equipment and medical devices in use in the home were well maintained and regularly serviced. A system was in place to regularly check the Northern Ireland Adverse Incidence Centre (NIAIC) alerts and action as necessary.

The registered manager reported that the home had an up to date fire risk assessment in place dated 3 January 2018 and all recommendations had been actioned or were being addressed.

A district nurse spoken with during the inspection made the following comment:

• "We come on set days and they (staff) are prepared. They carry out any instructions and I guide them."

Areas of good practice

There were examples of good practice found throughout the inspection in relation to staff recruitment, induction, training, supervision and appraisal.

Areas for improvement

One area for improvement was identified in regard to the completion of a smoking risk assessment.

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	0	1

6.5 Is care effective?

The right care, at the right time in the right place with the best outcome

Discussion with the registered manager established that staff in the home responded appropriately to and met the assessed needs of the residents.

Records were stored safely and securely in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the registered manager reported that the homes policy and procedure had been updated.

A review of one care record confirmed that these were maintained in line with the legislation and standards. They included an up to date assessment of needs, life history, risk assessments, care plans and daily/regular statement of health and well-being of the resident. Care needs assessment and risk assessments were reviewed and updated on a regular basis or as changes occurred.

The care records also reflected the multi-professional input into the residents' health and social care needs and were found to be updated regularly to reflect the changing needs of the individual residents. Residents and/or their representatives were encouraged and enabled to be involved in the assessment, care planning and review process, where appropriate.

Discussion with staff confirmed that a person centred approach underpinned practice. Staff were able to describe how the needs, choices and preferences of individual residents were met within the home.

A varied and nutritious diet was provided which met the individual and recorded dietary needs and preferences of the residents. At lunchtime, staff were observed providing residents with assistance and encouragement, as required. Systems were in place to regularly record residents' weights and any significant changes in weight were responded to appropriately.

There were arrangements in place to refer residents to dieticians and speech and language therapists (SALT) as required.

Discussion with the registered manager, staff and a district nurse confirmed that wound care was managed by community nursing services. Staff advised that they were able to recognise and respond to pressure area damage observed on resident's skin. Referrals were made to the multi-professional team regarding any concerns identified in a timely manner. Residents' wound pain was found to be managed appropriately.

The registered manager advised that there were arrangements in place to monitor, audit and review the effectiveness and quality of care delivered to residents at appropriate intervals. Audits of care records, accidents and incidents (including falls, outbreaks), the environment and dining experience were available for inspection and evidenced that any actions identified for improvement were incorporated into practice.

The registered manager advised that systems were in place to ensure effective communication with residents, their representatives and other key stakeholders. These included pre-admission information, multi-professional team reviews, residents' meetings, staff meetings and staff shift handovers. Minutes of staff meetings were reviewed during the inspection. The first residents' meeting was scheduled to take place during October 2018. The responsible person reported that following a residents request to improve the lighting in the living room, the ceiling light was due to be replaced and spot lights installed.

Observation of practice evidenced that staff were able to communicate effectively with residents. Discussion with the registered manager and staff confirmed that management operated an open door policy in regard to communication within the home.

There were also systems in place to ensure openness and transparency of communication, for example, copies of a newsletter were made available to every resident and copies were available at the reception area for their representatives and any other interested parties to read.

A review of care records, along with accident and incident reports, confirmed that referral to other healthcare professionals was timely and responsive to the needs of the residents.

Staff and a district nurse spoken with during the inspection made the following comments:

- "They (staff handovers) are good. We go back to whatever day staff were on duty last......Teamwork is good." (staff)
- "We work very well together, we have a good rapport with the cleaner, the manager, the owner.....Senior carers are very good at listening, you can go to them about anything." (Staff)
- "(Staff are) very efficient, they pick up the slightest wee thing about skin care or anything else and inform the district nursing team." (district nurse)

Areas of good practice

There were examples of good practice found throughout the inspection in relation to audits and reviews, communication between residents, staff and other interested parties.

Areas for improvement

No areas for improvement were identified during the inspection.

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	0	0

6.6 Is care compassionate?

Patients and clients are treated with dignity and respect and should be fully involved in decisions affecting their treatment, care and support.

The registered manager advised that staff in the home promoted a culture and ethos that supported the values of dignity and respect, independence, rights, equality and diversity, choice and consent of residents.

Discussion with the registered manager, staff and residents confirmed that consent was sought in relation to care and treatment. Written consents were not in place and an area of improvement was identified in regard to access to residents care records and night-checks. Discussion and observation of care practice and social interactions demonstrated that residents were treated with dignity and respect. Staff described their awareness of promoting residents' rights, independence and dignity and how residents' confidentiality was protected. For example, staff spoke about residents' choice at mealtimes, in choosing what to wear each day, of activity provision and of their rising and retiring times. The registered manager reported that residents who enjoy an alcoholic drink are facilitated to have one.

Discussion with the registered manager and staff confirmed that residents' spiritual and cultural needs, including preferences for end of life care, were met within the home.

Residents were provided with information, in a format that they could understand, which enabled them to make informed decisions regarding their life, care and treatment. The activity programme, for example, was written in a pictorial format. The three week menu was on display but it was not clear which week was current. Following discussions the registered manager gave assurances that this information would be displayed more clearly by highlighting the current day on the menu and providing written information of each meal at each table.

Discussion with staff, residents and observation of practice confirmed that residents' needs were recognised and responded to in a prompt and courteous manner by staff. Residents were listened to, valued and communicated with in an appropriate manner and their views and opinions were taken into account in all matters affecting them. For example, residents were encouraged and supported to actively participate in the annual reviews of their care and a residents meeting was being introduced.

The registered manager reported that a consultation with residents, about the quality of care and environment was planned for October 2018. The registered manager reported that the findings from the consultation will be collated into a summary report and action plan and made available for residents and other interested parties to read.

Discussion with staff, a district nurse and review of activity records confirmed that residents were offered and supported to engage and participate in meaningful activities. Some residents could not recall any activities taking place.

Discussions with staff, the registered manager and responsible individual identified that a number of residents choose not to participate in activities but that staff continue to invite them with gentle encouragement. Staff reported that whilst there is an activity programme in place, residents can make suggestions for alternative activities at any time. The registered manager reported that she continues to monitor activity provision in the home and had spoken individually to all residents and at least one representative of every resident several months ago when the current activity programme was being devised.

The registered manager reported that all residents are invited to visit the nursing home and participate in for example, music activities but many decline the invitation. Activity provision included, music entertainers who play a range of music including country and western, jazz and Irish music, visits from a Eucharistic minister, reminiscing, word searches, yoga, walks in the grounds, hangman, reading newspapers, playing the tin whistle and arts and craft activities. Staff reported that they have sufficient activity resources including large skittles, cricket and hula hoops. Staff reported that at times it's hard to get residents to participate in activities especially if it's not one of their favourites; discussion took place in regard to trying taster sessions with residents.

Arrangements were in place for residents to maintain links with their friends, families and wider community. The registered manager and responsible individual spoke of how they had been inspired by a recent television programme and had plans to invite primary school children into the home throughout the year to participate in inter-generational activities, rather than confining this to special times of the year, such as Christmas.

Residents, staff and a district nurse spoken with during the inspection made the following comments:

- "They (staff) are great. My room is very comfortable. I get out and about. The food is good." (resident)
- "The girls are very pleasant...They are kind....I know them to see...It's not home." (resident)
- "I am very content...the food is okay...bed is good...they are all very kind." (resident)
- "The girls couldn't be better... I have no complaints." (resident)
- "I treat them as my own granny and granda, it's very rewarding. Every day you go out of your way to accommodate them. Some aren't interested in activities and some days some will participate and some days they won't. They love quizzes, puzzles and hangman." (Staff)
- "When they want to lie on they can.....I love listening to them. They love choosing their clothes, they have their own style. Activities can change by the people who come. I do quizzes and singing. I've a few ideas to speak to them (about). They like armchair exercises but they didn't want that today, they wanted a spelling activity and they all laugh and clap. Two residents do a crossword (every day) out of the paper together." (Staff)
- "They (staff) have a good rapport (with residents) and treat them with dignity and respect, always kind and considerate and polite. They have regular activities, morning and afternoon. Reminiscence and arts and crafts, general chatting and quizzes." (district nurse)

Areas of good practice

There were examples of good practice found throughout the inspection in relation to the culture and ethos of the home, listening to and valuing residents and taking account of the views of residents.

Areas for improvement

One area for improvement was identified in regard to written consents for access to residents' records by professionals and RQIA inspectors and in regard to night-checks.

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	0	1

6.7 Is the service well led?

Effective leadership, management and governance which creates a culture focused on the needs and experience of service users in order to deliver safe, effective and compassionate care

The registered manager outlined the management arrangements and governance systems in place within the home and stated that the needs of residents were met in accordance with the home's statement of purpose and the categories of care for which the home was registered with RQIA.

A range of policies and procedures was in place to guide and inform staff. Policies were centrally indexed and retained in a manner which was easily accessible by staff. The registered manager stated that policies and procedures were systematically reviewed every three years or more frequently as changes occurred.

Residents and/or their representatives were made aware of how to make a complaint by way of the Resident's Guide and information on display in the home. Discussion with staff confirmed that they were knowledgeable about how to respond to complaints. RQIA's complaint poster was available and displayed in the home.

Review of the complaints records confirmed that arrangements were in place to effectively manage complaints from residents, their representatives or any other interested party. Records of complaints included details of any investigation undertaken, all communication with complainants, the outcome of the complaint and the complainant's level of satisfaction. Arrangements were in place to share information about complaints and compliments with staff.

The home retains compliments received, e.g. thank you letters and cards and there are systems in place to share these with staff.

There was an accident, incident and notifiable events policy and procedure in place which included reporting arrangements to RQIA. A review of these events confirmed that these were effectively documented and reported to RQIA and other relevant organisations in accordance with the legislation and procedures. A regular audit of accidents and incidents was undertaken.

The registered manager advised that learning from accidents and incidents was disseminated to all relevant parties and action plans developed to improve practice.

There was a system to ensure safety bulletins, serious adverse incident alerts and staffing alerts were appropriately reviewed and actioned.

The registered manager advised that there was a system to share learning from a range of sources including complaints, incidents, training; feedback was integrated into practice and contributed to continuous quality improvement.

Discussion with the registered manager confirmed that information in regard to current best practice guidelines was made available to staff. Staff were provided with mandatory training and additional training opportunities relevant to any specific needs of the residents. Discussions with the registered manager and staff confirmed that training had also been provided in regard to diabetes awareness, dementia awareness, care plans and dysphasia.

A visit by the registered provider was undertaken as required under Regulation 29 of The Residential Care Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005; a report was produced and made available for residents, their representatives, staff, RQIA and any other interested parties to read. An action plan was developed to address any issues identified which include timescales and person responsible for completing the action.

There was a clear organisational structure and all staff were aware of their roles, responsibility and accountability. This was outlined in the home's Statement of Purpose and Residents Guide. The registered manager stated that the registered provider was present in the home on a daily basis and was kept informed through discussions regarding the day to day running of the home.

The registered manager advised that any changes to the management structure of the home or registered persons will be managed to minimise any adverse effects on the home or the residents accommodated.

The registered manager reported that the management and control of operations within the home was in accordance with the regulatory framework. Inspection of the premises confirmed that the RQIA certificate of registration and employer's liability insurance certificate were displayed.

The home had a whistleblowing policy and procedure in place and discussion with staff confirmed that they were knowledgeable regarding this. The registered manager advised that staff could also access line management to raise concerns and that staff would be offered support.

Discussion with staff confirmed that there were good working relationships within the home and that management were responsive to suggestions and/or concerns raised. There were open and transparent methods of working and effective working relationships with internal and external stakeholders.

The registered manager described the arrangements in place for managing identified lack of competency and poor performance for all staff.

The inspector discussed arrangements in place in relation to the equality of opportunity for residents and the importance of staff being aware of equality legislation and recognising and responding to the diverse needs of residents.

The home collected equality data on residents and the registered manager was advised to contact the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland for guidance on best practice in relation to collecting this type of data.

Staff and a district nurse spoken with during the inspection made the following comments:

- "If there are any problems or if unsure of anything, we can ask Donna (Registered Manager). She is approachable.....It's (the home) well organised. (staff)
- "Everything runs nice and smoothly." (staff)
- "Definitely (a well-run and managed home)." (district nurse)

Areas of good practice

There were examples of good practice found throughout the inspection in relation to management of complaints and incidents and maintaining good working relationships.

Areas for improvement

No areas for improvement were identified during the inspection.

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	0	0

7.0 Quality improvement plan

Areas for improvement identified during this inspection are detailed in the QIP. Details of the QIP were discussed with Donna Fitzpatrick, Registered Manager and Barbara Foster, Responsible Individual as part of the inspection process. The timescales commence from the date of inspection.

The registered provider/manager should note that if the action outlined in the QIP is not taken to comply with regulations and standards this may lead to further enforcement action including possible prosecution for offences. It is the responsibility of the registered provider to ensure that all areas for improvement identified within the QIP are addressed within the specified timescales.

Matters to be addressed as a result of this inspection are set in the context of the current registration of the residential care home. The registration is not transferable so that in the event of any future application to alter, extend or to sell the premises RQIA would apply standards current at the time of that application.

7.1 Areas for improvement

Areas for improvement have been identified where action is required to ensure compliance with The Residential Care Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and the DHSSPS Residential Care Homes Minimum Standards, August 2011.

7.2 Actions to be taken by the service

The QIP should be completed and detail the actions taken to address the areas for improvement identified. The registered provider should confirm that these actions have been completed and return the completed QIP via Web Portal for assessment by the inspector.

Quality Improvement Plan

Action required to ensure compliance with the DHSSPS Residential Care Homes Minimum Standards, August 2011

Area for improvement 1

Ref: Standard 5.2

Stated: First time

To be completed by: 1 November 2018

The registered person shall ensure that a detailed risk assessment pertaining to any individual resident who smokes is completed. The assessment needs to take account of contributing factors pertaining to the risk such as medical condition(s) and subsequent prescribed interventions, as well as current safety guidance.

Ref: 6.4

Ref: 6.6

Response by registered person detailing the actions taken:

A detailed risk assessment has been completed on the individual resident who smokes. The risk assessment takes into account possible contributing factors which may add to the risk of smoking.

Area for improvement 2

Ref: Standard 7.4

Stated: First time

To be completed by: 30 December 2018

The registered person shall ensure that written consents are in place in regard to access to residents' records by professionals and RQIA

inspectors and arrangements for night checks.

Response by registered person detailing the actions taken:

This is currently being arranged with each resident or their representative and being recorded in their care plans and will be

completed within the set timescales.

Please ensure this document is completed in full and returned via Web Portal





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