

# Announced Care Inspection Report 13 August 2019



## Pretty Woman

**Type of Service: Independent Hospital (IH) –  
Intense Pulse Light (IPL) Service**

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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**

Pretty Woman is registered as an Independent Hospital (IH) with the following category of care: Prescribed techniques or prescribed technology: establishments using intense light sources PT (IL). The establishment provides a range of cosmetic/aesthetic treatments. This inspection focused solely on those treatments using an intense pulse light (IPL) machine that fall within regulated activity and the category of care for which the establishment is registered with RQIA.

**IPL equipment:**

- Manufacturer: Laser S.O.S Aesthetics Ltd
- Model: Sapphire A40 1-2P
- Serial Number: SUI PLPCA – 00106

**Laser protection advisor (LPA):**

- Mr Irfan Azam (Lasermet)

**Laser protection supervisor (LPS):**

- Ms Lorraine Jones

**Medical support services:**

- Dr Paul Myers

**Authorised operator:**

- Ms Lorraine Jones

**Type of treatment provided:**

- Hair removal

**3.0 Service details**

<b>Organisation/Registered Provider:</b> Pretty Woman Ms Lorraine Jones	<b>Registered Manager:</b> Ms Lorraine Jones
<b>Person in charge at the time of inspection:</b> Ms Lorraine Jones	<b>Date manager registered:</b> 10 February 2010
<b>Categories of care:</b> Independent Hospital (IH) PT(IL) Prescribed techniques or prescribed technology: establishments using intense light sources	

**4.0 Inspection summary**

An announced inspection took place on 13 August 2019 from 10.30 to 12.15.

This inspection was underpinned by The Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, The Independent Health Care Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005, The Regulation and Improvement Authority (Independent Health Care) (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 and the Department of Health (DoH) Minimum Care Standards for Independent Healthcare Establishments (July 2014).

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

Examples of good practice were evidence in all four domains. These included the arrangements for staffing, recruitment, the management of medical emergencies, infection prevention and control, information provision, the care pathway, and the management and governance arrangements.

One area for improvement made previously against the regulations in relation to laser safety has not been addressed and has been stated for a second time and one area for improvement made previously against the standards in relation to adult safeguarding training has also not been addressed and has been stated for a second time.

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

#### 4.1 Inspection outcome

	Regulations	Standards
<b>Total number of areas for improvement</b>	1	1

Details of the Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) were discussed with Ms Jones, registered person as part of the inspection process. The timescales for completion commence from the date of inspection.

#### 4.2 Action/enforcement taken following the most recent care inspection dated 11 December 2018

Other than those actions detailed in the QIP no further actions were required to be taken following the most recent inspection on 11 December 2018.

#### 5.0 How we inspect

Prior to the inspection a range of information relevant to the service was reviewed. This included the following records:

- notifiable events since the previous care inspection
- the registration status of the establishment
- written and verbal communication received since the previous care inspection
- the previous care inspection report
- the returned QIP from the previous care inspection

Questionnaires were provided to clients prior to the inspection by the establishment on behalf of RQIA. Returned completed clients questionnaires were analysed prior to the inspection. RQIA invited staff to complete an electronic questionnaire prior to the inspection. There are no other authorised operators employed in Pretty Woman and as a result no staff questionnaires were returned to RQIA.

A poster informing clients that an inspection was being conducted was displayed.

During the inspection the inspector met with Ms Jones, registered person and authorised operator.

The following records were examined during the inspection:

- staffing
- recruitment and selection
- safeguarding
- laser safety
- management of medical emergencies
- infection prevention and control
- information provision
- care pathway
- management and governance arrangements
- maintenance arrangements

Areas for improvement identified at the last care inspection were reviewed and assessment of compliance recorded as met, partially met, or not met.

The findings of the inspection were provided to Ms Jones at the conclusion of the inspection.

## 6.0 The inspection

### 6.1 Review of areas for improvement from the most recent inspection dated 11 December 2018

The most recent inspection of Pretty Woman was an announced care inspection. The completed QIP was returned and approved by the care inspector.

### 6.2 Review of areas for improvement from the last care inspection dated 11 December 2018

Areas for improvement from the last care inspection		
Action required to ensure compliance with The Independent Health Care Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005		Validation of compliance
<b>Area for improvement 1</b> <b>Ref: Regulation 39 (2)</b> <b>Stated: First time</b>	The registered person shall provide protective eyewear as outlined in the local rules in respect of the IPL equipment. The IPL equipment must not be used until the LPA has confirmed that suitable eyewear is available.	<b>Met</b>

	<p><b>Action taken as confirmed during the inspection:</b> Protective eyewear had been provided as outlined in the local rules in respect of the IPL equipment.</p>	
<p><b>Area for improvement 2</b> <b>Ref: Regulation 15 (2) b</b> <b>Stated: First time</b></p>	<p>The registered person shall ensure that the IPL equipment is serviced in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.</p> <p>The servicing reports for the IPL equipment should be retained in the establishment.</p> <p><b>Action taken as confirmed during the inspection:</b> There was no evidence to confirm that the IPL equipment had been serviced in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. This was discussed at length during and following the inspection. Ms Jones was advised to contact her LPA for further advice regarding this.</p> <p>This area for improvement has not been addressed and has been stated for a second time.</p>	<b>Not met</b>
<b>Action required to ensure compliance with The Minimum Care Standards for Independent Healthcare Establishments (July 2014)</b>		<b>Validation of compliance</b>
<p><b>Area for improvement 1</b> <b>Ref: Standard 24.4</b> <b>Stated: First time</b></p>	<p>The registered person shall ensure that fire safety awareness training is undertaken annually as outlined in the RQIA training guidance and in the Minimum Care Standards for Healthcare Establishments (July 2014).</p> <p><b>Action taken as confirmed during the inspection:</b> A review of training records and discussion with Ms Jones confirmed that fire safety awareness training had been undertaken on 14 March 2019 and Ms Jones confirmed that training will be undertaken annually as outlined in the RQIA training guidance.</p>	<b>Met</b>
<p><b>Area for improvement 2</b> <b>Ref: Standard 3.9</b> <b>Stated: First time</b></p>	<p>The registered person shall ensure that adult safeguarding training is undertaken as outlined in the RQIA training guidance and in the Minimum Care Standards for Healthcare Establishments (July 2014).</p>	<b>Not met</b>

	<p><b>Action taken as confirmed during the inspection:</b> Ms Jones confirmed that she had previously received training in safeguarding adults; however, the training had not been updated as frequently as outlined in the RQIA training guidance. This was discussed and Ms Jones has agreed to undertake adult safeguarding training during September 2019.</p> <p>This area for improvement has not been addressed and has been stated for a second time.</p>	
<p><b>Area for improvement 3</b> <b>Ref: Standards 3.1</b> <b>Stated: First time</b></p>	<p>The registered person shall ensure that the adult safeguarding policy is reviewed and updated to reflect the regional guidance.</p> <p><b>Response by registered person detailing the actions taken:</b> The adult safeguarding policy had been reviewed to reflect the regional guidance.</p>	<b>Met</b>
<p><b>Area for improvement 4</b> <b>Ref: Standard 48.4</b> <b>Stated: First time</b></p>	<p>The registered person shall ensure that the local rules are updated and include the details and directions to the nearest hospital in the event of an injury.</p> <p><b>Response by registered person detailing the actions taken:</b> A review of the laser protection file and discussion with Ms Jones confirmed that the local rules had been updated and included the details and directions to the nearest hospital in the event of an injury. Following the inspection Ms Jones also confirmed that the local rules had been further updated to include the nearest ophthalmology department to attend in the event of an eye injury.</p>	<b>Met</b>
<p><b>Area for improvement 5</b> <b>Ref: Standard 48.3</b> <b>Stated: First time</b></p>	<p>The registered person shall ensure that patch tests are carried out in accordance with the medical treatment protocols in place.</p> <p><b>Response by registered person detailing the actions taken:</b> Ms Jones confirmed that all patch tests are carried out in accordance with the medical treatment protocols in place.</p>	<b>Met</b>



<b>Area for improvement 6</b> <b>Ref: Standard 8.2</b> <b>Stated: First time</b>	The registered person shall ensure that the records management policy is updated in line with the General Data Protection Regulations (May 2018).	<b>Met</b>
	<b>Response by registered person detailing the actions taken:</b> A review of the records management policy evidenced that it had been updated in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).	
<b>Area for improvement 7</b> <b>Ref: Standard 8.5</b> <b>Stated: First time</b>	The registered person shall ensure that the establishment is registered with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO).	<b>Met</b>
	<b>Response by registered person detailing the actions taken:</b> Ms Jones confirmed that she had contacted the ICO on 31 January 2019 and they confirmed that registration was not required.	
<b>Area for improvement 8</b> <b>Ref: Standard 19.5</b> <b>Stated: First time</b>	The registered person shall ensure that all policies and procedures are systematically reviewed and updated at least every three years or if changes occur.	<b>Met</b>
	<b>Response by registered person detailing the actions taken:</b> Discussion with Ms Jones and a review of a random sample of policies confirmed that policies and procedures had been reviewed and updated since the previous 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.**

#### Staffing

The register of authorised operators for the IPL reflects that Ms Jones is the only authorised operator and Ms Jones confirmed that she carries out all IPL treatments.

It was confirmed that if any new authorised operators are recruited in the future they would complete an induction programme on commencement of employment.



A review of training records evidenced that Ms Jones had up to date training in core of knowledge training, application training for the equipment in use, basic life support, infection prevention and control and fire safety awareness. As discussed, there was no evidence that adult safeguarding training had been undertaken as frequently as outlined in the RQIA training guidance. This is discussed further in the safeguarding section of this report.

All other staff employed at the establishment, but not directly involved in the use of the IPL equipment, had received laser safety awareness training.

### **Recruitment and selection**

There have been no authorised operators recruited since the previous inspection. During discussion Ms Jones confirmed that should staff be recruited in the future robust systems and processes will be developed to ensure that all recruitment documentation as outlined in Schedule 2 of The Independent Health Care Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 would be sought and retained for inspection.

The recruitment policy and procedure in place was comprehensive and reflected best practice guidance.

### **Safeguarding**

It was confirmed that IPL treatments are not provided to persons under the age of 18 years.

Ms Jones was aware of the types and indicators of abuse and the actions to be taken in the event of a safeguarding issue being identified.

As discussed a review of records demonstrated that Ms Jones had previously received training in safeguarding adults; however, the training had not been updated in keeping with RQIA training guidance. An area for improvement against the standards has been made for a second time in this regard. As the safeguarding lead Ms Jones was advised to ensure that the training undertaken is also in keeping with the Northern Ireland Adult Safeguarding Partnership (NIASP) training strategy (revised 2016). Following the inspection Ms Jones confirmed that she will be attending safeguarding adults training during September 2019.

The policy and procedure in place for the safeguarding and protection of adults had been revised since the previous inspection. The policy included the types and indicators of abuse and distinct referral pathways in the event of a safeguarding issue arising. The relevant contact details for onward referral to the local Health and Social Care Trust should a safeguarding issue arise were included.

It was confirmed that copies of the regional policy entitled 'Co-operating to Safeguard Children and Young People in Northern Ireland' (August 2017) and the regional guidance document entitled 'Adult Safeguarding Prevention and Protection in Partnership' (July 2015) were both available for reference.

### **Laser/IPL safety**

A laser safety file was in place which contained all of the relevant information in relation to the IPL equipment

There was written confirmation of the appointment and duties of a certified LPA which is reviewed on an annual basis. The service level agreement between the establishment and the LPA was reviewed and this expires on 1 March 2020.

Laser procedures are carried out by Ms Jones in accordance with medical treatment protocols produced by Dr Paul Myers on 2 March 2019. Systems are in place to review the medical treatment protocols on an annual basis. The medical treatment protocols contained the relevant information pertaining to the treatments being provided.

Up to date local rules were in place which have been developed by the LPA. The local rules contained the relevant information pertaining to the IPL equipment being used.

The establishment's LPA completed a risk assessment of the premises on 29 July 2019 and no recommendations were made.

Ms Jones is the LPS for Pretty Woman and has overall responsibility for safety during laser treatments. As the only authorised operator Ms Jones has signed to state that she has read and understood the local rules and medical treatment protocols.

When the IPL equipment is in use, the safety of all persons in the controlled area is the responsibility of the LPS.

The environment in which the IPL equipment is used was found to be safe and controlled to protect other persons while treatment is in progress. Ms Jones confirmed that the door to the treatment room is locked when the IPL equipment is in use but can be opened from the outside in the event of an emergency.

The IPL equipment is operated using a key. Arrangements are in place for the safe custody of the IPL key when not in use. Protective eyewear is available for the client and operator as outlined in the local rules.

The controlled area is clearly defined and not used for other purposes, or as access to areas, when treatment is being carried out. Laser safety warning signs are displayed when the IPL equipment is in use and removed when not in use.

The establishment has an IPL register which is completed every time the equipment is operated and includes:

- the name of the person treated
- the date
- the operator
- the treatment given
- the precise exposure
- any accident or adverse incident

There was no evidence to confirm that the IPL equipment had been serviced in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. This was discussed at length during and following the inspection and Ms Jones was advised to contact her LPA for further advice regarding this. An area for improvement against the regulations had been made during the previous inspection that the IPL is serviced in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. This area for improvement has not been addressed and has been stated for a second time.

**Management of emergencies**

As discussed, Ms Jones had up to date training in basic life support. Ms Jones confirmed that she is aware what action to take in the event of a medical emergency.

There was a resuscitation policy in place.

**Infection prevention and control and decontamination procedures**

The treatment room was clean and clutter free. Discussion with Ms Jones evidenced that appropriate procedures were in place for the decontamination of equipment between use. Hand washing facilities were available and adequate supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) were provided. As discussed previously, Ms Jones has up to date training in infection prevention and control.

**Environment**

The premises were maintained to a good standard of maintenance and décor. Cleaning schedules for the establishment were in place.

Observations made evidenced that a carbon dioxide (CO2) fire extinguisher is available which has been serviced within the last year.

**Areas of good practice**

There were examples of good practice found throughout the inspection in relation to staff recruitment, induction, management of emergencies, infection prevention and control, risk management and the environment.

**Areas for improvement**

The authorised operator should undertake adult safeguarding training in keeping with RQIA training guidance for cosmetic laser services.

The IPL equipment should be serviced in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions.

	Regulations	Standards
Areas for improvement	1	1

**6.5 Is care effective?**

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

**Care pathway**

Clients are provided with an initial consultation to discuss their treatment and any concerns they may have. Written information is provided to the client pre and post treatment which outlines the treatment provided, any risks, complications and expected outcomes. The establishment has a list of fees available for each IPL procedure.

Fees for treatments are agreed during the initial consultation and may vary depending on the type of treatment provided and the individual requirements of the client.

During the initial consultation, clients are asked to complete a health questionnaire. There are systems in place to contact the client’s general practitioner, with their consent, for further information if necessary.

Two client care records were reviewed. There is an accurate and up to date treatment record for every client which includes:

- client details
- medical history
- signed consent form
- skin assessment (where appropriate)
- patch test (where appropriate)
- record of treatment delivered including number of shots and fluence settings (where appropriate)

Observations made evidenced that client records are securely stored. The records management policy and procedure had been revised since the previous inspection and included the creation, storage, recording, retention and disposal of records and data protection.

A review of the management of records policy confirmed that patients have the right to apply for access to their clinical records in accordance with GDPR.

Ms Jones confirmed that Pretty Woman is not registered with the ICO. Ms Jones had contacted the ICO on 31 January 2019 and they confirmed that registration was not required.

**Communication**

As discussed, there is written information for clients that provides a clear explanation of any treatment and includes effects, side-effects, risks, complications and expected outcomes. Information is jargon free, accurate, accessible, up-to-date and includes the cost of the treatment.

**Areas of good practice**

There were examples of good practice found in relation to the management of clinical records, and ensuring effective communication between clients and staff.

**Areas for improvement**

No areas for improvement were identified during the inspection.

	Regulations	Standards
<b>Areas for improvement</b>	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.**

**Dignity respect and involvement with decision making**

Discussion with Ms Jones regarding the consultation and treatment process, confirmed that clients are treated with dignity and respect. The consultation and treatment is provided in a private room with the client and authorised operator present. Information is provided to the client in verbal and written form at the initial consultation and subsequent treatment sessions to allow the client to make choices about their care and treatment and provide informed consent.

Appropriate measures are in place to maintain client confidentiality and observations made evidenced that client care records were stored securely in a locked cabinet.

Client satisfaction surveys are carried out by the establishment on an annual basis and the results of these are collated to provide a summary report which is made available to clients and other interested parties. An action plan is developed to inform and improve services provided, if appropriate. The summary report was clearly displayed on the wall of the treatment room.

**Areas of good practice**

There were examples of good practice found throughout the inspection in relation to maintaining client confidentiality ensuring the core values of privacy and dignity were upheld and providing the relevant information to allow clients to make informed choices.

**Areas for improvement**

No areas for improvement were identified during the inspection.

	<b>Regulations</b>	<b>Standards</b>
<b>Areas for improvement</b>	0	0

**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.**

**Management and governance**

Ms Jones is the only authorised operator in this establishment. Policies and procedures were available outlining the arrangements associated with IPL treatments. Observations made confirmed that policies and procedures were indexed and dated and had recently been reviewed.

Where the entity operating the establishment is a corporate body or partnership or an individual owner who is not in day to day management of the establishment, Regulation 26 unannounced quality monitoring visits must be undertaken and documented every six months.

Ms Jones is in day to day charge of the practice, therefore Regulation 26 unannounced quality monitoring visits do not apply.

There was a complaints policy and procedure in place which was in accordance with legislation and DoH guidance on complaints handling. Clients and/or their representatives were made aware of how to make a complaint by way of the clients’s guide. Ms Jones was knowledgeable about how to respond to complaints. Ms Jones confirmed that arrangements were in place to effectively manage complaints from clients, their representatives or any other interested party. There were no complaints received since the previous inspection and it was confirmed that if a complaint is received, a record of the complaint would include the details of any investigation undertaken, all communication with the complainant, the outcome of the complaint and the complainant’s level of satisfaction.

Ms Jones confirmed that she would retain compliments received, e.g. thank you letters.

Ms Jones confirmed that a system was in place to ensure that notifiable events were investigated and reported to RQIA or other relevant bodies as appropriate. A system was also in place to ensure that urgent communications, safety alerts and notices are reviewed.

Ms Jones demonstrated a clear understanding of her role and responsibility in accordance with legislation. Ms Jones confirmed that the statement of purpose and client’s guide are kept under review, revised and updated when necessary and available on request.

The RQIA certificate of registration was up to date and displayed appropriately.

Observation of insurance documentation confirmed that current insurance policies were in place.

**Areas of good practice**

There were examples of good practice found throughout the inspection in relation to the management of complaints and incidents and quality improvement.

**Areas for improvement**

No areas for improvement were identified during the inspection.

	Regulations	Standards
<b>Areas for improvement</b>	0	0

**6.8 Equality data**

**Equality data**

The arrangements in place in relation to the equality of opportunity for clients and the importance of staff being aware of equality legislation and recognising and responding to the diverse needs of clients was discussed with Ms Jones.

## 6.9 Client views

Nineteen clients submitted questionnaire responses to RQIA. All of the clients indicated that they felt their care was safe and effective, that they were treated with compassion and that the service was well led. All of the clients indicated that they were very satisfied with each of these areas of their care.

Comments included in submitted questionnaire responses are as follows:

- “First class treatments and care.”
- “Excellent service and very professional.”
- “I have been coming to Pretty Woman for 5 to 6 years and have always got a great service from Lorraine.”

## 7.0 Quality improvement plan

Areas for improvement identified during this inspection are detailed in the QIP. Details of the QIP were discussed with Ms Jones, registered person 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 establishment. 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 Independent Health Care Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and The Regulation and Improvement Authority (Independent Health Care) (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 and the Department of Health (DOH) Minimum Care Standards for Healthcare Establishments (July 2014).

## 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 Independent Health Care Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

<p><b>Area for improvement 1</b></p> <p><b>Ref:</b> Regulation 15 (2) b</p> <p><b>Stated:</b> Second time</p> <p><b>To be completed by:</b> 13 September 2019</p>	<p>The registered person shall ensure that the IPL equipment is serviced in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.</p> <p>The servicing reports for the IPL equipment should be retained in the establishment.</p> <p>Ref: 6.2 and 6.4</p>
	<p><b>Response by registered person detailing the actions taken:</b></p> <p>With several phone calls and emails sent to S.O.S (the company i bought the machine from) i am having no further developments resolving the issue of getting machine serviced. I am in the process of getting it serviced in Liverpool by David J Howarth managing director of Complexions Enterprise Ltd, 82-84 Albert Road, Widnes, Chesire WA8 6JT. The machine will under go a service thursday 17th Oct 2019. The machine has not been used since the last inspection day 13th Aug 2019.</p>

### Action required to ensure compliance with The Minimum Care Standards for Healthcare Establishments (July 2014)

<p><b>Area for improvement 1</b></p> <p><b>Ref:</b> Standard 3.9</p> <p><b>Stated:</b> Second time</p> <p><b>To be completed by:</b> 13 September 2019</p>	<p>The registered person shall ensure that adult safeguarding training is undertaken as outlined in the RQIA training guidance and in the Minimum Care Standards for Healthcare Establishments (July 2014).</p> <p>Ref: 6.2 and 6.4</p>
	<p><b>Response by registered person detailing the actions taken:</b></p> <p>Safeguarding adult study day was completed in the Downshire hospital on 12th September 2019.</p>

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



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