

# Announced Care Inspection Report 1 March 2017



## O'Hagan & Murray Ltd Dental Surgery

Type of service: Independent Hospital (IH) – Dental Treatment

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## 1.0 Summary

An announced inspection of O'Hagan & Murray Ltd Dental Surgery took place on 1 March 2017 from 10.00 to 12.30.

The inspection sought to assess progress with any issues raised during and since the last care inspection and to determine if the practice was delivering safe, effective and compassionate care and if the service was well led.

### Is care safe?

Observations made, review of documentation and discussion with Mr Seamus O'Hagan registered person and staff demonstrated that systems and processes were in place to ensure that care to patients was safe and avoids and prevents harm. Areas reviewed included staffing, recruitment and selection, safeguarding, management of medical emergencies, infection prevention control and decontamination, radiology and the general environment. No requirements or recommendations have been made.

### Is care effective?

Observations made, review of documentation and discussion with Mr O'Hagan, and staff demonstrated that systems and processes were in place to ensure that care provided in the establishment was effective. Areas reviewed included clinical records, health promotion, audits and communication. No requirements or recommendations have been made.

### Is care compassionate?

Observations made, review of documentation and discussion with Mr O'Hagan and staff demonstrated that arrangements are in place to promote patients' dignity, respect and involvement in decision making. No requirements or recommendations have been made.

### Is the service well led?

Information gathered during the inspection evidenced that there was effective leadership and governance arrangements in place which creates a culture focused on the needs of patients in order to deliver safe, effective and compassionate care. Areas reviewed included organisational and staff working arrangements, the arrangements for policy and risk assessment reviews, the arrangements for dealing with complaints, incidents and alerts, insurance arrangements and the registered provider's understanding of their role and responsibility in accordance with legislation. No requirements or recommendations have been made.

This inspection was underpinned by 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, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS) Minimum Standards for Dental Care and Treatment (2011).

While we assess the quality of services provided against regulations and associated DHSSPS care standards, we do not assess the quality of dentistry provided by individual dentists.

## 1.1 Inspection outcome

	Requirements	Recommendations
<b>Total number of requirements and recommendations made at this inspection</b>	0	0

This inspection resulted in no requirements or recommendations being made. Findings of the inspection were discussed with Mr Seamus O'Hagan registered person, 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.

## 1.2 Actions/enforcement taken following the most recent care inspection

There were no further actions required to be taken following the most recent inspection.

## 2.0 Service details

<b>Registered organisation/registered person:</b> O'Hagan & Murray Ltd Mr Seamus O'Hagan	<b>Registered manager:</b> Mrs Jayne Walsh
<b>Person in charge of the practice at the time of inspection:</b> Mr Seamus O'Hagan	<b>Date manager registered:</b> 8 January 2013.
<b>Categories of care:</b> Independent Hospital (IH) – Dental Treatment	<b>Number of registered places:</b> 1

## 3.0 Methods/processes

Questionnaires were provided to patients and staff prior to the inspection by the practice on behalf of the RQIA. Prior to inspection we analysed the following records: staffing information, complaints declaration and returned completed patient and staff questionnaires.

During the inspection the inspector met with Mr O'Hagan, registered person and two dental nurses. A tour of the premises was also undertaken.

Records were examined during the inspection in relation to the following areas:

- staffing
- recruitment and selection
- safeguarding
- management of medical emergencies
- infection prevention and control
- radiography
- clinical record recording arrangements
- health promotion
- management and governance arrangements
- maintenance arrangements

## 4.0 The inspection

### 4.1 Review of requirements and recommendations from the most recent inspection dated 29 September 2016

The most recent inspection of the establishment was an announced premises inspection. No requirements or recommendations were made during this inspection.

### 4.2 Review of requirements and recommendations from the last care inspection dated 17 February 2016

The most recent care inspection of the establishment was 17 February 2016. There were no requirements or recommendations made during this inspection.

### 4.3 Is care safe?

#### Staffing

One dental surgery is in operation in this practice. Discussion with staff and a review of completed patient and staff questionnaires demonstrated that there was sufficient numbers of staff in various roles to fulfil the needs of the practice and patients.

No new staff have been recruited since the previous care inspection, however, induction programme templates were in place relevant to specific roles within the practice.

Procedures were in place for appraising staff performance and staff confirmed that appraisals had taken place. Staff confirmed that they felt supported and involved in discussions about their personal development. A review of a sample of two staff personnel files evidenced that appraisals had been completed on an annual basis. There was a system in place to ensure that all staff receive appropriate training to fulfil the duties of their role.

A review of records confirmed that a robust system was in place to review the General Dental Council (GDC) registration status and professional indemnity of all clinical staff.

#### Recruitment and selection

A review of the submitted staffing information and discussion with Mr O'Hagan confirmed that no new staff have been recruited since the previous inspection. It was confirmed that, should staff be recruited in the future robust systems and processes have been 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.

There was a recruitment policy and procedure available. The policy was comprehensive and reflected best practice guidance.

## **Safeguarding**

Staff spoken with were aware of the types and indicators of abuse and the actions to be taken in the event of a safeguarding issue being identified, including who the nominated safeguarding lead was.

Review of records demonstrated that all staff had received training in safeguarding children and adults as outlined in the Minimum Standards for Dental Care and Treatment 2011.

Policies and procedures were in place for the safeguarding and protection of adults and children at risk of harm. The policies included the types and indicators of abuse and distinct referral pathways in the event of a safeguarding issue arising with an adult or child. The relevant contact details for onward referral to the local Health and Social Care Trust should a safeguarding issue arise were included.

A copy of the Adult Safeguarding Operational Procedures, Adults at Risk of Harm and Adults in Need of Protection, September 2016 was forwarded to the practice by RQIA on 6 March 2017.

## **Management of medical emergencies**

A review of medical emergency arrangements evidenced that emergency medicines were provided in keeping with the British National Formulary (BNF), and that emergency equipment as recommended by the Resuscitation Council (UK) guidelines was retained. A robust system was in place to ensure that emergency medicines and equipment do not exceed their expiry date. There was an identified individual with responsibility for checking emergency medicines and equipment.

Review of training records and discussion with staff confirmed that the management of medical emergencies is included in the induction programme and training is updated on an annual basis in keeping with best practice guidance.

Discussion with staff demonstrated that they have a good understanding of the actions to be taken in the event of a medical emergency and the location of medical emergency medicines and equipment.

The policy for the management of medical emergencies reflected best practice guidance. Protocols were available for staff reference outlining the local procedure for dealing with the various medical emergencies.

## **Infection prevention control and decontamination procedures**

Clinical and decontamination areas were tidy and uncluttered and work surfaces were intact and easy to clean. Fixtures, fittings, dental chairs and equipment were free from damage, dust and visible dirt. Staff were observed to be adhering to best practice in terms of the uniform and hand hygiene policies.

Discussion with staff demonstrated that they had an understanding of infection prevention and control policies and procedures and were aware of their roles and responsibilities. Staff confirmed that they have received training in infection prevention and control and decontamination in keeping with best practice on 6 January 2017. Training records were available for inspection.

There was a nominated lead who had responsibility for infection control and decontamination in the practice.

A decontamination room separate from patient treatment areas and dedicated to the decontamination process was available. Appropriate equipment, including a washer disinfectant and a steam steriliser, has been provided to meet the practice requirements. A review of documentation evidenced that equipment used in the decontamination process has been appropriately validated in November 2016. A review of equipment logbooks evidenced that periodic tests are undertaken and recorded in keeping with Health Technical Memorandum (HTM) 01-05 Decontamination in primary care dental practices.

It was confirmed that the practice continues to audit compliance with HTM 01-05 using the Infection Prevention Society (IPS) audit tool. The most recent IPS audit was completed during December 2016.

A range of policies and procedures were in place in relation to decontamination and infection prevention and control.

## **Radiography**

The practice has one surgery which has an intra-oral x-ray machine.

A dedicated radiation protection file containing the relevant local rules, employer's procedures and other additional information was retained. A review of the file confirmed that staff have been authorised by the radiation protection supervisor (RPS) for their relevant duties and have received local training in relation to these duties. It was evidenced that all measures are taken to optimise dose exposure. This included the use of rectangular collimation, and x-ray audits.

A copy of the local rules was on display near each x-ray machine and appropriate staff had signed to confirm that they had read and understood these. Staff spoken with demonstrated sound knowledge of the local rules and associated practice.

The radiation protection advisor (RPA) completes a quality assurance check every three years. Review of the report of the most recent visit by the RPA on 13 February 2017 demonstrated that the recommendations made have been addressed.

The x-ray equipment has been serviced and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

Quality assurance systems and processes were in place to ensure that all matters relating to x-rays reflect legislative and best practice guidance.

## **Environment**

The environment was maintained to a high standard of maintenance and décor.

Detailed cleaning schedules were in place for all areas which were signed on completion. A colour coded cleaning system was in place.

Arrangements are in place for maintaining the environment. The fire-fighting equipment was serviced on 15 April 2016 and the emergency lights were inspected and tested on 21 September 2016. The electrical equipment was also inspected and tested on 21 September 2016.

A legionella risk assessment was last undertaken in February 2016 and water temperatures are monitored and recorded as recommended.

A comprehensive fire risk assessment for the premises was carried out by a fire safety consultant on 06 January 2012. This fire risk assessment is reviewed annually with the most recent review having been completed in June 2016. Staff confirmed fire training and fire drills had been completed. Staff demonstrated that they were aware of the action to take in the event of a fire.

A written scheme of examination of pressure vessels was carried out on 25 April 2016.

### **Patient and staff views**

Ten patients submitted questionnaire responses to RQIA. All indicated that they felt safe and protected from harm.

Comments provided included the following:

- “At every visit my treatment is fully explained.”
- “Disposable gloves available at all times. Discussion with dentist beforehand and prior to planned care taking place.”

Five staff submitted questionnaire responses. All indicated that they felt that patients are safe and protected from harm. Staff spoken with during the inspection concurred with this.

The following comment was included in submitted questionnaire responses:

- “We are on the flat here so it helps.”

### **Areas for improvement**

No areas for improvement were identified during the inspection.

<b>Number of requirements</b>	0	<b>Number of recommendations</b>	0
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## **4.4 Is care effective?**

### **Clinical records**

Staff spoken with confirmed that clinical records are updated contemporaneously during each patient’s treatment session in accordance with best practice.

Routine dental examinations include a review of medical history, a check for gum disease and oral cancers and it was confirmed that treatment plans are developed in consultation with patients. It was confirmed that patients are informed about the cost of treatments, choices and options.

Both manual and computerised records are maintained. Electronic records have different levels of access afforded to staff dependent on their role and responsibilities. Appropriate systems and processes were in place for the management of records and maintaining patient confidentiality.

Policies were available in relation to records management, data protection and confidentiality and consent. The records management policy includes the arrangements in regards to the creation, storage, recording, retention and disposal of records and data protection. The policy is in keeping with legislation and best practice guidance.

The practice is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and a Freedom of Information Publication Scheme has been established.

### **Health promotion**

The practice has a strategy for the promotion of oral health and hygiene. There was a range of health promotion information leaflets available in the reception area. The practice undertakes a health promotion programme for nursery school children. Mr O'Hagan and staff confirmed that oral health is actively promoted on an individual level with patients during their consultations.

### **Audits**

There were arrangements in place to monitor, audit and review the effectiveness and quality of care delivered to patients at appropriate intervals which included:

- x-ray quality grading
- x-ray justification and clinical evaluation recording
- IPS HTM 01-05 compliance
- patient satisfaction survey

Mr O'Hagan advised that a system of peer review had been established with other dental practices in the local area in relation to best practice.

### **Communication**

Mr O'Hagan confirmed that arrangements are in place for onward referral in respect of specialist treatments. A policy and procedure and template referral letters have been established.

Staff meetings are held on a monthly basis to discuss clinical and practice management issues. Review of documentation demonstrated that minutes of staff meetings are retained. Staff spoken with confirmed that meetings also facilitated informal and formal in house training sessions.

Staff confirmed that there are good working relationships and there is an open and transparent culture within the practice.

A breaking bad news policy in respect of dentistry was in place.

### **Patient and staff views**

All of the 10 patients who submitted questionnaire responses indicated that they get the right care, at the right time and with the best outcome for them.



The following comment was included in submitted questionnaire responses:

- “My daughter age 13 had to have her first tooth extracted to make way for permanent tooth, dentist and staff were very considerate and explained process of the event to her, making her feel at ease.”

Five submitted staff questionnaire responses indicated that they felt that patients get the right care, at the right time and with the best outcome for them. Staff spoken with during the inspection concurred with this. No comments were included in submitted questionnaire responses.

**Areas for improvement**

No areas for improvement were identified during the inspection.

<b>Number of requirements</b>	0	<b>Number of recommendations</b>	0
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**4.5 Is care compassionate?**

**Dignity, respect and involvement in decision making**

Staff spoken with demonstrated a good understanding of the core values of privacy, dignity, respect and patient choice. Staff confirmed that if they needed to speak privately with a patient that arrangements are provided to ensure the patient’s privacy is respected. Staff were observed to converse with patients and conduct telephone enquiries in a professional and confidential manner.

The importance of emotional support needed when delivering care to patients who were very nervous or fearful of dental treatment was clear.

It was confirmed that treatment options, including the risks and benefits, were discussed with each patient. This ensured patients understood what treatment is available to them and can make an informed choice. Staff demonstrated how consent would be obtained.

The practice undertakes patient satisfaction surveys on an annual basis. Review of the most recent patient satisfaction report in February 2017 demonstrated that the practice pro-actively seeks the views of patients about the quality of treatment and other services provided. Patient feedback whether constructive or critical, is used by the practice to improve, as appropriate.

A policy and procedure was in place in relation to confidentiality which included the arrangements for respecting patient’s privacy, dignity and providing compassionate care and treatment.

**Patient and staff views**

All of the 10 patients who submitted questionnaire responses indicated that they are treated with dignity and respect and are involved in decision making affecting their care.

Comments provided included the following:

- “Very caring staff.”
- “I required an extraction by another provider and was offered the choice of private or NHS. Long waiting list. Had to go private as the remaining tooth became infected and required two antibiotics.”

Five submitted staff questionnaire responses indicated that they felt that patients are treated with dignity and respect and are involved in decision making affecting their care. Staff spoken with during the inspection concurred with this.

The following comment was included in submitted questionnaire responses:

- “We know patients very well, as staff have been here a long time.”

### Areas for improvement

No areas for improvement were identified during the inspection.

<b>Number of requirements</b>	0	<b>Number of recommendations</b>	0
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## 4.6 Is the service well led?

### Management and governance arrangements

There was a clear organisational structure within the practice and staff were able to describe their roles and responsibilities and were aware of who to speak to if they had a concern. Staff confirmed that there were good working relationships and that management were responsive to any suggestions or concerns raised.

Mr O’Hagan has overall responsibility for the day to day management of the practice.

Policies and procedures were available for staff reference. Observations made confirmed that policies and procedures were indexed, dated and systematically reviewed every three years. Staff spoken with were aware of the policies and how to access them.

Arrangements were in place to review risk assessments.

A copy of the complaints procedure was displayed in the practice. Staff demonstrated a good awareness of complaints management. A complaints questionnaire was forwarded by RQIA to the practice for completion. The returned questionnaire indicated that no complaints have been received for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.

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 and where appropriate, made available to key staff in a timely manner.

Mr O’Hagan confirmed that arrangements were in place to monitor, audit and review the effectiveness and quality of care delivered to patients at appropriate intervals. If required an action plan is developed and embedded into practice to address any shortfalls identified during the audit process.

A whistleblowing/raising concerns policy was available. Discussion with staff confirmed that they were aware of who to contact if they had a concern.

Mr O’Hagan, registered person, demonstrated a clear understanding of his role and responsibility in accordance with legislation. Information requested by RQIA has been submitted within specified timeframes. It was confirmed that the Statement of Purpose is kept under review, revised and updated when necessary and available on request. Following the inspection confirmation was received by electronic mail on 10 March 2017 that the Patient’s Guide had been updated to reflect the address and telephone number of RQIA and how the most recent RQIA report could be obtained.

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

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

**Patient and staff views**

All of the 10 patients who submitted questionnaire responses indicated that they felt that the service is well managed.

Comments provided included the following:

- “Staff are always willing to help with queries and requests for appointments.”
- “Waiting time if possible could be reduced.”

Five submitted staff questionnaire responses indicated that they felt that the service is well led. Staff spoken with during the inspection concurred with this.

The following comment was included in submitted questionnaire responses:

- “Could do with more courses.”

**Areas for improvement**

No areas for improvement were identified during the inspection.

<b>Number of requirements</b>	0	<b>Number of recommendations</b>	0
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**5.0 Quality improvement plan**

There were no issues identified during this inspection and a QIP is neither required nor included as part of this inspection report.

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 registered provider from their responsibility for maintaining compliance with the regulations and standards.



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