

Announced Premises Inspection Report 01 November 2016



Smyth & Thornton Dental Surgery

Type of Service: Independent Hospital (IH) - Dental Treatment

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Inspector: K. Monaghan

1.0 Summary

An announced premises inspection of Smyth & Thornton Dental Surgery took place on 01 November 2016 from 10:30hrs to 11:15hrs.

The inspection sought to determine if the private dental practice was delivering safe, effective and compassionate care and if the service was well led.

Is care safe?

On the day of the inspection the premises supported the delivery of safe care.

Is care effective?

On the day of the inspection the premises supported the delivery of effective care.

Is care compassionate?

On the day of the inspection the premises supported the delivery of compassionate care.

Is the service well led?

On the day of the inspection the management of the premises was considered to be well led.

This inspection was underpinned by The Independent Health Care Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and the Minimum Standards for Dental Care and Treatment.

1.1 Inspection outcome

	Requirements	Recommendations
Total number of requirements and recommendations made at this inspection	0	0

This inspection resulted in no requirements or recommendations being made. Findings of the inspection were discussed with Mr. Patrick Thornton, Registered Responsible Person and Registered Manager, 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 premises inspection

This was the first routine premises inspection of this dental practice. Actions/enforcement taken following the most recent premises inspection is not therefore relevant.

2.0 Service Details

Registered providers: Mr. Patrick Thornton, Responsible Person 1, Mrs. Rosemary Thornton, Responsible Person 2 and Ms. Joanne Murtagh, Responsible Person 3	Registered manager: Mr. Patrick Thornton
Person in charge of the establishment at the time of inspection: Mr. Patrick Thornton, Registered Responsible Person and Registered Manager	Date manager registered: 27 February 2012
Categories of care: Independent Hospital (IH) - Dental Treatment	Number of dental chairs: 3

3.0 Methods/processes

Prior to this premises inspection, the following records were reviewed:

- The statutory notifications over the past 12 months (no notifications)
- The concerns log (no concerns)

During this premises inspection discussions took place with Mr. Patrick Thornton, Registered Responsible Person and Registered Manager

During this premises inspection, the following records were reviewed:

- A range of service records and in-house records relating to the maintenance and upkeep of the premises
- The legionella bacteria risk assessment report
- The fire risk assessment report.

4.0 The Inspection

4.1 Review of requirements and recommendations from the most recent inspection on 25 August 2015

The most recent inspection of this Private Dental Practice was an announced care inspection IN022594 on 25 August 2015. No requirements or recommendations were made during this inspection. The completed report for this inspection was returned to RQIA on 23 September 2015 and approved by the care inspector on 24 August 2015.

4.2 Review of requirements and recommendations from the last premises inspection

This was the first routine premises inspection of this dental practice. A review of requirements and recommendations from the last premises inspection was not therefore relevant.

4.3 Is care safe?

A range of documentation in relation to the maintenance and upkeep of the premises was presented for review during this premises inspection. This documentation included inspection and test reports for various elements of the engineering services and risk assessments. Documentation relating to the safe operation of the premises, installations and engineering services was presented for review during this premises inspection.

A range of fire protection measures are in place for the premises. This includes a fire detection and alarm system, emergency lighting, first aid fire-fighting equipment, structural fire separation and protection to the means of escape.

Comments

1. The fire risk assessment was reviewed and updated on 17 October 2016 with a satisfactory outcome. The fire detection and alarm system was inspected and serviced on 12 October 2016 and the emergency lights were inspected and tested on 17 October 2016. In addition the first aid fire-fighting equipment was serviced on 12 October 2016. A small number of door wedges were noted during this premises inspection. Mr. Thornton however agreed that these would be removed.

Comments continued

2. A comprehensive legionella risk assessment was completed by a specialist company on 16 January 2012. The issues included in the action plan in the report for this legionella risk assessment had been addressed and signed off. There is a written scheme of control in place that includes reviewing the risk assessment and inspecting the water systems each year, monthly checks to the unblended hot water and cold water temperatures at the sentinel outlets, ongoing flushing of the outside tap and cleaning and flushing the water storage tanks if required. In addition there are arrangements in place for the ongoing disinfection of the dental water lines. Comprehensive up to date records are kept to support this activity.
3. The fixed wiring installation was inspected and tested on 29 October 2016 with a satisfactory outcome. The small number of issues identified for attention in the report for this inspection and test had been addressed. In addition the electrical equipment was inspected on 12 October 2016.
4. The heating boiler was serviced on 14 October 2016. The pressure systems independent statutory examinations were completed on 21 October 2015 in accordance with written schemes of examination. The outcomes for these examinations were satisfactory. Arrangements were also in place for the completion of the next routine independent statutory examinations for this equipment for the current year.

Number of requirements	0	Number of recommendations:	0
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4.4 Is care effective?

There are arrangements in place for routine premises management and upkeep as well as timely breakdown/repair maintenance.

This supports the delivery of effective care.

No areas for improvement were identified during the inspection.

Number of requirements	0	Number of recommendations:	0
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4.5 Is care compassionate?

The areas of the premises reviewed during this premises inspection were well presented, comfortable, clean, free from malodours and adequately lit.

This supports the delivery of compassionate care.

No areas for improvement were identified during the inspection.

Number of requirements	0	Number of recommendations:	0
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4.6 Is the service well led?

Premises related policies and documentation are retained in a manner which is accessible to relevant people.

There are appropriate relationships with maintenance personnel, specialist contractors and other statutory regulators where appropriate.

This supports a well led service.

No areas for improvement were identified during the inspection.

Number of requirements	0	Number of recommendations:	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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