

Unannounced Care Inspection Report 22 January 2019



Seymour Gardens

Type of Service: Residential Care Home Address: Nelson Drive, Waterside, Londonderry, BT47 6ND Tel No: 028 7134 4470 Inspector: John McAuley

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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

This is a residential care home with 25 beds that provides care for residents living with dementia.

3.0 Service details

Organisation/Registered Provider: Western HSC Trust Responsible Individual: Anne Kilgallen	Registered Manager: Michelle McMackin
Person in charge at the time of inspection: Michelle McMackin	Date manager registered: Registration pending
Categories of care: Residential Care (RC) DE – Dementia	Number of registered places: 25

4.0 Inspection summary

An unannounced care inspection took place on 22 January 2019 from 10.30 to 14.30 hours.

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 during and 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 particularly found in relation to staff training, supervision, appraisal and maintenance of good working relationships. Good practice was also found in relation to infection prevention and control, management of complaints and incidents and governance arrangements.

Three areas requiring improvement were identified during this inspection. These were in relation to décor of the corridors and lounges, an area of risk with a loose standing display cabinet and maintenance of residents' progress records.

Feedback from residents throughout this inspection was all positive as were general observations of care practices.

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 out	come	

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	1	2

Details of the Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) were discussed with Michelle McMacklin, manager, 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.

4.2 Action/enforcement taken following the most recent care inspection

Other than those actions detailed in the QIP no further actions were required to be taken following the most recent inspection on 5 July 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: the previous inspection report, the returned QIP, notifiable events, and written and verbal communication received since the previous care inspection.

During the inspection the inspector met with 15 residents, six staff and the manager.

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 within the agreed timescale.

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

- Staff duty rota
- Induction programme for new staff
- Staff supervision and annual appraisal schedules
- Staff competency and capability assessment
- Staff training schedule and training records
- Three residents' care files
- Residents' progress records
- The home's Statement of Purpose and Resident's Guide
- Minutes of staff meetings
- Complaints and compliments records
- Audits of risk assessments, care plans, care reviews; accidents and incidents (including falls, outbreaks), complaints, environment, Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), NISCC registration
- Infection control records
- Equipment maintenance records
- Accident, incident, notifiable event records
- Reports of visits by the registered provider
- Legionella risk assessment
- Fire safety records
- Fire drill records
- Maintenance of fire-fighting equipment, alarm system, emergency lighting, fire doors, etc.
- Individual written agreements

- Programme of activities
- Policies and procedures

Areas for improvements 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 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 July 2018

The most recent inspection of the home was an unannounced 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 5 July 2018

Areas for improvement from the last care inspection		
-	e compliance with The Residential Care	Validation of
Homes Regulations (Nort		compliance
Area for improvement 1	The registered person shall ensure a recent photograph of the resident is maintained in the	
Ref : Regulation 19 (1) (a) Schedule 3 (2)	care records.	
Stated: First time	Action taken as confirmed during the inspection:	Met
	Inspection of a sample of residents' care records confirmed this was in place.	
Area for improvement 2	The registered person shall ensure an inventory of property/belongings of the	
Ref: Regulation 19 (2) Schedule 4 (10)	resident on admission is put in place and thereafter maintained.	
Stated: First time	Action taken as confirmed during the inspection: Inspection of a sample of residents' care records confirmed this was in place.	Met

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 manager advised that the staffing levels for the home were subject to regular review to ensure the assessed needs of the residents were met. Staffing arrangements in the home was reported as stable. Any turnover of staff was kept to minimum, where possible, and was monitored by the management of the home.

No concerns were raised regarding staffing levels during discussion with residents and staff. An inspection of the duty rota confirmed that it accurately reflected the staff working within the home. A register of staff working in the home was available and contained all information as outlined within the legislation.

Discussion with the manager and staff evidenced that an induction programme was in place for all staff, relevant to their specific roles and responsibilities.

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

Discussion with the manager and staff 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. A sample of a staff competency and capability assessment was inspected and found to be satisfactory.

The home's recruitment and selection policy and procedure complied with current legislation and best practice. Discussion with the manager confirmed that staff were recruited in line with Regulation 21 (1) (b), Schedule 2 of The Residential Care Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005. Records of staff recruitment were retained at the Western Health and Social Care Trust's organisation's personnel department.

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 the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (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.

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

Discussion with the manager, inspection 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. Appropriate protection plans, as agreed with the adult safeguarding team, were in place to address any identified safeguarding concerns.

The 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. An inspection of care records identified that residents' care needs and risk assessments were obtained from the Trust prior to admission.

The home's policy and procedure on restrictive practice/behaviours which challenge was in keeping with DHSSPS Guidance on Restraint and Seclusion in Health and Personal Social Services (2005) and the Human Rights Act (1998). It also reflected current best practice guidance including Deprivation of Liberties Safeguards (DoLS).

The registered manager advised there were restrictive practices within the home, notably the use of keypad entry systems, pressure alarm mats and management of smoking materials. In the care records inspected the restrictions were appropriately assessed, documented, minimised and reviewed with the involvement of the multi-professional team, as required. Restrictive practices were reported to be being described in the Statement of Purpose and Residents' Guide, as these documents were under review.

Systems were in place to make referrals to the multi-professional team in relation to behaviour management when required. Behaviour management plans were devised by specialist behaviour management teams from the trust and noted to be regularly updated and reviewed as necessary.

The home's infection prevention and control (IPC) policy and procedure was in line with regional guidelines. Staff training records evidenced that all staff had received training in 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.

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. An environmental audit took place on 18 September 2018. This audit had an action plan which contained subsequent actions taken in response to the findings.

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

The 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.

The home was clean and tidy with a good standard of furnishings being maintained. An area of improvement in accordance with legislation was identified with the décor of the corridors and lounges. The paintwork in these areas was shabby and marked and in clear need of redecoration.

The home was appropriately heated and no malodours were detected in the home.

An area of improvement in accordance with standards was identified in regards to a free standing display cabinet in one of the lounges. This cabinet posed as a risk if a resident were to pull on same in the event of a fall. This needs to be reviewed in accordance with current safety guidance with subsequent action. There were no other obvious hazards to the health and safety of residents, visitors or staff.

The 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 6 July 2018 and it was advised that all recommendations had been actioned.

It was established that two residents smoked. An inspection of one of these care records of these residents identified that risk assessment and corresponding care plan(s) had been completed in relation to smoking.

The 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 manager and review of Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER) records confirmed that safety maintenance records were up to date as dated September 2018.

The home had an up to date fire risk assessment in place dated 13 November 2018 and it was advised that all recommendations had been actioned.

Inspection of staff training records confirmed that staff completed fire safety training twice annually. Fire drills were completed on a regular basis and records reviewed confirmed these were up to date. The records also included the staff who participated and any learning outcomes. Fire safety records identified that fire-fighting equipment, fire alarm systems, emergency lighting and means of escape were checked on a regular and up-to-date basis. Individual residents had a completed Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) in place. Staff spoken with during the inspection made the following comments:

- "The care is very good here. It is just the way you'd like your family member to be treated"
- "All my training is up-to-date and so too is my supervision"

Areas of good practice

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

Areas for improvement

There were two areas for improvement identified in respect of this domain during the inspection. These were in relation to the décor in the corridor and lounge areas and a loose standing display cabinet.

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of 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

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

There was a records management policy in place which includes the arrangements for the creation, storage, maintenance and disposal of records. Records were stored safely and securely in line with data protection/General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

An inspection of a sample of three residents' care records was undertaken. This sample 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 such as manual handling, nutrition and falls, where appropriate were reviewed and updated on a regular basis or as changes occurred.

An area of improvement in accordance with standards was identified in relation to residents' progress records. Greater vigilance needs to be taken with issues of assessed need such as a fall or state of ill-health, having a subsequent detailed statement of care/treatment given with effect(s) of same.

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' representatives were encouraged and enabled to be involved in the assessment, care planning and review process, where appropriate. Care records reviewed were observed to be signed by the resident's representative.

An individual agreement setting out the terms of residency was in place and appropriately signed.

A varied and nutritious diet was provided which met the individual and recorded dietary needs and preferences of the residents. The dinner time meal appeared appetising and nicely presented. The dining room was suitably facilitated and tables nicely set with choice of condiments. Staff assisted residents' needs in an organised unhurried manner. 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 dietitians and speech and language therapists (SALT) as required. Guidance and recommendations provided by dieticians and SALT were reflected within the individual resident's care plans and associated risk assessments.

Discussion with staff 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 to areas any concerns identified in a timely manner. It was advised that there were no residents in receipt of this care at the time of this inspection.

The 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 risk assessments, care plans, care review, accidents and incidents (including falls, outbreaks), complaints and the environment were available for inspection and evidenced that any actions identified for improvement were incorporated into practice. Further evidence of audit was contained within the reports of the visits by the registered provider.

The 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, staff meetings and staff shift handovers. The minutes of staff meetings were inspected during the inspection.

Observation of practice evidenced that staff were able to communicate effectively with residents. Discussion with the 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, the visits by registered provider reports and latest RQIA inspection reports were available on request for residents, their representatives any other interested parties to read.

An inspection 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.

Residents spoken with during the inspection made the following comments:

- "The food is very tasty"
- "It's very good here and so is the food. No complaints."

Areas of good practice

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

Areas for improvement

There was one area of improvement identified in respect of this domain during the inspection. This was in relation to residents' progress records.

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	0	1

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.

A range of policies and procedures was in place which supported the delivery of compassionate care.

Staff advised that they felt 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.

Staff advised that consent was sought in relation to care and treatment. Discussion and observation of care practice and social interactions demonstrated that residents were treated with dignity and respect.

Discussion with residents and staff confirmed that residents' spiritual and cultural needs were met within the home.

Action was taken to manage any pain and discomfort in a timely and appropriate manner. This was further evidenced by the review of care records, for example, care plans were in place for the identification and management of pain, falls, infection, nutrition, where appropriate.

Discussion with residents and staff 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. Residents were encouraged and supported to actively participate in the annual reviews of their care. Other systems of communication included the visits by the registered provider.

Discussion with residents and staff, observation of practice and inspection of care records confirmed that residents were enabled and supported to engage and participate in meaningful activities. Arrangements were in place for residents to maintain links with their friends, families and wider community.

The inspector met 15 residents in the home at the time of this inspection. In accordance with their capabilities all confirmed/indicated that they were happy with their life in the home, their relationship with staff, the provision of meals and activities and events. Some of the comments made included statements such as;

- "They are very kind here"
- "The care is very good here. You couldn't complaint about a thing"
- "I never met anyone a kind as the staff here. Every one of them"

Areas of good practice

There were examples of good practice found throughout the inspection in relation to feedback from residents and general observations of care practices.

Areas for improvement

No areas for improvement were identified in respect of this domain during the inspection.

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	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

The 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.

The home's complaints policy and procedure was in accordance with the legislation and Department of Health (DoH) guidance on complaints handling. 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 the manager confirmed that she was knowledgeable about how to respond to complaints. RQIA's complaint poster was available and displayed in the home.

Inspection 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. An audit of complaints was used to identify trends, drive quality improvement and to enhance service provision.

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

The home's accident, incident and notifiable events policy and procedure included reporting arrangements to RQIA. An inspection 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 and was inspected as part of the inspection process. The 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 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 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.

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. Inspection of the last three months reports (26 October 2018, 16 November 2018 and 18 December 2018) found these to be maintained in informative detail. 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.

Discussion with the manager identified that she had good understanding of role and responsibilities as the registered manager under the legislation.

Inspection of the premises confirmed that the RQIA certificate of registration was displayed.

The home had a whistleblowing policy and procedure in place and discussion with staff confirmed that they were knowledgeable regarding this. 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 manager described the arrangements in place for managing identified lack of competency and poor performance for all staff.

Staff spoken with during the inspection made the following comments:

- "Michelle is a very good manager. It is great to see her here"
- "It is a very good place to work"

Areas of good practice

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

Areas for improvement

No areas for improvement were identified in respect of this domain 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 Michelle McMackin, manager, 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 (Northern Ireland) 2005	e compliance with The Residential Care Homes Regulations
Area for improvement 1	The registered person shall put in place a programme to decorate the corridors and lounges of the home to an acceptable standard and in
Ref : Regulation 27 (2) (d)	keeping with a dementia friendly environment.
Stated: First time	Ref: 6.4
To be completed by: 23 May 2019	Response by registered person detailing the actions taken: The Officer In Charge past and present has been proactively seeking to get the home decorated to a dementia friendly environment on the back of a recommendation from Dr Gillian Mullan, Consultant Pyschiatrist after initial training had taken place with staff. The home has had a dementia friendly audit completed by the Trust and a quality improvement plan had been commenced. Minor capital works forms had been submitted to decorate the home. A proportion of this has been submitted to the Trust for a cost of £9,000 to paint only the corridors and sitting rooms but not bedrooms, dining areas, bathrooms and toilet areas. The whole cost accumalates to £45,000. Both managerial and departmental audits aswell as council environmental audits has recommended that this be a priority. The OIC will continue to lobby the Trust business services officers as to where this project to update the home is currently placed.
Action required to ensure Standards, August 2011	e compliance with the DHSSPS Residential Care Homes Minimum
Area for improvement 1 Ref: Standard 28.5	The registered person shall assess the loose fitting display cabinet in accordance with current safety guidelines with subsequent appropriate action.
Stated: First time	Ref: 6.4
To be completed by 30 January 2019	Response by registered person detailing the actions taken: This has been actioned on 23/01/19 and has now been secured to the wall.
Area for improvement 2 Ref: Standard 8.2	The registered person shall ensure that issues of assessed need recorded in residents' progress records have a detailed statement of care / treatment given with effect (s) of same. Special reference needs
Stated: First time	to be paid to falls or episodes of ill-health.
To be completed by: 23 February 2019	Ref: 6.5 Response by registered person detailing the actions taken: The Officer in Charge has discussed with senior staff and care staff as a priority at senior care staff meetings. Guidance has been given as to continuing to detail in residents records. All treatments and care,

particular attention given to falls and episodes of ill health follow ups. The OIC has put it on an agenda for the next Officer in Charges meeting to discuss progress writing training as it is currently not available by the Trust. Some staff have attended care planning training. OIC will continue to monitor progress records and follow ups to ensure more consistency in approach to writing residents notes. OIC will endeavour to ensure consistency and provide time for staff to attend appropriate training when organised.
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