

Inspection Report

Name of Service:	Golan View
Provider:	Golan View
Date of Inspection:	20 February 2025

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1.0 Service information

Organisation/Registered Provider:	Golan View
Responsible Person:	Mrs Ann McGrath
Registered Manager:	Mrs Ann McGrath
Service Profile This home is a registered residential care home which provides health and social care for up to three residents with mental health, physical health and frail elderly needs over 65 years of age. Accommodation is provided on ground floor level and all residents are accommodated in single bedrooms. Residents have access to communal areas and a secure outdoor space.	

2.0 Inspection summary

An unannounced inspection took place on 20 February 2025 from 10.00am to 1.30pm, by a care inspector.

The inspection was undertaken to evidence how the home is performing in relation to the regulations and standards; and to determine if the home is delivering safe, effective and compassionate care and if the service is well led.

The home was found to be clean, well maintained and no malodours were identified. Bedrooms were personalised to reflect the residents' interests.

Residents stated that they were well looked after in the home and advised that the staff were kind to them. Refer to Section 3.2 for more details.

It was evident that staff promoted the dignity and well-being of residents and that staff were knowledgeable and trained to deliver safe and effective care.

As a result of this inspection the areas for improvement from the previous quality improvement plan were assessed as met. Full details, including new areas for improvement identified, can be found in the main body of this report and in the quality improvement plan (QIP) in Section 4.

3.0 The inspection

3.1 How we Inspect

RQIA's inspections form part of our ongoing assessment of the quality of services. Our reports reflect how the home was performing against the regulations and standards, at the time of our inspection, highlighting both good practice and any areas for improvement. It is the responsibility of the provider to ensure compliance with legislation, standards and best practice, and to address any deficits identified during our inspections.

To prepare for this inspection we reviewed information held by RQIA about this home. This included the previous areas for improvement issued, registration information, and any other written or verbal information received from resident's, relatives, staff or the commissioning trust.

Throughout the inspection process inspectors seek the views of those living, working and visiting the home; and review/examine a sample of records to evidence how the home is performing in relation to the regulations and standards.

Through actively listening to a broad range of service users, RQIA aims to ensure that the lived experience is reflected in our inspection reports and quality improvement plans.

3.2 What people told us about the service

Residents spoke positively about their experience of life in the home. Comments included: "I like it here," "They were very good to me," "Like a family where you feel welcome and not judged" "I feel very safe" and "This place has been a life saver."

Discussions with residents confirmed that there was enough staff on duty and if they wanted anything all they had to do was ask. Residents commented positively on the meal and activity provision in the home.

Staff spoke positively in terms of the provision of care in the home and their roles and duties. Staff told us that the manager was supportive and available for advice and guidance. Staff reported that there was a good staff team in the home which facilitated good communication and this ensured that a good standard of care was provided to the residents.

3.3 Inspection findings

3.3.1 Staffing Arrangements

Safe staffing begins at the point of recruitment and continues through to staff induction, regular staff training and ensuring that the number and skill of staff on duty each day meets the needs of residents. There was evidence of robust systems in place to manage staffing.

It was noted that fire safety training was not completed twice yearly by staff. This was identified as an area for improvement.

Residents said that there was enough staff on duty to help them. Staff said there was good team work and that they felt well supported in their role and that they were satisfied with the staffing levels. Staff were always available and responded promptly to residents' requests. Staff knew what they were required to do each day and understood the needs of the residents.

Observation of the delivery of care evidenced that residents' needs were met by the number and skills of the staff on duty.

3.3.2 Quality of Life and Care Delivery

Staff met at the beginning of each shift to discuss any changes in the needs of the residents. Staff were knowledgeable of individual residents' needs, their daily routine wishes and preferences. Staff interactions with residents' were observed to be polite, friendly, warm and supportive and the atmosphere was relaxed, pleasant and friendly.

Staff were skilled in communicating with residents; they were respectful, understanding and sensitive to residents' needs. Observations of the staff and residents interactions found staff to be reassuring and compassionate.

It was observed that staff respected residents' privacy by their actions such as knocking on doors before entering, discussing residents' care in a confidential manner, and by offering personal care to residents discreetly. Staff were also observed offering residents choice in how and where they spent their day or how they wanted to engage socially with others. Residents reported that they could choose what time they could get up in the morning; if they wanted to participate in the activity available or spend time privately. Expressions of consent were observed during interactions with staff and residents.

The risk of falling was well managed and referrals were made to other healthcare professionals as needed.

Good nutrition and a positive dining experience are important to the health and social wellbeing of residents. Residents may need a range of support with meals; this may include simple encouragement through to full assistance from staff and their diet modified.

The dining experience was an opportunity for residents to socialise and the atmosphere was calm, relaxed and unhurried. The food was attractively presented and portions were generous. There was a variety of drinks available. It was observed that residents were enjoying their meal and their dining experience.

There was enough staff supervision in place throughout the serving of the meal. Discussion with residents confirmed that the food provision was good and there was always a choice of meal offered.

Activities for residents were provided which included both group and one to one activities. Residents told us that they were offered a range of activities.

The importance of engaging with residents was well understood by the manager and staff. An activity schedule was on display in communal areas offering a range of individual and group activities such as board games, reading, walks. Residents were aware of the activities planned.

For those residents who preferred not to participate in the planned activity; staff were observed sitting with them and engaging in discussion. Residents also had opportunities to listen to music or watch television or engage in their own preferred activities.

Arrangements were in place to meet patients' social, religious and spiritual needs within the home.

3.3.3 Management of Care Records

Residents' needs were assessed by a suitably qualified member of staff at the time of their admission to the home. Following this initial assessment care plans were developed to direct staff on how to meet residents' needs and included any advice or recommendations made by other healthcare professionals.

Residents care records were held confidentially.

Care records were person centred, well maintained and updated to ensure they continued to meet the residents' needs. Care staff recorded regular evaluations about the delivery of care. Residents, where possible, were involved in planning their own care and the details of care plans were shared with residents' relatives, if this was appropriate. Advice was given to the manager to ensure that care plans were reviewed on a regular basis. This will be followed up at the next inspection.

3.3.4 Quality and Management of Residents' Environment Control

The home was clean, warm and comfortable for residents. Bedrooms were tidy and personalised with photographs and other personal belongings for residents. Communal areas were well decorated, suitably furnished and homely.

It was noted that the radiators/hot surfaces in the home were hot to touch. This was discussed during the inspection and identified as an area for improvement.

Systems and processes were in place to manage infection prevention and control which included regular monitoring of the environment and staff practice to ensure compliance.

Review of the home's fire safety risk assessment confirmed that this was completed on 27 Novemebr 2024. It was noted that the actions identified from this assessment were not signed off, as actioned. This was identified as an area for improvement.

3.3.4 Quality of Management Systems

There has been no change in the management of the home since the last inspection. Mrs Ann McGrath is the Registered Manager of this home.

Staff commented positively about the manager and described them as supportive, approachable and able to provide guidance.

Review of a sample of records evidenced that a robust system for reviewing the quality of care, other services and staff practices was in place. There was evidence that the management team responded to any concerns, raised with them or by their processes, and took measures to improve practice, the environment and/or the quality of services provided by the home.

4.0 Quality Improvement Plan/Areas for Improvement

Areas for improvement have been identified where action is required to ensure compliance with Regulations and Standards.

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of Areas for Improvement	0	3

Areas for improvement and details of the Quality Improvement Plan were discussed with Ann McGrath, Registered Manager, as part of the inspection process. The timescales for completion commence from the date of inspection.



A completed Quality Improvement Plan from the inspection of this service is not currently available. However, it is anticipated that it will be available soon.

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Quality Improvement Plan	
Action required to ensure compliance with the Residential Care Homes Minimum Standards (December 2022) (Version 1:2)	
Area for Improvement 1 Ref: Standard 29.4 Stated: First time To be completed by: 31 March 2025	The registered person shall ensure that all staff complete fire safety training twice yearly. Ref: 3.3.1
	Response by registered person detailing the actions taken:
Area for improvement 2 Ref: Standard 28.5 Stated: First time To be completed by: 31 March 2025	The registered person shall ensure that risk assessments are completed in relation to hot surfaces and subsequent action is taken. Ref: 3.3.4
	Response by registered person detailing the actions taken:
Area for improvement 3 Ref: Standard 29.1 Stated: First time To be completed by: 28 February 2025	The registered person shall ensure that the actions outlined in the fire safety risk assessment are signed off as actioned, when completed. Ref: 3.3.4
	Response by registered person detailing the actions taken:

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