

Announced Variation Application Premises Inspection Report 11 December 2018



Fruithill Private Nursing Home 1253

Variation Reference VA011072

Type of service: Nursing Home
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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 nursing home with accommodation for 35 patients.

3.0 Service details

Organisation/Registered Provider: Responsible Individual(s):William Trevor Gage	Registered Manager: Veronica Sousa
Person in charge at the time of inspection: Veronica Sousa	Number of registered places: 35

4.0 Inspection summary

An announced inspection took place on 11 December 2018 from 11.40 to 13.30.

This inspection was underpinned by:

- The Nursing Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005
- Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS) Care Standards for Nursing Homes, April 2015

The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate proposals related to the variation application ref VA011072.

The proposals included the following:

- Provide an en-suite WC facility in first floor bedroom 36 (bedroom plan size greater than 12 sq m after conversion works completion).
- Convert a former first floor store-room into a quiet room.
- Convert the former first floor office into bedroom 27.

It is proposed that the number of registered patients will increase buy one, from 35 to 36, upon completion of the variation process.

The following areas were examined during the inspection:

- legionella risk assessment and associated control measures records
- fire risk assessment and associated control measures records
- gas safety certificates
- health& safety controls monitoring records
- accommodation to be altered in the variation works

5.0 Inspection outcome

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	1	0

Areas for improvement and details of the Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) were discussed with Paul McGranaghan, Proprietor, as part of the inspection process. The timescales for completion commence from the date of inspection.

The variation proposal to complete the following alterations was agreed in principle, subject to compliance with the care standards:

- convert the former first floor office into a bedroom;
- incorporate an ensuite WC into first floor bedroom 36;
- convert first floor store room into a `quiet room`

The findings of the inspection were provided to the person in charge at the conclusion of the inspection.

6.0 The inspection

Findings

Health & safety

Maintenance service records were provided for the kitchen gas cooker appliance, however no currently valid Gas Safe Register engineer report was available to verify that the appliance was currently safe to use. (gas safety certificate received by e-mail 18 December 2018). Gas safe Register certificates were presented for the space heating and laundry gas appliances.

Accommodation

Accommodation designated for conversion works was reviewed. Floor, wall, ceiling finishes and interior fabrics will be replaced to comply with care standards. Patient-call activation points will be provided.

Fire safety

The currently valid fire risk assessment was completed on 10 September 2018, the risk was evaluated as `tolerable`. Prior to commencement of building works the HTM84 Fire Risk Assessment must be reviewed and any necessary precautions implemented to provide a safe environment for patients or their visitors. Site specific temporary control measures should be completed during the construction phase of the proposed project. A swing free automatic door hold open device is to be installed on the new bedroom door.

Areas for improvement

Gas Safe Register engineer verification that the kitchen gas cooker is safe to use must be provided by the registered manager (verification received by e-mail 18/12/18).

Floor, wall & ceiling finishes plus interior fabrics must be replaced in bedrooms designated in this variation proposal.

The fire risk assessment must be reviewed, and any necessary control measures implemented.

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	1	0

7.0 Quality improvement plan

Areas for improvement identified during this inspection are detailed in the quality improvement plan (QIP). Details of the QIP were discussed with Paul McGranaghan, Proprietor, 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 nursing 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 Nursing Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005
- Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS) Care Standards for Nursing Homes, April 2015

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 Nursing Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

<p>Area for improvement 1</p> <p>Ref: Regulations 27.(2)(a) & (b) 27.(4)(a)</p> <p>Stated: First time</p> <p>To be completed by: prior to registration</p>	<p>The registered person shall complete the building variation alterations in accordance with the care standards. The fire risk assessment must be reviewed and all necessary controls implemented during & after the variation/ alteration works.</p> <p>Ref: 6.5 & 6.6</p>
	<p>Response by registered person detailing the actions taken:</p> <p>See attached report from review of fire risk assessment:</p> <p>"All staff to be informed of the commencement of works The contractor to be informed of the current fire safety arrangements for the premises (progressive horizontal evacuation) The contractor shall have a works schedule whereby any works or equipment can be immediately removed in an emergency to allow evacuation unhindered. No equipment etc shall be left in the corridor during contractor meal breaks or overnight. The installation of the new doors to provide additional compartment, the compartmentation will be carried up to roof level. All Staff relatives, residents and Visitors were informed of commencement of works via notice"</p> <p>Care standards and in house maintenance checks maintained throughout works</p>

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