

Announced Variation Inspection Report 17 April 2018



Kings Castle Nursing Home (1259)

Type of service: Nursing (NH)
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1.0 Service details

Organisation/Registered Provider: Healthcare Ireland Group/ Ms Amanda Mitchell	Registered Manager: Mrs Wendy Miniss
Person in charge at the time of inspection: Mrs Wendy Miniss	Number of registered places: 40

2.0 Inspection summary

An announced inspection took place on 17 April 2018 from 10.30 to 11.45.

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 inspect the ongoing building works in connection with the variation submitted on 23 October 2017 (VA010762). The works consist of a single storey extension providing five Bedrooms with En-suite facilities and a new Laundry facility.

The findings of this report will provide the provider with the necessary information to assist them to fulfil their responsibilities.

3.0 Inspection outcome

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	0	0

This inspection resulted in no areas for improvement being identified. Findings of the inspection were discussed with Mrs Wendy Miniss, Registered Manager and Mr Gerald Ward, Proprietor 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.

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

4.0 The inspection

At the time of the inspection it was good to note that the ongoing building works were completely segregated from the existing home and were not impacting on the running of the home in any way.

The extension was at an advanced stage with second fix joinery, mechanical services and electrical services being installed. Decoration of the extension had also commenced.

The bedrooms and en-suite accommodation were found to be well proportioned and to exceed the space standards outlined in the current Care Standards for Nursing Homes issued by Department of Health. Three of these bedrooms will accommodate existing service users who currently reside in double bedrooms in the existing home. These double bedrooms will then be refurbished and classified as single bedrooms.

A new Laundry facility is also being provided. Again this area appears to be well proportioned and will allow a suitable workflow to be maintained from an infection control perspective.

After discussions with the proprietor it was agreed that that the works would be completed within the next five weeks and a tentative date was set for a pre-registration inspection at the end of May 2018.

No areas for improvement were identified during the inspection.

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	0	0

5.0 Quality improvement plan

There were no areas for improvement identified during this inspection, and a QIP is not required or included, as part of this inspection report.



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