

**Report for RQIA Inspection IN021117 - The Somme Nursing Home, Belfast
RQIA ID 1300 on 17 February 2015**

- **The HPSS (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003**
- **The Nursing Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005**
- **The Nursing Homes Minimum Standards 32, 35 and 36 (DHSSPS, January 2008)**

I would confirm the following matters with regard to above:

An inspection of The Somme Nursing Home in Belfast was carried out by RQIA on 17 February 2015. Ms. Gail Chambers, Registered Manager and Mr. William Colgan, who deals with the maintenance issues in the home, were present during this inspection.

It is good to report that the premises being used for the purposes of this nursing home were very clean, odour free and offered excellent accommodation for the patients. This is to be commended. The external areas were also in good order although some of the bitmac areas required attention due to moss growth from the winter. Mr. Colgan however confirmed that at this time of the year the external areas would be treated and pressure washed as required.

RQIA considers that action is required by the registered persons in relation to the items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 noted below in order to ensure compliance with the above legislation and standards:

Standard 32 – Premises and grounds

It is good to report that no issues were identified for attention in relation to this standard during this Estates inspection. This is to be commended.

Standard 35 - Safe and healthy working practices

Current Issues

1. It is good to report that a comprehensive legionella risk assessment was carried out on 05 February 2015. The issues identified for attention in the report for this risk assessment should be addressed and signed off by the registered manager.
**Regulations 13(7), 14(2)(a), 14(2)(c) 27(2)(c) and 27(2)(q)
Nursing Homes Minimum Standard 35.1**
2. Ms. Chambers confirmed that a new procedure had recently been introduced for the descaling and disinfection of the showers. Arrangements had also been made to implement this procedure in relation to all of the showers in the home by the end of February 2015. Subsequent to this Estates inspection, RQIA received a copy of the records for most recent descaling and disinfection of the showers. The frequency for flushing the small number of infrequently used water outlets should be increased to twice weekly.
**Regulations 13(7), 14(2)(a), 14(2)(c) 27(2)(c) and 27(2)(q)
Nursing Homes Minimum Standard 35.1**

3. A safety inspection to the gas equipment was carried out on 02 April 2014. Ms. Chambers agreed to clarify the outcome for this inspection in relation to the dryers. Subsequent to this Estates inspection, RQIA received a copy of a gas safety certificate confirming that the dryers were safe to use. This certificate however included a note to indicate that the gas pipe needed to be identified. This issue should be addressed.

Regulation 27(2)(c)

Nursing Homes Minimum Standard 35.1

Standard 36 – Fire Safety

Previous Issues (Estates Inspection on 02 July 2013)

4. Previous QIP Item 2.

Further minor works should be carried out to the double doors to the Square at the reception to ensure that the hinge sides maintain a fully effective smoke seal. As a longer term solution to this issue, consideration should be given to the benefits of changing the double swing doors to single swing with stops. This would make it much easier to maintain an effective smoke seal.

Regulations 27(4)(b) and 27(4)(d)(i)

Nursing Homes Minimum Standard 36.2

Current Issues

5. The next session of fire safety training should be provided for all staff. Subsequent to this Estates inspection Ms. Chambers confirmed to RQIA that fire safety training had been arranged for 10, 12 and 16 March 2015. Day and night fire drills should also be completed. Monthly function checks should be carried out to the emergency lights. Any remaining issues from the fire risk assessment that was carried out on 22 May 2014 should be addressed and signed off. All of the oxygen cylinders in the treatment room should be secured in position.

Regulations 27(4)(b) and 27(4)(f)

Nursing Homes Minimum Standards 36.1 and 36.6

Action Required by Registered Persons

Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 above identified for action in this report should be addressed in a prioritised and timely manner. These issues will be followed up by RQIA. This may include a further inspection on or before **07 April 2015**.

A detailed response to this inspection report should be returned to this office via email to estates@rqia.org.uk by **15 April 2015**. If you disagree with the factual accuracy of the report you should make a separate response to the above email address in order that amendments can be considered and made or your comments appended.

On **16 April 2015** this inspection report will be made open to the public (bar any communication regarding factual accuracy). If you have not provided a detailed response by this date, this report will still be made open without your comments.

You will be aware that this report and any response you submit will constitute an open report on this establishment and will be made available to interested parties on request. If a detailed response is not received in writing by the required date given above, I would ask you to regard this copy of the report as final and an open document effective from **16 April 2015**.

Thank you for your co-operation.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Monaghan', written in a cursive style.

Kieran Monaghan
Estates Officer

Quality Improvement Plan

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Response for Item 1	Issues identified for attention in the Legionella risk assessment will be signed off by the Nurse Manager onced actioned and completed.
Response for Item 2	Arrangements are now in place for quarterly descaling / disinfection of all shower heads and appropriate records maintained. The frequency for flushing infrequently used water outlets has been increased to twice weekly and appropriate records maintained.
Response for Item 3	The gas pipe has now been identified as per the gas certificate.
Response for Item 4	The double Fire doors into the srquare will be changed to a single swing therfore maintianing an effective smoke seal at all times.
Response for Item 5	The maintainence personel will carry out additional Emergency Lighting checks in sequence with the quarterly checks form Electrical contractors..

Please complete the following table to demonstrate that this Quality Improvement Plan has been completed by the Registered Manager and approved by the Registered Responsible Person /Responsible Individual:

NAME OF REGISTERED MANAGER COMPLETING QIP	Gail Chambers
NAME OF RESPONSIBLE PERSON / IDENTIFIED RESPONSIBLE PERSON APPROVING QIP	Jonathan Kitson

QIP Position Based on Comments from Registered Persons (for RQIA use only)			QIP Closed		Estates Officer	Date
			Yes	No		
A.	All items confirmed as addressed.	-	-	-	-	-
B.	All items either confirmed as addressed or arrangements confirmed to address within stated timescales.	-	-	-	-	-
C.	Clarification or follow up required on some items.	√	-	√	K.Monaghan	16 April 2015