



# Announced Variation to Registration Care Inspection Report 3 January 2020



## Braefield Nursing Home

**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.

This inspection was underpinned by The Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, The Nursing Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and the DHSSPS Care Standards for Nursing Homes 2015.

## 1.0 What we look for



## 2.0 Profile of service

This is a nursing home registered to provide nursing care for up to 51 persons.

### 3.0 Service details

<p><b>Organisation/Registered Provider:</b> Healthcare Ireland (Belfast) Limited</p> <p><b>Responsible Individual:</b> Amanda Celine Mitchell</p>	<p><b>Registered Manager and date registered:</b> Philomena McIlwaine 12 May 2017</p>
<p><b>Person in charge at the time of inspection:</b> Philomena McIlwaine</p>	<p><b>Number of registered places:</b> 51</p> <p>There may be a maximum of 13 patients accommodated within category NH-DE and located in the designated dementia unit. There shall be a maximum of 2 named residents receiving residential care in category RC-I</p>
<p><b>Categories of care:</b> Nursing Home (NH) I – Old age not falling within any other category. DE – Dementia. PH – Physical disability other than sensory impairment. PH (E) - Physical disability other than sensory impairment – over 65 years.</p>	<p><b>Number of patients accommodated in the nursing home on the day of this inspection:</b> 43</p>

### 4.0 Inspection summary

An announced variation to registration inspection of Braefield Nursing Home took place on 3 January 2020 from 09:30 – 11:00 hours.

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 inspection sought to assess two applications submitted to RQIA for variations to the registration of Braefield Nursing Home. The first submission was an application to increase the number of places registered from 50 to 53 beds. The second application was to increase the number of registered places for patients with dementia.

RQIA were contacted by two relatives who raised some issues with the proposal to make the entire ground floor a dementia unit. Following a review of the floor plans and an inspection, to review the operational use of the home, RQIA were satisfied that there are sufficient facilities throughout the home to accommodate the patients and the proposed changes.

The variations to registration of Braefield Nursing Home were granted following this inspection.

#### 4.1 Inspection outcome

	Regulations	Standards
<b>Total number of areas for improvement</b>	0	0

This inspection resulted in no areas for improvement being identified. Findings of the inspection were discussed with Mandy Mitchell, Responsible Person and Philomena McIlwaine, Registered Manager, 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.

#### 4.2 Action/enforcement taken following the most recent inspection dated 31 July 2019

The most recent inspection of the home was an unannounced care inspection undertaken on 31 July 2019. Other than those actions detailed in the QIP no further actions were required to be taken following the inspection on 31 July 2019.

#### 5.0 How we inspect

Prior to the inspection a range of information relevant to the service was reviewed. This included the following records:

- variation application information
- a review of the floor plans by the estates inspector, including the provision of communal space across the entire home
- overview of notifications submitted since the previous care inspection
- any written or verbal information received by RQIA
- Statement of Purpose
- Patient Guide.

Areas for improvement 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 previous inspection(s)

Areas for improvement from the last care inspection		
Action required to ensure compliance with The Care Standards for Nursing Homes (2015)		Validation of compliance
<b>Area for improvement 1</b>  <b>Ref:</b> Standard 43  <b>Stated:</b> First time	The registered person shall ensure the environment of the dementia care unit is inviting, homely and interesting for the patients.	<b>Met</b>
	The flooring in the two identified areas should also be replaced and/or repaired.	
	<b>Action taken as confirmed during the inspection:</b> A review of the environment evidenced that this area for improvement has been met.	

## 6.2 Inspection findings

### 6.2.1 Variation application to increase the number of registered beds

The home is currently registered for 51 patients. Two large bedrooms, on the first floor, have recently been reconfigured to create four new bedrooms thus increasing the number of bedrooms to 53. Each room was completed to a high standard and has been tastefully decorated and furnished with a range of furniture. There was lockable storage provided in each bedroom. All of the rooms had an ensuite toilet and shower room. Call bells were in place in the bedrooms and ensuite bathrooms; ensuite accommodation was also equipped with emergency pull cords connected to the nurse call system.

The home's statement of purpose had been updated to reflect the change in the number of registered places. The registered manager confirmed that staffing would be kept under review and adjusted, if required, in response to patient need as occupancy increased.

The registered manager confirmed that the home's fire safety risk assessment had been reviewed and amended to reflect the changes in the number of registered rooms and amendments to the environment.

## **6.2.2 Variation to application to increase the number of places for patients with dementia.**

The home is registered to provide dementia care for 13 patients. These patients are currently accommodated in a designated unit on the ground floor of the home. An application has been submitted to increase the number of registered places for patients with dementia to 23 with the intention of creating a larger unit for patients with dementia across the entire ground floor.

We observed that there was a range of sitting rooms available throughout the home of varying sizes. In addition to the sitting rooms there are a number of areas suitable for patients to spend their day, if they wished. On the first floor of the home there is a spacious reception area with a selection of comfortable seating; a wall mounted television has recently been provided for patient entertainment. Patients will continue to have the choice of spending their day in their bedrooms in keeping with their personal preference.

A lifestyle café with tea and coffee making facilities is located on the ground floor; this facility is for the use of all the patients in the home. Management have confirmed that the cafe will continue to be an invaluable resource for patients and their visitors.

There are three dedicated dining rooms throughout the home with sufficient space to accommodate all of the patients should they wish to come to the dining room for their meals. Patients will continue to have the choice of having their meals in their bedroom in keeping with personal preference.

A new designated smoking area has been created outside at the rear of the home. The management team confirmed that prior to changing the smoking arrangements they had consulted with the patients who smoke, no objections were raised to the proposed changes. The home's Statement of Purpose has been updated to reflect that the smoking arrangements.

No areas for improvement were required to be issued for this inspection and the variations to registration of the premises were granted from a care perspective.

## **7.0 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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