

Inspection Report

8 June 2022



Castle Lodge Care Home

Type of service: Residential Care Home

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1.0 Service information

Organisation/Registered Provider: Healthcare Ireland (Belfast) Limited Responsible Individual: Ms Amanda Mitchell	Registered Manager: Mrs. Una Brady Date registered: 05 August 2010
Person in charge at the time of inspection: Mrs. Una Brady	Number of registered places: 39
Categories of care: RC-DE RC-I	Number patients accommodated in the home on the day of this inspection: N/A
Brief description of the accommodation/how the service operates: This home is a registered Residential Care Home which provides residential care for up to 39 residents. The home provides care over two floors.	

2.0 Inspection summary

An announced estates inspection took place on 8 June 2022, from 14:00 to 14:45 in connection with variation application ref VA011587.

This inspection focused on the newly adapted sections of the home associated with the variation application to provide two additional en-suite bedrooms, a new hairdressing facility and additional staff facilities on the ground of the home.

3.0 How we inspect

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

The inspection consisted of checks to estates related documentation submitted by the provider during the assessment of the variation application, followed by a walk around the home on the date of the inspection. This inspection focussed only on the new and adapted accommodation associated with the variation.

4.0 What people told us about the service

We spoke with the manager during the inspection who highlighted and described the changes made within the home and the intended use of the new facilities for use by residents and staff.

5.0 The inspection

5.1 What has this service done to meet any areas for improvement identified at or since last inspection?

The last inspection to Castle Lodge Care Home was undertaken on 12 January 2022 by a care inspector (Inspection ID: IN038534). This inspection resulted in no areas for improvement being identified.

5.2 Inspection findings

5.2.1 Is the newly adapted section of the home compliant with the DoH Care Standards for Residential Care Homes and with other relevant legislative requirements and ACOPs?

Alterations were made to the existing premises to provide two additional bedrooms with en-suite facilities providing a level-deck shower, toilet and wash hand basin. Both bedrooms and their associated en-suites exceed the current care standards with regards to area and critical dimensions, and were found to have been constructed and decorated to a high standard. The en-suite facilities also have suitable controls in place to ensure safe hot water is provided. It is important that once these bedrooms are occupied that the residents are assessed to ensure that any additional accessibility aids that they may require in their en-suite accommodation are installed.

A new staff shower and toilet are provided adjacent to a new entrance and lobby.

The existing hairdressing facility has been relocated and an existing shower and toilet facility have been remodelled to provide improved showering and accessible toilet facilities for residents.

Documentation presented prior to the inspection and forwarded following the inspection indicated that the premises and the engineering services and equipment are installed and commissioned in line with relevant legislation, approved codes of practice and best practice guidance. Local Authority Building Control approval was obtained in respect of the extension works. All relevant risk assessments, including for fire and water safety, were updated to take account of the alterations and additions made to the home.

Subsequently, from an estates perspective, the alterations and additions made to the home are considered to be compliant with the DoH Care Standards for Nursing Homes.

6.0 Quality Improvement Plan/Areas for Improvement

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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