

# Inspection Report

24 July 2024



## St joseph`s Nursing Home

**Type of Service: Nursing Home**  
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## 1.0 Service information

<b>Organisation/Registered Provider:</b> Kilmorey Care Ltd	<b>Registered Manager:</b> Mrs Ann Begley
<b>Responsible Individual:</b> Mr Cathal O'Neill	<b>Date registered:</b> 20 May 2022
<b>Person in charge at the time of inspection:</b> Mrs Ann Begley	<b>Number of registered places:</b> 46 The home is also approved to provide care on a day basis to 12 persons.
<b>Categories of care:</b> Nursing (NH) I – old age not falling within any other category DE – dementia LD – learning disability LD(E) – learning disability – over 65 years PH – physical disability other than sensory impairment PH(E) - physical disability other than sensory impairment – over 65 years	<b>Number of patients accommodated in the nursing home on the day of this inspection:</b> 45
<b>Brief description of the accommodation/how the service operates:</b> St Josephs is a nursing home registered to provide nursing care for up to 46 patients. Patients' bedrooms are located over three floors. The home offers communal dining and seating areas with garden spaces available for patients.	

## 2.0 Inspection summary

An announced estates inspection took place on 24 July 2024 from 09:15am to 11.00am in connection with the variation application reference number VA012240. See sections 4.2 and 4.3 respectively.

The inspection focused solely on the conversion works associated with the variation application to alter the interior building plan configuration. The ground floor former chapel was converted into three bedrooms, increasing the maximum number of patients registered to 49. .

The categories of care for patients to be admitted remain the same .

### 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.

### 4.0 The inspection findings

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

Areas for improvement from the last inspection on 14 May 2024		
Action required to ensure compliance with The Nursing Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005		Validation of compliance
<b>Area for improvement 1</b>  <b>Ref:</b> Regulation 14 (2) (a) and (c)  <b>Stated:</b> First time  <b>To be completed by:</b> With immediate effect (28 November 2023)	The registered person shall ensure as far as reasonably practical that all parts of the home to which patients have access are free from hazards to their safety.	Carried forward to the next inspection
	<b>Action taken as confirmed during the inspection:</b>	
<b>Area for improvement 2</b>  <b>Ref:</b> Regulation 30  <b>Stated:</b> First time  <b>To be completed by:</b> With immediate effect (28 November 2023)	The registered person shall ensure that accidents and incidents are appropriately reported to RQIA in a timely manner.	Carried forward to the next inspection
	<b>Action taken as confirmed during the inspection:</b>	

<b>Action required to ensure compliance with the Care Standards for Nursing Homes (December 2022)</b>		<b>Validation of compliance</b>
<b>Area for improvement 1</b>  <b>Ref:</b> Standard 47.3  <b>Stated:</b> Second time  <b>To be completed by:</b> 31 December 2023	The registered person shall ensure that any staff involved in the preparation of food for patients will have completed basic food hygiene prior to preparing any food.	<b>Carried forward to the next inspection</b>
	<b>Action taken as confirmed during the inspection:</b>	
<b>Area for improvement 2</b>  <b>Ref:</b> Standard 4.8  <b>Stated:</b> First time  <b>To be completed by:</b> 31 December 2023	The registered person shall ensure that wound care plans reflect the recommended dressing frequency and that the wound care is evaluated at the time of every wound dressing.	<b>Carried forward to the next inspection</b>
	<b>Action required as confirmed during the inspection:</b>	
<b>Area for improvement 3</b>  <b>Ref:</b> Standard 12  <b>Stated:</b> First time  <b>To be completed by:</b> With immediate effect (28 November 2023)	The registered person shall ensure that the daily menu displayed reflects the meals served and is displayed in a suitable format.	<b>Carried forward to the next inspection</b>
	<b>Action taken as confirmed during the inspection:</b>	
<b>Area for improvement 4</b>  <b>Ref:</b> Standard 12  <b>Stated:</b> First time  <b>To be completed by:</b> With immediate effect (28 November 2023)	The registered person shall ensure that variations to the planned menu are recorded.	<b>Carried forward to the next inspection</b>
	<b>Action taken as confirmed during the inspection:</b>	

<b>Area for improvement 5</b>  <b>Ref:</b> Standard 35  <b>Stated:</b> First time  <b>To be completed by:</b> With immediate effect (28 November 2023)	<p>The registered person shall ensure that, when deficits are identified within wound care audits, the audit action plan clearly identifies the person responsible to make the improvement and the timeframe for completing the improvement.</p> <p><b>Action taken as confirmed during the inspection:</b></p>	<b>Carried forward to the next inspection</b>
<b>Area for improvement 6</b>  <b>Ref:</b> Standard 30  <b>Stated:</b> First time  <b>To be completed by:</b> With immediate effect (14 May 2024)	<p>The registered person shall ensure that the maximum, minimum and current temperature of the medicine refrigerator is monitored and recorded daily and that appropriate action is taken if the temperature recorded is outside the recommended range of 2-8°C.</p> <p>Ref: 5.2.2</p> <p><b>Action taken as confirmed during the inspection:</b></p>	

#### 4.2 Estates Inspector findings

**Is the newly adapted sections of the home are compliant with the Department of Health's (DoH) Nursing Care Homes Minimum Standards and with other relevant legislative requirements and Approved Codes of Practice (ACOPs)?**

The building conversion works were completed within the existing Nursing Home, the three new bedrooms are ensuite and compliant with current standards. Bedroom sizes exceeded the 12 sq m minimum standard requirement and the interior building fabric was completed to a good standard.

The required pre-registration documents were assessed, approved and recorded prior to the inspection. Documents submission included statutory approvals, proposed floor plans, fire risk assessment and water safety/legionella risk assessment.

The accommodation as specified in this variation application was inspected and found to be compliant with current DoH minimum standards.

The fire risk assessment and legionella risk assessment documents had been reviewed and action plan recommendations implemented.

From an estates inspector`s perspective this variation application has complied with the estates registration requirements listed in the current care standards and therefore this application may be processed to completion.

No areas for improvement were identified from an estate inspector`s perspective.

#### **4.3 Care Inspector findings.**

The maximum number of registered patients will increase from 46 to 49 as a result of this variation application.

The new bedrooms were clean, spacious, well decorated, suitably furnished, and had ample natural light. The fixtures, fittings, and furnishings within the bedroom was compliant with the Care Standards for Nursing Homes (2022).

No areas for improvement were identified from a care inspector`s perspective.

#### **5.0 Quality Improvement Plan/Areas for Improvement**

This inspection resulted in no new areas for improvement being identified. Findings of the inspection were discussed with Mr Cathal O`Neill, Registered Individual, as part of the inspection process and can be found in the main body of the report.



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