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REPORT

ON

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

IN CONNECTION WITH

FAILURE TO COMPLY NOTICE

Ref: FTC/NH/1502/2014-15/05

at

VALLEY NURSING HOME

on

3 July 2014

1.0 DETAILS

FTC No:	FTC/NH1502/2014-15/05
Establishment ID No:	1502
Name of Establishment:	Valley Nursing Home
Date of Inspection:	3 July 2014
Inspector's Name:	Raymond Sayers

2.0 INTRODUCTION

Following the issue of the above listed Failure to Comply (FTC), Valley Nursing Home management requested estates inspector guidance regarding proposed structural alteration options, on 2 & 3 July 2014 respectively. An estates inspection was scheduled and completed on 3 July 2014; structural alteration proposals were viewed during the inspection.

3.0 FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

Following site meetings between the Home Management and the RQIA Estates Officer on 19th June & 3rd July 2014, it was confirmed that the provider proposes to complete building alteration works to comply with the specific requirements which were contained in the above listed FTC **Ref: FTC/NH1502/2014-15/05**.

The proposal involves some initial works to re-designate the boundaries in the home between the different categories of care thereby affording adequate accessible facilities to the patients and thereby satisfying the conditions of the FTC notice.

This is to be followed by the provision of additional space by extension to the building although this extension work will not be complete within the timescale set out in the FTC.

The manager was instructed by the Estates Inspector to submit a formal variation application to RQIA registration team for the alteration works, both the initial works and the extension works.

Clarification received: Home management confirmed that a valid application and 1:100 or 1:200 scale floor plan details will be submitted, during telephone conversations on the 08th & 10th July 2014 respectively.

The registered persons are also required to ensure that the following items are addressed in respect of the remedial actions:

- ensure that there is sufficient dining space allocated to patients in the Amadeus unit in keeping with the Nursing Home Minimum Standards 2008.
- carry out a risk assessment regarding the key coded locking mechanisms on the lounge doors to ensure that they are appropriate and enable patients' freedom of movement

and choice of activity.

- ensure that any changes made to the home are discussed with RQIA prior to them having been made. The works shall not be completed until the required written application is made and permission is granted by RQIA.
- ensure the physical design and layout of the premises is suitable to meet the needs of patients at all times.
- The registered persons shall ensure that bedrooms used by dementia patients are situated in an area accessible to them during the day. Patients shall be able to move freely to their bedrooms during the day and also have access to day space during the night time.
- review the use of key coded locking mechanisms currently in use in the frail elderly unit. A risk assessment should be carried out and if they are to remain in place, the rationale, evidence of consultation with patients or their representatives and details of when they are to be activated should be retained in the home and made available for inspection.
- Submit a valid application and 1:100 or 1:200 scale floor plan details to RQIA Registration Team in respect of the initial works and for the proposed extension works

4.0 FURTHER ACTION

The provider should progress the issue outlined in Item 3 above to completion within the timescales set out in the FTC.

5.0 Enquiries

Enquiries relating to this report should be addressed to:

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