

Announced Premises Inspection Report 14 June 2016



THE FIRS

Type of Service: Residential Care Home
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1.0 Summary

An announced premises inspection of The Firs Residential Care Home took place on 14 June 2016 from 10.10 to 12.00hrs.

Is care safe?

On the day of the inspection the premises supported the delivery of safe care. Refer to section 4.2.

Is care effective?

On the day of the inspection the premises supported the delivery of effective care. Refer to section 4.3.

Is care compassionate?

On the day of the inspection the premises supported the delivery of compassionate care. Refer to section 4.4.

Is the service well led?

On the day of the inspection the management of the premises was considered to be well led. Refer to section 4.5.

This inspection was underpinned by The Residential Care Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and the Residential Care Homes Minimum Standards 2011.

1.1 Inspection outcome

	Requirements	Recommendations
Total number of requirements and recommendations made at this inspection	0	0

This inspection resulted in no requirements or recommendations being made. Findings of the inspection were discussed with Mrs Pauline Gormley, Registered Responsible Person 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.

1.2 Actions/enforcement taken following the most recent inspection

The most recent inspection of The Firs was an unannounced care inspection, IN024690 dated 18 April 2016. There were no recommendations or requirements reported, and therefore no Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) issued as a result of the inspection.

2.0 Service Details

Registered organisation/registered provider: The Firs Services (Ireland) Limited	Registered manager: Pauline Gormley
Person in charge of the home at the time of inspection: Pauline Gormley	Date manager registered: 01 April 2005
Categories of care: RC-LD, RC-LD(E)	Number of registered places: 8

3.0 Methods/processes

Prior to inspection the following records were analysed: Previous estates inspection report, statutory notifications over the past 12 months and the duty call log.

During the inspection the inspector met with: two residents; Mrs Pauline Gormley; Registered Responsible Person, Joan Feeney (Deputy Manager) and kitchen staff.

The following records were examined during the inspection: Copies of building services certificates, building user log books relating to maintenance inspections of building engineering services, legionellae risk assessment, and fire risk assessment.

4.0 The Inspection

The most recent inspection of the home was an unannounced care inspection. There were no recommendations or requirements reported as a result of the inspection, and therefore no Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) was issued.

4.1 Review of requirements and recommendations from the last premises inspection dated 17 January 2013

Last premises inspection recommendations		Validation of compliance
Recommendation 1 Ref: Standard 27.8 Stated: First time	Consider the installation of an additional socket outlet or spur unit, within the roof space, to supply the TV system.	Met
	Action taken as confirmed during the inspection: Recommended electrical improvement works completed.	

Recommendation 2 Ref: Standard 29.2 Stated: First time	The provider, along with the Fire Risk Assessor, should consider the installation of self-closing devices on bedroom doors.	Met
	Action taken as confirmed during the inspection: Recommended fire safety improvement works completed.	

4.2 Is care safe?

A range of building services maintenance documents were presented for review during this estates inspection. This documentation included: risk assessments, inspection and test reports for various elements of the engineering services.

Documents relating to the safe operation of the premises, installations and engineering services were presented for review during this estates inspection.

A range of fire protection measures are in place for the premises, this includes: a fire detection and alarm system, emergency lighting, first aid fire-fighting equipment, structural fire separation and protection to the means of escape.

The standard used by the registered person to determine the level of fire safety within the premises takes account of: the interaction between the physical fire precautions, the fire hazards, the number of patients, the management policies and the availability of adequately trained staff. This standard has been referenced in the fire risk assessment, which was completed by a risk assessor holding professional body registration for fire risk assessors.

This supports the delivery of safe care.

Number of requirements	0	Number of recommendations:	0
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4.3 Is care effective?

There are arrangements in place for routine premises management plus emergency breakdown repairs. Service users are involved, where appropriate in decisions around the redecoration and maintenance of the premises.

Number of requirements	0	Number of recommendations:	0
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4.4 Is care compassionate?

Service users are consulted about decisions around décor and the private accommodation where appropriate.

The service users consulted expressed satisfaction with the standard of the environment within the home.

This supports the delivery of compassionate care.

Number of requirements	0	Number of recommendations:	0
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4.5 Is the service well led?

Arrangements are in place for managing premises related incidents/notifiable events and Medical Device and Equipment Alerts.

The registered person has dealt appropriately with previous RQIA QIP items and other relevant issues relating to the premises and has been adequately supported and resourced by the registered responsible person.

There are appropriate relationships with maintenance personnel, specialist contractors and other statutory regulators where appropriate.

This supports a well led service.

Number of requirements	0	Number of recommendations:	0
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5.0 Quality improvement plan

There were no issues identified during this inspection, and a QIP is neither required, nor included, as part of this inspection report.

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 registered provider from their responsibility for maintaining compliance with the regulations and standards.



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