

Announced Variation Application Premises Inspection Report 19 March 2019



Towell House

Variation Reference VA011092

Type of service: Residential Care (RC)
Address: 57 Kings Road, Belfast, BT5 7BS
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Inspector: Gavin Doherty

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.

1.0 What we look for



2.0 Profile of service

This is a residential care home which is registered to provide care for up to 84 persons.

3.0 Service details

Organisation/Registered Provider: The Towell Building Trust Responsible Individual: Ms Gillian Brooker	Registered Manager: Mrs Gillian Millar
Person in charge at the time of inspection: Ms Gillian Brooker	Number of registered places: 84

4.0 Inspection summary

An announced variation to registration inspection took place on 19 March 2019 from 10:00 to 11:00.

This inspection was underpinned by:

- The Residential Care Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005
- Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS) Residential Care Homes Minimum Standards, August 2011.

The purpose of the inspection was to undertake a pre-registration inspection of the building works in connection with the variation submitted on 18 December 2018 (VA011092). The works consist of internal alterations to existing accommodation to provide 2 additional bedrooms with en-suite accommodation and a new disabled access WC.

The variation to registration of the premises was granted from an estates perspective following this inspection.

5.0 Inspection outcome

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	0	0

This inspection resulted in no areas for improvement being identified. Findings of the inspection were discussed with Ms Gillian Brooker, Responsible Individual, 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.

6.0 The inspection

The new bedrooms had been completed to a very high standard and likewise had been furnished to a very high standard, ready for the admission of a new patient.

The bedroom and en-suite accommodation were found to be well proportioned and to meet the space standards outlined in the current care standards for nursing homes.

Design, completion and commissioning certificates were in place for alterations carried out to the premises fire detection & alarm system, emergency lighting installation and fixed electrical installation. Window openings were suitably restricted and suitable safeguards were in place with regards to the provision of safe hot water & surfaces in both bedrooms.

No areas for improvement were therefore required to be issued for this inspection and the variation to registration of the premises was granted from an estates perspective.

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Total number of areas for improvement	0	0

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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