

### Inspection Report

### 22 September 2022











### **Holywood Care Home**

Type of service: Nursing (NH)

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#### 1.0 Service information

Organisation/Registered Provider: Beaumont Care Homes Limited	Registered Manager: Mr Mauro Magbitang Jr.
Responsible Individual: Mrs Carol Cousins	Date registered: 2 September 2022
Person in charge at the time of inspection: Ms. Kelly-Ann McGall (Nursing Sister)	Number of registered places: 71
Categories of care: Nursing Home (NH) DE – Dementia MP(E) - Mental disorder excluding learning disability or dementia – over 65 years MP – Mental disorder excluding learning disability or dementia I – Old age not falling within any other category PH(E) - Physical disability other than sensory impairment – over 65 years TI – Terminally ill	Number of patients accommodated in the nursing home on the day of this inspection:  33

#### Brief description of the accommodation/how the service operates:

This home is a registered nursing home which provides nursing care for up 71 patients.

#### 2.0 Inspection summary

An unannounced inspection took place on 22 September, from 9.40am to 1.45pm. This was completed by a pharmacist inspector.

The inspection focused on medicines management within the home. The purpose of the inspection was to assess if the home was delivering safe, effective and compassionate care and if the home was well led with respect to medicines management.

The areas for improvement identified at the last care inspection will be followed up at the next care inspection.

Review of medicines management found that robust arrangements were in place for the safe management of medicines. Medicine records and medicine related care plans were well maintained.

There were effective auditing processes in place to ensure that staff were trained and competent to manage medicines and patients were administered their medicines as prescribed. One area for improvement was identified in relation to the safe custody of medicines that require cold storage.

Based on the inspection findings and discussions held, RQIA are satisfied that this service is providing safe and effective care in a caring and compassionate manner; and that the service is well led by the management team.

RQIA would like to thank the staff for their assistance throughout the inspection.

#### 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.

To prepare for this inspection, information held by RQIA about this home was reviewed. This included previous inspection findings, incidents and correspondence. The inspection was completed by examining a sample of medicine related records, the storage arrangements for medicines, staff training and the auditing systems used to ensure the safe management of medicines. The inspector also spoke to staff about how they plan, deliver and monitor the management of medicines in the home.

#### 4.0 What people told us about the service

The inspector met with nursing staff and the support manager.

Staff were wearing face masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE) as needed.

Staff interactions with patients were warm, friendly and supportive. It was evident that they knew the patients well.

Staff expressed satisfaction with how the home was managed. They also said that they had the appropriate training to look after patients and meet their needs.

Feedback methods included a staff poster and paper questionnaires which were provided to the manager for any patient or their family representative to complete and return using pre-paid, self-addressed envelopes. At the time of issuing this report, no questionnaires had been received by RQIA.

### 5.0 The inspection

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

Areas for improvement from the last inspection on 16 September 2021		
Action required to ensure compliance with the Care Standards for Nursing Homes (April 2015)		Validation of compliance
Area for improvement 1 Ref: Standard 12 Stated: Second time	The registered person shall review the dining experience for patients to ensure:  • the daily menu is appropriately displayed  Action required to ensure compliance with this standard was not reviewed as part of this inspection and this is carried forward to the next inspection	Carried forward to the next inspection
Area for improvement 2 Ref: Standard 46 Stated: First time	<ul> <li>The registered person shall ensure the infection prevention and control issues identified during this inspection are managed to minimise the risk of spread of infection.</li> <li>This relates specifically to the following:         <ul> <li>staff are bare below the elbow at all times in order to assure compliance with best practice guidelines in infection prevention and control measures</li> <li>Shower seats are effectively cleaned</li> <li>Notices are laminated and not in poly pockets.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Action required to ensure compliance with this standard was not reviewed as part of this inspection and this is carried forward to the next inspection.</li> </ul>	Carried forward to the next inspection

#### 5.2 Inspection findings

# 5.2.1 What arrangements are in place to ensure that medicines are appropriately prescribed, monitored and reviewed?

Patients in nursing homes should be registered with a general medical practitioner (GP) to ensure that they receive appropriate medical care when they need it. At times patients' needs may change and, therefore, their medicines should be regularly monitored and reviewed. This is usually done by the GP, the pharmacist or during a hospital admission.

Patients in the home were registered with a GP and medicines were dispensed by the community pharmacist.

Personal medication records were in place for each patient. These are records used to list all of the prescribed medicines, with details of how and when they should be administered. It is important that these records accurately reflect the most recent prescription to ensure that medicines are administered as prescribed and because they may be used by other healthcare professionals, for example, at medication reviews or hospital appointments.

The personal medication records reviewed at the inspection were accurate and up to date. In line with best practice, a second member of staff had checked and signed the personal medication records when they were written and updated to state that they were accurate.

Patients will sometimes get distressed and will occasionally require medicines to help them manage their distress. It is important that care plans are in place to direct staff on when it is appropriate to administer these medicines and that records are kept of when the medicine was given, the reason it was given and what the outcome was. If staff record the reason and outcome of giving the medicine, then they can identify common triggers which may cause the patient's distress and if the prescribed medicine is effective for the patient.

The management of medicines prescribed on a "when required" basis for the management of distressed reactions was reviewed for four patients. Directions for use were clearly recorded on the personal medication records and care plans directing the use of these medicines were in place. Nurses knew how to recognise a change in a patient's behaviour and were aware that this change may be associated with pain, infection or constipation. Records included the reason for and outcome of each administration.

The management of pain was discussed. Nurses advised that they were familiar with how each patient expressed pain and that pain relief was administered when required. Care plans and pain assessments were in place and reviewed regularly.

Some patients may need their diet modified to ensure that they receive adequate nutrition. This may include thickening fluids to aid swallowing and food supplements in addition to meals. Care plans detailing how the patient should be supported with their food and fluid intake should be in place to direct staff. All staff should have the necessary training to ensure that they can meet the needs of the patient.

The management of thickening agents was reviewed for four patients. A speech and language assessment report and care plan was in place.

Records of prescribing and administration which included the recommended consistency level were maintained. However, for one patient the thickener consistency had not been updated on their personal medication record. This was discussed with the nurse and support manager for correcting.

Care plans were in place when patients required insulin to manage their diabetes. There was sufficient detail to direct staff if the patient's blood sugar was too low.

# 5.2.2 What arrangements are in place to ensure that medicines are supplied on time, stored safely and disposed of appropriately?

Medicines stock levels must be checked on a regular basis and new stock must be ordered on time. This ensures that the patient's medicines are available for administration as prescribed. It is important that they are stored safely and securely so that there is no unauthorised access and disposed of promptly to ensure that a discontinued medicine is not administered in error.

The records inspected showed that medicines were available for administration when patients required them. Nurses advised that they had a good relationship with the community pharmacist and that medicines were supplied in a timely manner.

The medicines storage areas were tidy and organised so that medicines belonging to each patient could be easily located. Temperatures of medicine storage areas were monitored and recorded to ensure that medicines were stored appropriately. A medicine refrigerator and controlled drugs cabinet were available for use as needed. The medicine refrigerator in the dementia unit was not locked and the nurse could not locate the key. Medicines requiring cold storage must be securely stored. An area for improvement was identified.

Satisfactory arrangements were in place for the safe disposal of medicines.

### 5.2.3 What arrangements are in place to ensure that medicines are appropriately administered within the home?

It is important to have a clear record of which medicines have been administered to patients to ensure that they are receiving the correct prescribed treatment.

A sample of the medicines administration records was reviewed. They had been fully and accurately completed. .

Controlled drugs are medicines which are subject to strict legal controls and legislation. They commonly include strong pain killers. The receipt, administration and disposal of controlled drugs should be recorded in the controlled drug record book. There were satisfactory arrangements in place for the management of controlled drugs. The controlled drug record books had been maintained to the required standard.

Management and staff audited medicine administration on a regular basis within the home. A range of audits were carried out. The date of opening was recorded on all medicines so that they could be easily audited. This is good practice.

# 5.2.4 What arrangements are in place to ensure that medicines are safely managed during transfer of care?

People who use medicines may follow a pathway of care that can involve both health and social care services. It is important that medicines are not considered in isolation, but as an integral part of the pathway, and at each step. Problems with the supply of medicines and how information is transferred put people at increased risk of harm when they change from one healthcare setting to another.

A review of records indicated that satisfactory arrangements were in place to manage medicines for new patients or patients returning from hospital. Written confirmation of the patient's medicine regime was obtained at or prior to admission and details shared with the community pharmacy. The medicine records had been accurately completed.

### 5.2.5 What arrangements are in place to ensure that staff can identify, report and learn from adverse incidents?

Occasionally medicines incidents occur within homes. It is important that there are systems in place which quickly identify that an incident has occurred so that action can be taken to prevent a recurrence and that staff can learn from the incident. A robust audit system will help staff to identify medicine related incidents.

Management and staff were familiar with the type of incidents that should be reported. The medicine related incidents which had been reported to RQIA since the last inspection were discussed. There was evidence that the incidents had been reported to the prescriber for guidance, investigated and the learning shared with staff in order to prevent a recurrence.

# 5.2.6 What measures are in place to ensure that staff in the home are qualified, competent and sufficiently experienced and supported to manage medicines safely?

To ensure that patients are well looked after and receive their medicines appropriately, staff who administer medicines to patients must be appropriately trained. The registered person has a responsibility to check that staff are competent in managing medicines and that they are supported.

Staff in the home had received a structured induction which included medicines management when this forms part of their role. Competency had been assessed following induction and annually thereafter. A written record was completed for induction and competency assessments.

#### 6.0 Quality Improvement Plan/Areas for Improvement

One area for improvement has been identified where action is required to ensure compliance with The Nursing Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005.

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of Areas for Improvement	1	2*

<sup>\*</sup> The total number of areas for improvement includes two which are carried forward for review at the next inspection.

Areas for improvement and details of the Quality Improvement Plan were discussed with Ms. Violet Graham, Support Manager, as part of the inspection process. The timescales for completion commence from the date of inspection.

#### **Quality Improvement Plan**

# Action required to ensure compliance with The Nursing Home Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

### Area for improvement 1

**Ref:** Regulation 13(4)

Stated: First time

To be completed by: With immediate effect (22 September 2022) The registered person shall ensure that medicines requiring cold storage are securely stored.

Ref: 5.2.2

### Response by registered person detailing the actions taken:

All medication fridges in the treatment room are all in good working order and are lockable. A list of medications requiring cold storage is available and daily temperature checks are being recorded. This area for improvement will be monitored through the Unit's monthly Medication Audit and through the Regulation 29 Report.

## Action required to ensure compliance with Care Standards for Nursing Homes, April 2015

#### Area for improvement 1

Ref: Standard 12

Stated: Second time

### To be completed by:

16 October 2021

The registered person shall review the dining experience for patients to ensure:

the daily menu is appropriately displayed

Action required to ensure compliance with this standard was not reviewed as part of this inspection and this is carried forward to the next inspection.

Ref: 5.1

#### Area for improvement 2

Ref: Standard 46

Stated: First time

To be completed by: With immediate effect (16 September 2021) The registered person shall ensure the infection prevention and control issues identified during this inspection are managed to minimise the risk of spread of infection.

This relates specifically to the following:

- staff are bare below the elbow at all times in order to assure compliance with best practice guidelines in infection prevention and control measures
- Shower seats are effectively cleaned
- Notices are laminated and not in poly pockets.

Action required to ensure compliance with this standard was not reviewed as part of this inspection and this is carried forward to the next inspection.

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Ref: 5.1

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