

Mr. Michael O'Toole,  
Proprietor,  
Atlan Company Ltd.,  
Tower House,  
Threadneedle Rd.,  
Galway.

Date: 18th January, 2007

## **Inspection Report**

**Re: Inspection of St. David's Nursing Home, Knocknacarra under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.**

Dear Mr. O'Toole,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Homes Inspection Team inspected St. David's Nursing Home, Knocknacarra from 10.30am to 2.00pm on 21/12/2006. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 11 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 15 residents.

Issues identified in previous Inspection Report dated 19/04/2006.

- (a) The requirement to provide hand washing and drying facilities at all wash basins has been satisfactorily addressed
- (b) The provision of new carpets is in progress. New carpets have been purchased and are in the premises awaiting fitting.

The following issues require your attention and action.

**Article 5 (a)** *The registered proprietor and the person in charge shall ensure that there is provided for dependent persons maintained in a nursing home suitable and sufficient care to maintain the persons welfare and well-being, having regard to the nature and extent of the person's dependency.*

**Breach:** Full showers and baths are not being regularly given to residents.

**Required Action:** A weekly bath or shower should be given to every resident who is able and willing to avail of this service.

**Timescale:** immediately

**Article 15 (d)** *The registered proprietor and the person in charge shall ensure that there is a sufficient number of baths and showers having regard to the number of persons in the nursing home and that a sufficient number of assisted baths and showers are provided, having regard to the dependency of persons in the nursing home.*

**Breach:** The baths in the nursing are not compatible for use with a hoist and are not readily accessible to dependent persons. The shower has a raised shower tray and is only suitable for the more active resident and not for persons of higher dependency. As a result of this, only the more agile residents are able to avail of baths and showers.

**Required Action:** An assisted bath and an accessible shower should be provided in the nursing home.

**Timescale:** 3 months

**Article 14 (a)** *The registered proprietor and person in charge of the nursing home shall ensure that the nursing home and its curtilage is maintained in a proper state of repair and in a clean and hygienic condition.*

**Breaches:** There is some damage to floor tiling in the ground floor bathroom.

**Required Action:** The damaged floor tiling should be replaced.

**Timescale:** 3 months.

**Article 14 (a)** *The registered proprietor and person in charge of the nursing home shall ensure that the nursing home and its curtilage is maintained in a proper state of repair and in a clean and hygienic condition.*

**Breaches:** The wall surface in the laundry is worn in need of upgrading.

**Required Action:** The laundry should be repainted.

**Timescale:** 3 months.

**Recommendations:**

The carpet in 14 is stained and faded. This carpet should be replaced, ideally, with a floor covering which has a durable, easily cleanable, non-slip surface.

The door between the laundry and the dining room should be kept locked to ensure that it is not possible to transport dirty laundry through this area. I acknowledge that you plan to discuss this matter with your Fire Safety Advisor to establish if this would present any safety risk.

The Chairperson of the Inspection Teams to be notified in writing on or before the above dates the steps taken by the nursing home to carry out the actions as required under the regulations.

Yours sincerely,

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Environmental Health Inspection Team Member.

*C.C. Ms. Bernadette Garrett,  
Person-in-Charge of Nursing Home.*