

Mr/Mrs M. McDonnell
Proprietor,
Address Curragh Lawns Nursing Home,
Kinneagh,
The Curragh,
Co. Kildare.

Date: 17/01/07

Inspection Report

**Re: Inspection of Curragh Lawns, Nursing Home,
under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes
(Care & Welfare) Regulations, 1993.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Health Service Executive Nursing Homes Inspection Team inspected Curragh Lawns Nursing Home from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm on 16/1/07. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 35 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 37 residents.

Issues identified in previous Inspection Report date 13/6/06 have been satisfactorily addressed.

The following issues require your attention and action.

Register & Records

Article 19.1 *In every nursing home the following particulars shall be kept in a safe place in respect of each dependent person:*

(f) A record of drugs and medications administered giving the date of the prescription, dosage, name of the drug or medicine, method of administration, signed and dated by a medical practitioner and the nurses administering the drugs and medicines.

Breach(es):

1. In the file sampled we noted that discontinued drugs were not dated and signed.
2. In files sampled we noted that there was only one doctor's signature to cover a number of drugs prescribed.

Required Action:

All nurses should be referred to An Bord Altranais Guidelines to nurses and midwives in medication management. An internal audit of all residents' prescriptions should be carried out and where deemed necessary the prescriptions should be written again by the GP.

Timescale:

Immediately

Medical Preparations

Article 29: *The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the home shall:*

(a) make adequate arrangements for the recording, safe-keeping, administering and disposal of drugs and medicines.

Breach(es):

There was one incident where warfarin was being administered to a patient and the dosage was not signed by the GP.

Required Action:

Draw up a policy on warfarin administration and refer all nurses to An Bord Altranais guidelines.

Timescale:

Immediately.

Register and Records

Article 18.1 *In every nursing home there shall be kept in a safe place a bound register of all dependent persons resident in the home, which shall include the following particulars in respect of each person:*

- (a) the first name, surname, address, date of birth, marital status and religious demonimation of the person;*
- (g) where the person dies in the nursing home, the date, time and the certified cause of death.*

Breach(es):

We noted a number of patient details were not included in the register re: no addresses for 3 residents, and details of deaths relating to 2 residents.

Required Action:

Register to be accurately completed for each resident.

Timescale:

Immediately.

Recommendations:

1. We request that you submit the PIN Certificates for four nurses for 2007.
2. We recommend you display the certificate of registration in a prominent place.
3. We recommend that you nominate a dedicated activities coordinator.
4. While you had a system for the recording and checking of equipment we recommend that you enter into a service contract.

Signed:

Designated Inspector

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