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24<sup>th</sup> August 2007

Mrs Ellen Dillon  
Larchfield Park Nursing Home  
Naas  
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## **Inspection Report**

### **Re: Inspection of Larchfield Park Nursing Home under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and the Nursing Homes (Care and Welfare) Regulations, 1993.**

Dear Mrs Dillon,  
The Nursing Homes Inspection Team inspected Larchfield Park Nursing Home on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

The inspection commenced at 9.30am and was completed by 1.45pm. This inspection was routine and unannounced.

There were 52 residents present and one person in hospital on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 57 residents.

The nursing home was found to be in substantial compliance from a Nursing perspective under the Health (Nursing Homes) Act, 1990 and subsequent Regulations at the time of inspection.

Issues identified in the previous Inspection Report dated 28<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

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The following;

- Articles have been satisfactorily addressed,
- Article 5(a) (b). Care Plans and call bells
- Article 19.1,(b) and (d) Care plans and policies.
- Article 29 MDA medications.
- Article 14(a) Hygiene, (b) Infection control measures
- Article 11.2 (f) beds (g) equipment
- Article 10.5 (d) Staffing levels and continuing education and training
- Article 27 (b) Fire drill.

### **General Comment**

The management and clinical teams are to be congratulated on the work undertaken in response to the issues outlined in previous inspections.

We are pleased to note the following:

- RGN staffing levels have increased during the day.
- 2 RGNs are on night duty.
- An adequate number of hand sanitizers are in place.
- Glove and apron dispensers are in use.
- 20 new hydraulic beds are on order.
- All staff have undertaken infection control education. Local policies and practices have been reviewed and updated in line with best practice.
- A programme in place to ensure that all staff complete manual handling training between Aug 4<sup>th</sup> and Sept 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Policies have been updated and measures in place to ensure that they are understood by all staff.
- Care plans are person centred and goal specific.
- A review of the training and continuing education needs has been undertaken and appropriate programmes sourced.

**The following policies were reviewed and found to be satisfactory**

- Wound care
- Subcutaneous fluid administration
- MRSA
- Infection control
- Complaints
- Pressure sore prevention
- Management of a violent incident

### **Recommendations:**

1. Conduct a mattress audit and put in place a replacement programme.
2. Locate a hand sanitiser appropriately for the use of people entering and leaving the premises
3. Update the Warfarin policy
4. Reach and act on a decision to purchase either a bedpan washer or maserator

The Nursing Home Inspection Team/Chairperson of the Inspection Team is to be notified in writing on or before the above dates indicating the steps taken by the Nursing Home to carry out the actions as required under the Regulations.

**Your immediate attention to this report is requested.**

Signed:

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**Chairperson, Nursing  
Home Inspection Team**

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**Nursing Home  
Inspection Team**

Cc Ms Sara Dillon, Person-in-Charge,