

Sr. Kathleen McDonagh,  
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Address Shalom Nursing Home  
Kilcock,  
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Date: 24/01/07

## **Inspection Report**

**Re: Inspection of Shalom 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 Shalom Nursing Home From 12 noon to 5pm on 23/01/07. This inspection was unannounced.

There were 33 residents on this date. The Nursing Home is currently fully registered for 42 residents.

### **Issues identified in previous Inspection Report date 6/7/07**

#### **Medical Preparations**

##### **Article 29(a)**

The registered proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home should make adequate arrangements for the recording, safe keeping, administration and disposal of drugs and medicines. The above issue has been partially addressed. We recommend the use of a bound book instead of a single sheet for the checking of a stock balance of MDA scheduled 2 drugs at change over of shifts.

## **Fire Precautions**

### **Article 27 (a)**

The registered Proprietor and the person in charge of the nursing home should take adequate precautions against the risk of fire, including the provision of adequate means of escape. The above issue has not been satisfactorily addressed. We recommend the immediate removal of all articles stored inside the fire exit doors.

## **Insurance**

### **Article 34**

The registered proprietor shall ensure that dependant persons are adequately insured against injury while caring being maintained in the home. While the details of insurance cover pertaining to Shalom was issued the period of cover was not clarified. Please forward current insurance certificate for 2007.

**The following issues require your attention and action as an outcome of this inspection.**

**Register& Records**

**Article 19.1**

(b) In every nursing home the following particulars shall be kept, a record of any occasion on which physical or chemical restraint is used, the nature of the restraint and it's duration.

**Breach:**

Satisfactory restraint policy not available for inspection.

**Required Action:**

Draw up a restraint policy as it relates to the regulations and code of practice.

**Timescale:**

2 Months

**Article 19.1 (b)**

In every nursing home the following particulars shall be kept in a safe place, a record of drugs and medicines 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 nurse administering the drugs and medicines.

**Breach:**

In a file sampled we noted that there was only one doctors signature to cover a number of drugs prescribed.

All Nurses should be referred to An Bord Altranais guidelines 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 a GP.

**Timescale:**

Immediately.

## **Article 19.1**

(a) In every nursing home the following particulars shall be kept, an adequate nursing record of the person's health and condition and treatment given completed on a daily basis and signed and dated by the nurse on duty.

### **Breach:**

Inadequate nursing documentation.

### **Required Action:**

The introduction of nursing care plans with adequate training. These should be patient specific.

### **Timescale:**

2 Months.

**Confidentiality****Article 20**

The registered proprietor shall ensure that all records pertaining to a dependant person are treated with confidentiality.

**Breach(es):**

Personal information was displayed at the bedside.

**Required Action:**

Remove this documentation.

**Timescale:**

Immediately

Yours sincerely,

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**Designated Inspector of Nursing Homes.**

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