

THE REGULATION AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (RQIA)

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL

Name of Registered Establishment or Agency: Copperfields (RQIA ID: 1482)	Name of Registered Person or Applicant: Mr William Henry Hume Edwards
Address of Registered Establishment or Agency: 1-3 Moore Street, Aughnacloy, BT69 6AX	
Issue Date: 11 December 2018	NOP Ref: NOP000001
The Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority gives notice of a proposal to impose the following conditions to the registration of Copperfields: The registered person must notify RQIA in advance of every admission to the nursing home, identify the patient's name, category of care under which they are admitted and the contact details of the care manager from the referring trust. The registered person must ensure that a record of the occupancy of the home, in respect of the categories of care, is maintained and included in the Regulation 29 report. This report should be submitted to RQIA on a monthly basis. Regulation Breached: <i>The Nursing Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005</i> Statement of purpose Regulation 3. – <i>(1) The registered person shall compile in relation to the nursing home a written statement which shall consist of –</i> <i>(c) a statement as to the matters listed in Schedule 1.</i> Schedule 1. – <i>(8) The range of needs, (categories of nursing) that the nursing home is intended to meet and the number of each category.</i>	
The reasons for serving this Notice of Proposal are: RQIA is concerned about your non-compliance with regulations pertaining to your service. We are concerned that you lacked understanding of the categories under which you are registered and of the conditions currently applied to your registration. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In August 2017 you submitted a variation application to RQIA naming six residential category clients in the nursing home. You were aware of the need to inform RQIA as and when these identified persons became nursing patients or left Copperfields. You were asked to revert these beds to nursing beds. You were	

advised that no further residential category clients were to be admitted unless under special circumstances and in full discussion and by agreement with the aligned inspector.

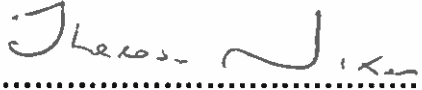
- Between September 2017 and September 2018 the named residential category clients changed, but you failed to inform RQIA as required to meet the condition of your registration.
- During an unannounced care inspection of 9 September 2018, a review of residential category clients identified that two of the original six persons remained but two new residential category clients had been admitted. You were subsequently invited to meet with RQIA to discuss your understanding of the conditions on your registration and how to manage the residential categories of care. You declined to attend this meeting. An application to vary the names of the identified residents was later submitted to bring Copperfields back into compliance with regulations. This brought the number of named residents to four.
- A subsequent letter from RQIA was sent on 1 November 2018 expressing concern that you had not attended the meeting in relation to the outcomes of the care inspection on 9 September 2018. This letter again confirmed that you must not admit further residents.
- Between 22 and 27 November 2018, multiple contacts were made to RQIA by the Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT) regarding a potential resident assessed as requiring residential care. This person was not named under the existing registration condition. As a consequence we sought information from you on 28 November 2018. You confirmed that you had six residents living in Copperfields in a residential category. This indicates that your home was again operating outside its registered categories of care and the condition of your registration. In addition, the information provided by you in relation to the categories of care of a number of patients in the home did not correlate to the information provided by the SHSCT.

RQIA has taken an overview of the registration activity of Copperfields, including the apparent lack of understanding of categories of care and the conditions applied to your registration. The lack of sustained compliance with the Nursing Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 over a period of time, together with your lack of co-operation in engaging with RQIA has led to our concerns regarding:

- your knowledge and understanding of the registered categories of care combined with your lack of robust governance arrangements regarding the management of potential admissions to Copperfields and permissible categories of care
- your knowledge and understanding of the condition currently on your registration of Copperfields

Despite having raised these matters over a period of time and during inspection, we are concerned that you have not made the necessary improvements to ensure full compliance with the required regulations.

Under Article 19 of the 2003 Order, the Registered Person/Applicant may, within 28 days of the service of this notice, make written representations to the Chief Executive of RQIA concerning any matter which that person wishes to dispute.

Signed.....  Director of Assurance

This notice is served under Article 18 of The Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

It should be noted that failure to comply with some regulations is considered to be an offence and RQIA has the power under regulations to prosecute for specified offences.