

Announced Variation to Registration Inspection Report 28 August 2019



Railway Lodge Care Home

Type of service: Nursing Home (NH)
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It should be noted that this inspection report should not be regarded as a comprehensive review of all strengths and areas for improvement that exist in the service. The findings reported on are those which came to the attention of RQIA during the course of this inspection. The findings contained within this report do not exempt the service from their responsibility for maintaining compliance with legislation, standards and best practice.

1.0 What we look for



2.0 Profile of service

This is a registered nursing home which is registered to provide nursing care for up to 69 persons.

3.0 Service details

Organisation/Registered Provider: Healthcare Ireland (Belfast) Limited Responsible Individual: Ms Amanda Celine Mitchell	Registered Manager: Mrs Karen Agnew
Person in charge at the time of inspection: Mrs Karen Agnew – registered manager	Date manager registered: 13 April 2018
Categories of care: Nursing Home (NH) I – Old age not falling within any other category. PH – Physical disability other than sensory impairment. PH (E) - Physical disability other than sensory impairment – over 65 years. TI – Terminally ill.	Number of registered places: 69

4.0 Inspection summary

An announced variation to registration inspection took place on 28 August 2019 from 12:00 to 14:00 hours. This inspection was conducted by both estates and care inspectors.

This inspection was underpinned by The Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003; The Regulation and Improvement Authority (Registration) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005; The Nursing Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005; and the DHSSPS Care Standards for Nursing Homes 2015.

The purpose of the inspection was to undertake a pre-registration inspection of the building works and premises in connection with the variation to registration application which was submitted to RQIA on 7 February 2019. The works consisted of internal alterations to the existing premises and a new two storey extension which provides 18 single en-suite bedrooms, two communal lounge areas/quiet rooms and a new passenger lift. The final phase of the variation would increase the number of registered beds by 10; from 69 beds to 79 beds.

The variation to registration of the premises was granted following this inspection.

The findings of this report will provide the home with the necessary information to assist them to fulfil their responsibilities, and enhance practice and patients' experience.

4.1 Action/enforcement taken following the most recent inspection.

The last unannounced inspection of the home was a care inspection conducted on 21 January 2019. There were no areas for improvement identified during this inspection.

5.0 Inspection outcome

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	0	0

This inspection resulted in no areas for improvement being identified. Findings of the inspection were discussed with Mrs Karen Agnew, registered manager, and Ms Mandy Mitchell, responsible individual, as part of the inspection process and can be found in the main body of the report.

5.0 How we inspect

Prior to the inspection a range of information relevant to the service was reviewed. This included the following records:

- the registration status of the home
- the variation application form received by RQIA
- any building or floor plans submitted.

During the inspection the inspectors examined all of the facilities in the new extension block. This included each bedroom and communal bathroom and lounges.

Records pertaining to commissioning of services such as the nurse call system, fire alarm and lift were reviewed.

The findings of the inspection were provided to the person in charge at the conclusion of the inspection.

6.0 The inspection

The new bedroom wing had been completed to a high standard and likewise had been furnished appropriately, ready for the admission of new patients.

The bedroom and en-suite accommodation was found to be well proportioned and to exceed the space standards outlined in the current Care Standards for Nursing Homes. Brackets had been installed to the wardrobes in each bedroom. However, it was agreed that these would not be fixed to the wall until agreement was reached with individual patients as to the preferred location of furniture within their room.

Design, completion and commissioning certificates were in place for the alterations carried out to the premises fire detection and alarm system, emergency lighting installation, nurse call system and fixed electrical installation.

Window openings were suitably restricted and suitable safeguards were in place with regards to the provision of safe hot water and surfaces in both the bedroom and en-suite accommodation. The hot and cold water systems had been chemically treated and the thermostatic mixing valves set on 30 July 2019.

The premises fire risk assessment and legionella risk assessment had been reviewed and remain valid. The registered manager confirmed that fire drills had been conducted with staff and that the drills included the new bedrooms.

New boilers had been installed and commissioned and the home was found to be maintained at a comfortable temperature for patients at the time of the inspection

A new passenger lift had been installed and this had been suitably commissioned and thoroughly examined in accordance with current best practice guidance, prior to being introduced into service.

The building control completion certificate had not been issued to the home at the time of the inspection. This was subsequently submitted to RQIA on 9 September 2019.

The registered manager confirmed that new admissions to the home would be planned and managed to ensure the delivery of safe and effective care.

The revised Statement of Purpose and Patient Guide was submitted to RQIA.

Areas for improvement

No areas for improvement were identified.

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	0	0

7.0 Quality improvement plan

There were no areas for improvement identified during this inspection, and a QIP is not required or included as part of this inspection report.



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