

# Announced Premises Inspection Report 3 March 2017



## Loughview

**Type of Service: Nursing Home**  
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## 1.0 Summary

An unannounced inspection of Loughview took place on 3 March 2017 from 10:30 to 11:30.

The inspection was undertaken to assess the current capacity of the home following recently completed physical alterations to the premises. The physical alterations were also inspected at the time of the inspection.

This inspection was underpinned by The Nursing Care Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and the Care Standards for Nursing Homes 2015.

## 1.1 Inspection outcome

	Requirements	Recommendations
<b>Total number of requirements and recommendations made at this inspection</b>	0	0

This inspection resulted in no requirements or recommendations being made. Findings of the inspection were discussed with Ms Margaret Lakehal, Registered Manager as part of the inspection process and can be found in the main body of the report.

Enforcement action did not result from the findings of this inspection.

## 1.2 Actions/enforcement taken following the most recent care inspection

An unannounced care inspection was undertaken at the home on 1 March 2017. The report and quality improvement plan associated with this inspection will be issued in due course and will be assessed and approved by the specialist inspector upon its return.

## 2.0 Service details

<b>Registered organisation/registered person:</b> Loughview Homes Ltd Mr Michael Curran Mr Paul Steele	<b>Registered manager:</b> Ms Margaret Lakehal
<b>Person in charge of the home at the time of inspection:</b> Ms Margaret Lakehal	<b>Date manager registered:</b> 1 April 2005
<b>Categories of care:</b> NH-I, NH-PH, NH-PH(E), NH-TI	<b>Number of registered places:</b> 32

### 3.0 Methods/processes

Prior to inspection we analysed the following records: Previous premises inspection report, statutory notifications over the past 12 months.

During the inspection the inspector met with Ms Margaret Lakehal, Registered Manager.

### 4.0 The inspection

#### 4.1 Review of requirements and recommendations from the most recent inspection dated 1 March 2017

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#### 4.2 Review of requirements and recommendations from the last estates inspection dated 8 September 2016

The requirements and recommendations from the previous quality improvement plan were not discussed or validated during this inspection.

### 4.3 Inspection Findings

During an unannounced care inspection undertaken by RQIA on 1 March 2017, it was discovered that physical alterations had been undertaken within the premises, for which RQIA had not be notified. These alterations included the reduction of one existing double occupancy bedroom to a single occupancy bedroom and the provision of new en-suite accommodation to 4 existing bedrooms. This has the effect of reducing the current maximum occupancy of the home from 32 service users to 31 service users. A variation application was subsequently submitted to RQIA on 2 March 2017.

RQIA have invited the registered provider to attend a meeting at RQIA offices on 9 March 2017 to discuss our concerns around above and the procedures around notifying RQIA about alterations to premises being used for the purposes of regulated services.

The physical alterations undertaken were as follows:

Bedroom 21/22 was reduced from double occupancy to single occupancy and had been provided with new en-suite accommodation comprising of a toilet and wash hand basin. The bedroom area was measured at approximately 13.5 m<sup>2</sup> and the en-suite was 3.5m<sup>2</sup>. These areas exceed the current minimum standards for nursing care accommodation.

Bedroom 20b had been provided with new en-suite accommodation comprising of a toilet and wash hand basin. This en-suite was measured at approximately 3.5m<sup>2</sup> which again exceeds the current minimum standards for nursing care accommodation.

Bedroom 20a had been provided with new en-suite accommodation comprising of a toilet and wash hand basin. This en-suite was measured at approximately 3.0m<sup>2</sup>. This en-suite had been formed from an existing communal toilet facility, which was no longer necessary in that area of the premises. The home continues to exceed the current minimum standards for toilet provision.

Bedroom 20b had been provided with new en-suite accommodation comprising of a toilet and wash hand basin. This en-suite was measured at approximately 3.8m<sup>2</sup> which again exceeds the current minimum standards for nursing care accommodation.

No structural works were required to implement these alterations and the proprietor confirmed that building control approvals were not required or sought.

The nurse call system had been suitably extended into all four en-suites which were suitably illuminated and had been completed to a satisfactory standard.

There were no alterations to the fire alarm and detection system or the emergency lighting installation. The fire risk assessment had been reviewed after the alterations had been completed and no additional control measures were deemed necessary. The mimic drawings at the fire panel were in the process of being updated.

No further areas of improvement were deemed necessary as a result of this inspection.

<b>Number of requirements:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Number of recommendations:</b>	<b>0</b>
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## 5.0 Quality improvement plan

There were no issues identified during this inspection, and a QIP is neither required, nor included, as part of this inspection report.

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 registered provider from their responsibility for maintaining compliance with the regulations and standards.



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