

# Announced Variation to Registration Inspection 2 March 2018



## Hollygate Lodge

Type of service: Residential Care (RC)  
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Inspector: Gavin Doherty

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## 1.0 Service details

<b>Organisation/Registered Provider:</b> Hollygate Care Services Ltd.	<b>Registered Manager:</b> Ms Sharon Boyd
<b>Person in charge at the time of inspection:</b> Ms Sharon Boyd	<b>Number of registered places:</b> 38

## 2.0 Inspection summary

An announced inspection took place on 2 March 2018 from 10.00 to 11:00.

This inspection was underpinned by:

- The Residential Care Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005
- Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS) Residential Care Homes Minimum Standards (2011).

The purpose of the visit was to discuss the possibility reducing the number of double bedrooms within the home by creating an additional single bedroom in the stand alone bungalow accommodation.

The following areas were examined during the inspection:

- The existing double bedroom in the main premises and the stand alone bungalow accommodation.

The findings of this report will provide the provider with the necessary information to assist them to fulfil their responsibilities.

## 3.0 Inspection outcome

	Regulations	Standards
<b>Total number of areas for improvement</b>	0	0

This inspection resulted in no areas for improvement being identified. Findings of the inspection were discussed with Mr Mark Emerson, Registered Provider, 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.

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

## 4.0 The inspection

The inspector was shown the existing double bedroom in the main section of the home. It was agreed that reducing this room to single occupancy would offer a significant quality improvement for the home.

The inspector was then shown an existing single bedded apartment which is currently vacant in the stand alone bungalow accommodation. It was proposed that this accommodation could be converted into two separate single bedrooms with en-suite accommodation. The inspector stated that in principle this may be acceptable to RQIA. However, a suitable application for a Variation of registration should be submitted in the first instance. This should provide a floorplan of the proposals (to a suitable scale) demonstrating that the proposed single bedrooms exceed the current minimum care standards for Residential Care Homes. Once submitted, a formal decision would then be taken as to the suitability of the proposal.

One area that was not discussed at the time of the visit but which should be considered in any application is the access to the proposed new single bedrooms. It should be noted that it would be essential that both single bedrooms in the stand alone bungalow accommodation are able to access the communal accommodation from within. It would not be acceptable for a bedroom to have access/egress only directly to the outside.

No areas for improvement were identified during the visit.

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<b>Total number of areas for improvement</b>	0	0

## 5.0 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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