

THE REGULATION AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

FAILURE TO COMPLY NOTICE

Name of Registered Establishment or Agency: Mertoun Park	FTC Ref: FTC/RC/1006/2016-17/02
Address of Registered Establishment or Agency: 17 Orchard Court, Knocknagoney, Holywood BT18 9QE	
Name of Registered Person: Martin Joseph Dillon	Issue Date: 30 March 2017
Regulation not complied with: The Residential Care Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 Regulation 27. - (4) (a) and (b) 27. (4) The registered person shall – (a) have in place a current written risk assessment and fire management plan that is revised and actioned when necessary or whenever the fire risk has changed; (b) take adequate precautions against the risk of fire, including the provision of suitable fire equipment;	
Specific failings to comply with regulations: On the day of the unannounced care inspection undertaken on 23 March 2017, it was found that extensive renovation works were underway in the home. Whilst the registered manager advised the fire risk assessor was consulted there was no written evidence to support this had been undertaken or that the fire risk assessment had been reviewed to reflect the ongoing work. Weekly checks of fire systems and fire alarm testing had not been completed since 7 February 2017. Furthermore, it was noted that the daily checks were not completed on 6, 8, 9, 18 and 21 March 2017. One of the stairwells leading to a fire escape route was partially obstructed by building materials. This stairwell was obstructed, due to the building work, from 2 March 2017 to 22 March 2017.	

Action required to comply with regulations:

The registered person must ensure that the current fire safety risk assessment is updated to reflect the ongoing work in the home and submitted to RQIA.

The registered person must ensure that the daily and weekly checks of fire systems and the fire alarm tests are immediately recommenced.

The registered person must ensure that all fire exit routes are unobstructed and a written record is maintained of these checks.

The registered person may make written representations to the Chief Executive of RQIA regarding the issue of a failure to comply notice, within one month of receipt of this notice.

Date by which compliance must be achieved is 19 April 2017.

Signed.......... Director of Regulation and Nursing

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Regulation not complied with: The Residential Care Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 Regulation 32. - (1) (h) 32. (1) The registered person shall give notice in writing to the Regulation and Improvement Authority as soon as it is practicable to do so, if any of the following events is proposed to take place – (h) the premises of the home are significantly altered or extended, or additional premises are acquired.	
Specific failings to comply with regulations: On the day of the unannounced care inspection undertaken on 23 March 2017, it was found that extensive renovation works were underway to the first floor of the home, including the creation of additional bathrooms. RQIA was not notified in writing of this matter despite being advised of this requirement on 27 September 2016.	
Action required to comply with regulations: The registered person must ensure the required variation to registration documentation is submitted to RQIA in accordance with the legislation. The registered person must ensure that RQIA are informed of any future alterations to the home.	

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