

Unannounced Care Inspection Report

25 May 2016



Ard Cuan

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Our Assessment

Is care safe?	Good	●
Is care effective?	Good	●
Is care compassionate?	Good	●
Is the service well led?	Good	●

Key: Excellent ● Good ● Requires improvement ● Unsatisfactory ●

Please note: This assessment is based on the findings of this inspection and should be read together with the full report.

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1.0 Summary

An unannounced inspection of Ard Cuan took place on 25 May 2016 from 10.00 to 15.45.

The inspection sought to assess progress with any issues raised during and since the previous inspection and to determine if the home was delivering safe, effective and compassionate care and if the service was well led.

Is care safe?

There were no requirements made in regard to safe care. The assessment outcome is recorded as good.

Is care effective?

There were no requirements or recommendations made in regard to effective care. The assessment outcome is recorded as good.

Is care compassionate?

There were no requirements or recommendations made in regard to compassionate care. The assessment outcome is recorded as good.

Is the service well led?

There were no requirements or recommendations made in regard to the service being well led. The assessment outcome is recorded as good.

This inspection was underpinned by The Residential Care Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and DHSPPS Residential Care Homes Minimum Standards, August 2011.

1.1 Inspection outcome

	Requirements	Recommendations
Total number of requirements and recommendations made at this inspection	0	0

This inspection resulted in no requirements or recommendations being made. Findings of the inspection were discussed with Francis Mullan 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 estates inspection on 3 November 2016

Other than those actions detailed in the previous QIP there were no further actions required to be taken following the last inspection.

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2.0 Service details

Registered organisation/registered person: South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust	Registered manager: Frances Ann Mullan
Person in charge of the home at the time of inspection: Frances Mullan	Date manager registered: 21 September 2007
Categories of care: RC-I, RC-DE	Number of registered places: 17
Weekly tariffs at time of inspection: £494	Number of residents accommodated at the time of inspection: 15

3.0 Methods/processes

Prior to inspection we analysed the following records: the previous inspection report and notifications received at RQIA since the previous inspection.

During the inspection the inspector met with 12 residents, five care staff, two visiting professionals and one resident's visitors/representative.

The following records were examined during the inspection:

- Fire safety risk assessment
- Three residents' care records
- Staff induction programme
- Three personal files
- Complaints and Compliments
- A sample of quality assurance audits
- Staff training records
- Accident and incident notifications
- Duty rota
- Insurance liability certificate

4.0 The inspection

4.1 Review of requirements and recommendations from the most recent inspection dated 3 November 2015

The most recent inspection of Ard Cuan was an unannounced estates inspection. The completed QIP was returned and approved by the estates inspector.

4.2 Review of requirements and recommendations from the last care inspection dated 28 April 2015

There were no requirements of recommendations made as a result of the last care inspection.

4.3 Is care safe?

The registered manager confirmed the staffing levels for the home and that these were subject to regular review to ensure the assessed needs of the residents were met. No concerns were raised regarding staffing levels during discussion with residents, residents' representatives and staff.

On the day of inspection the following staff were on duty –

Manager X1
Senior care assistant X1
Care assistant X1
Cook X1
Domestic X1

Review of completed induction records and discussion with the registered manager and staff evidenced that an induction programme was in place for all staff, relevant to their specific roles and responsibilities.

Discussion with staff and a review of records confirmed that mandatory training, supervision and appraisal of staff were regularly provided. A schedule for annual staff appraisals and staff supervision was maintained and was available for inspection.

The registered manager and staff confirmed that competency and capability assessments were undertaken for any person who is given the responsibility of being in charge of the home for any period in the absence of the manager; records of competency and capability assessments were retained. A review of a sample of staff competency and capability assessments were reviewed.

Review of the home's recruitment and selection policy and procedure confirmed that it complied with current legislation and best practice.

Discussion with the registered manager and review of staff personnel files confirmed that staff were recruited in line with Regulation 21 (1) (b), Schedule 2 of The Residential Care Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005.

Enhanced Access NI disclosures were viewed by the registered manager for all staff prior to the commencement of employment.

The adult safeguarding policies and procedures in place which were consistent with current regional guidance and included the name of the safeguarding champion, definitions of abuse, types of abuse and indicators, onward referral arrangements, contact information and documentation to be completed. The home had established a safeguarding champion. Discussion with staff confirmed that they were aware of the new regional adult safeguarding guidance (Adult Safeguarding Prevention Protection in Partnership, July 2015) and a copy was available for staff within the home. Staff were knowledgeable and had a good understanding of adult safeguarding principles. They were also aware of their obligations in relation to raising concerns about poor practice and to whistleblowing. The home also has this information displayed for relatives/ representatives' on the information in the home.

A review of staff training records confirmed that mandatory adult safeguarding training was provided for all staff.

Discussion with the registered manager, review of accident and incidents notifications, review of three care records and review of complaints confirmed that all suspected, alleged or actual incidents of abuse were fully and promptly referred to the relevant persons and agencies for investigation in accordance with procedures and legislation; written records were retained.

A general inspection of the home was undertaken to examine a number of residents' bedrooms, communal lounges, bathrooms. The majority of residents' bedrooms were personalised with photographs, pictures and personal items.

Draft report issued during consultation period

The home was fresh smelling, clean and appropriately heated. Discussion with a domestic assistant confirmed that daily work schedules were in place.

Review of the infection prevention and control (IPC) policy and procedure confirmed that these were in line with regional guidelines. Staff training records confirmed that all staff had received training in IPC in line with their roles and responsibilities. Discussion with staff members of *all designations* established that they were knowledgeable and had understanding of IPC policies and procedures. Inspection of premises confirmed that there were wash hand basins, adequate supplies of liquid soap, alcohol hand gels and disposable towels wherever care was delivered. Observation of staff practice identified that staff adhered to IPC procedures. Residents were able to describe how staff members wore gloves and aprons when assisting with personal care tasks/kept the home clean.

Hand hygiene was a priority for the home and efforts were applied to promoting high standards of hand hygiene among residents, staff and visitors. Notices promoting good hand hygiene were displayed throughout the home. There were information notices and leaflets available on IPC in a range of formats for residents, their representatives and staff.

The registered manager confirmed that there were risk management procedures in place relating to the safety of individual residents. Discussion with the registered manager identified that the home did not accommodate any individuals whose needs could not be met. Review of three care records identified that an individual care needs assessment and risk assessments were obtained prior to admission of residents to the home. Care needs assessment and risk assessments were reviewed and updated on a regular basis or as changes occurred.

The registered manager confirmed that areas of restrictive practice were employed within the home, keypad entry systems, bed rails, stair gates. Discussion with the registered manager regarding such restrictions confirmed these were appropriately assessed, documented, minimised and reviewed with the involvement of the multi-professional team, as required.

The registered manager confirmed that there were risk management policy and procedures relating to assessment of risks in the home. Discussion with the registered manager and review of the home's policy and procedures relating to safe and healthy working practices confirmed that these were appropriately maintained and reviewed regularly.


The registered manager confirmed that equipment and medical devices in use in the home was well maintained and regularly serviced. Observation of equipment, record of individual equipment and aids supplied maintenance /cleaning records.

Inspection of the internal and external environment identified that the home and grounds were kept tidy, safe, suitable for and accessible to residents, staff and visitors. There were no obvious hazards to the health and safety of residents, visitors or staff, *including those with sensory impairments*. Discussion with the registered manager confirmed that action plans were in place to reduce the risk where possible. The home has recently landscaped a garden area for residents to enable them to take part in gardening activities.

Review of staff training records confirmed that staff completed fire safety training twice annually. Fire drills were completed monthly to ensure all staff take part and records retained of staff who participated and any learning outcomes. Fire safety records identified that fire-fighting equipment, fire alarm systems, emergency lighting and means of escape were checked weekly and were regularly maintained. Individual residents had a completed Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEPs) in place. The fire safety risk assessment was in dated.

Areas for improvement

There was no areas of improvement identified with this domain. This domain is assessed as being good

Number of requirements:	0	Number of recommendations:	0
Assessment of is care safe?		Good	

4.4 Is care effective?

Discussion with the registered manager established that the *home* responded appropriately to and met the assessed needs of the residents.

A review of three care records confirmed that these were maintained in line with the legislation and standards. They included up to date assessment of needs, life history, risk assessments, care plans and daily / regular statement of health and well-being of the resident. Care records were updated regularly to reflect the changing needs of the resident. Residents and/or their representatives were encouraged and enabled to be involved in the assessment and care planning and review process, where appropriate. Discussion with staff confirmed that a person centred approach underpinned practice.

The care records reflected multi-professional input into the service users’ health and social care needs. An individual agreement setting out the terms of residency and the agreement was appropriately signed.

The registered manager confirmed that records were stored safely and securely in line with data protection.


The registered manager confirmed that there were arrangements in place to monitor, audit and review the effectiveness and quality of care delivered to residents at appropriate intervals. Audits of *risk assessments, care plans, care review, accidents and incidents complaints, environment, catering* were available for inspection and evidenced that actions identified for improvement were incorporated into practice. Further evidence of audits was contained within the monthly monitoring visits reports and the annual quality report

The registered manager confirmed that systems were in place to ensure effective communication with residents, their representatives and key stakeholders. These included pre-admission information, multi-professional team reviews, residents meetings, staff meetings and staff shift handovers. Discussion with the registered manager and staff confirmed that management operated an open door policy in regard to communication within the home.

Residents *and one relative* spoken with and observation of practice evidenced that staff were able to communicate effectively with residents, representatives *and other key stakeholders*.

A review of care records and of accident and incident reports confirmed that referral to other healthcare professionals was timely and responsive to the needs of the residents. Minutes of resident and/or their representative meetings were available for inspection.

No areas for improvement were identified during the inspection. This domain is assessed as good.

Number of requirements:	0	Number of recommendations:	0
Assessment of is care effective?	Good		

4.5 Is care compassionate?

The registered manager confirmed that there was a culture/ethos that supported the values of dignity and respect, independence, rights, equality and diversity, choice and consent of residents.

The registered manager, residents and staff confirmed that consent was sought in relation to care and treatment. Residents, staff, one relative and two outside professionals and observation of interactions demonstrated that residents were treated with dignity and respect. Staff confirmed their awareness of promoting residents’ independence and of maintaining dignity. Staff were also able to demonstrate how residents’ confidentiality was protected in the examples of practice they cited in discussions with the inspector.

Discussion with staff, *residents, one representative, observation of practice and review of care records* confirmed that residents were enabled and supported to engage and participate in meaningful activities. Arrangements were in place for residents to maintain links with their friends, families and wider community. The inspector was informed that the home facilitated the residents to vote in the last election and invited candidates to come and speak to the residents. One candidate came to the home and residents reported they enjoyed this. They had been given the opportunity to put their questions to the candidate. The home had set up a polling station in the home for the European Union referendum.

The registered manager confirmed that residents were listened to, valued and communicated with in an appropriate manner. Discussion with *staff, residents, one representative and observation of practice* confirmed that residents’ needs were recognised and responded to in a prompt and courteous manner by staff.

The registered manager confirmed that residents were provided with information, in a format that they could understand, which enabled them to make informed decisions regarding their life, care and treatment.

There were systems in place to ensure that the views and opinions of residents, *and/or their representatives*, were sought and taken into account in all matters affecting them. The registered manager confirmed a residents’ forum takes place every three months the last one was 18 April 2016.

Residents are consulted about the standard and quality of care and about the home environment. This consultation was carried out at least annually. The findings from the consultation were collated into a summary report which was made available for residents and other interested parties. An action plan was developed and implemented where improvements are required.

Residents *and one representative* confirmed that their views and opinions were taken into account in all matters affecting them. The comments within the satisfaction questionnaires returned to RQIA evidenced that compassionate care was delivered within the home. A selection of comments made to the inspector are included below –


“staff are amazing”

“you could not get better staff”

“the staff are so good our family would be lost without them I have no worries ,the care is so good”

Areas for improvement

No areas for improvement were identified during the inspection. This domain is assessed as excellent.

Number of requirements:	0	Number of recommendations:	0
Assessment of is care compassionate?	Good		

4.6 Is the service well led?

The registered manager confirmed that there were management and governance systems in place to meet the needs of residents.

A range of policies and procedures were in place to guide and inform staff. Policies were centrally indexed and retained in a manner which was easily accessible by staff. Policies and procedures were systematically reviewed every three years or more frequently should changes occur.

Review of the complaints records established that there were clear arrangements for the management of complaints from residents and any other interested parties. Records of complaints included details of the investigation undertaken, all communication with complainants, the result of any investigation, the outcome and the action taken to address the issues raised.

Arrangements were in place to share information about complaints and compliments with staff. An audit of complaints was used to identify trends and to enhance service provision. The registered manager confirmed the home had an accident/incident/notifiable events policy and procedure in place which included reporting arrangements to RQIA. A review of accidents/incidents/notifiable events confirmed that these were effectively documented and reported to RQIA and other relevant organisations in accordance with the legislation and procedures.

A regular audit of accidents and incidents was undertaken and this was available for inspection. Learning from accidents and incidents was disseminated to all relevant parties and action plans developed to improve practice.

The registered manager confirmed that they were aware of the Falls Prevention Toolkit and were using this guidance to improve post falls management within the home.

There were quality assurance systems in place to drive quality improvement which included regular audits and satisfaction questionnaires. There was a system to ensure medical device alerts, safety bulletins, serious adverse incident alerts and staffing alerts were appropriately reviewed.

Discussion with the registered manager confirmed that information in regard to current best practice guidelines was made available to staff. Staff were provided with mandatory training and additional training opportunities relevant to any specific needs of the residents.

A monthly monitoring visit was undertaken as required under Regulation 29 of The Residential Care Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005; a report was produced and made available for residents, their representatives, staff, trust representatives and RQIA.

There was a clear organisational structure and all staff were aware of their roles, responsibility and accountability within the overall structure. Discussion with the registered person/s identified that *s/he* had understanding of *her/his* role and responsibilities under the legislation. The registered manager confirmed that the registered provider was kept informed regarding the day to day running of the home.

Staff spoken with confirmed that they were familiar with organisational and management structure and with their lines of professional accountability. Staff were aware of their individual responsibility in relation to raising concerns. Residents were informed of the roles of staff within the home and who to speak with if they wanted advice or had any issues or concerns.

The registered manager confirmed that the home operated in accordance with the regulatory framework. Inspection of the premises confirmed that the home's certificate of registration and employers liability insurance certificate dated to November 2017 were displayed.


Review of notifications of accidents and incidents and the returned RQIA Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) confirmed that the registered person/s responded to regulatory matters in a timely manner. Review of records and discussion with the registered manager confirmed that any adult safeguarding issues were managed appropriately and that reflective learning had taken place.

The home had a whistleblowing policy and procedure in place. Discussion with staff established that they were knowledgeable regarding the policy and procedure. The registered manager confirmed that staff could also access line management to raise concerns and to offer support to staff. Discussion with staff confirmed that there were good working relationships and that management were responsive to suggestions and/or concerns raised.

The registered manager confirmed that there were arrangements in place for managing identified lack of competency and poor performance for all staff. There were also open and transparent methods of working and effective working relationships with internal and external stakeholders.

Areas for improvement

No areas for improvement were identified during the inspection. This domain is assessed as good .

Number of requirements:	0	Number of recommendations:	0
Assessment of is the service well led?		Good	

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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5.1 Statutory requirements

This section outlines the actions which must be taken so that the registered person/s meets legislative requirements based on The Residential Care Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005.

5.2 Recommendations

This section outlines the recommended actions based on research, recognised sources and DHSPPS Residential Care Homes Minimum Standards, August 2011. They promote current good practice and if adopted by the registered person(s) may enhance service, quality and delivery.

5.3 Actions taken by the registered manager/registered person

The QIP will be completed by the registered manager to detail the actions taken to meet the legislative requirements stated. The registered person will review and approve the QIP to confirm that these actions have been completed by the registered manager. Once fully completed, the QIP will be returned to care.team@rqia.org.uk and assessed by the inspector.

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