



Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Ministère de la Santé et des Soins de longue durée

Inspection Report under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007

Rapport d'inspection sous la Loi de 2007 sur les foyers de soins de longue durée

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| Jan 22, 2013                           | 2013_214146_0002                      | H-000930-12            | Critical Incident System                   |

**Licensee/Titulaire de permis**

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA  
2201 ST. DAVID'S ROAD, THOROLD, ON, L2V-4T7

**Long-Term Care Home/Foyer de soins de longue durée**

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**Name of Inspector(s)/Nom de l'inspecteur ou des inspecteurs**

BARBARA NAYKALYK-HUNT (146)

**Inspection Summary/Résumé de l'inspection**



The purpose of this inspection was to conduct a Critical Incident System inspection.

This inspection was conducted on the following date(s): January 15, 2013.

This inspection was conducted concurrently with complaint inspection H-0002019-12.

During the course of the inspection, the inspector(s) spoke with the administrator, Director of Care (DOC), Associate Director of Care (ADOC), registered staff, Personal Support Workers (PSW's) and the resident.

During the course of the inspection, the inspector(s) observed resident care in the room and reviewed the resident's health record.

The following Inspection Protocols were used during this inspection: Dignity, Choice and Privacy

Findings of Non-Compliance were found during this inspection.

| NON-COMPLIANCE / NON - RESPECT DES EXIGENCES |                                       |
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| Legend                                       | Legendé                               |
| WN – Written Notification                    | WN – Avis écrit                       |
| VPC – Voluntary Plan of Correction           | VPC – Plan de redressement volontaire |
| DR – Director Referral                       | DR – Aiguillage au directeur          |
| CO – Compliance Order                        | CO – Ordre de conformité              |
| WAO – Work and Activity Order                | WAO – Ordres : travaux et activités   |



Non-compliance with requirements under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007 (LTCHA) was found. (A requirement under the LTCHA includes the requirements contained in the items listed in the definition of "requirement under this Act" in subsection 2(1) of the LTCHA.)

The following constitutes written notification of non-compliance under paragraph 1 of section 152 of the LTCHA.

Le non-respect des exigences de la Loi de 2007 sur les foyers de soins de longue durée (LFSLD) a été constaté. (Une exigence de la loi comprend les exigences qui font partie des éléments énumérés dans la définition de « exigence prévue par la présente loi », au paragraphe 2(1) de la LFSLD.

Ce qui suit constitue un avis écrit de non-respect aux termes du paragraphe 1 de l'article 152 de la LFSLD.

**WN #1: The Licensee has failed to comply with LTCHA, 2007 S.O. 2007, c.8, s. 6. Plan of care**

**Specifically failed to comply with the following:**

**s. 6. (10) The licensee shall ensure that the resident is reassessed and the plan of care reviewed and revised at least every six months and at any other time when,**

**(a) a goal in the plan is met; 2007, c. 8, s. 6 (10).**

**(b) the resident's care needs change or care set out in the plan is no longer necessary; or 2007, c. 8, s. 6 (10).**

**(c) care set out in the plan has not been effective. 2007, c. 8, s. 6 (10).**

**Findings/Faits saillants :**

1. The licensee failed to re-assess resident 001 when care needs changed.

In April 2012, PSW's reported to registered staff that resident 001 had screamed with pain after being returned to bed at approximately 1 pm. The resident's painful area was not assessed by registered staff until the following day at 9 am at which time the resident was sent to hospital and diagnosed with an injury. [s. 6. (10) (b)]



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**Additional Required Actions:**

***VPC - pursuant to the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007, S.O. 2007, c.8, s.152(2) the licensee is hereby requested to prepare a written plan of correction for achieving compliance to ensure that the resident is re-assessed and the plan of care reviewed and revised at least every six months and at any other time when (b) the resident's care needs change or care set out in the plan is no longer necessary,, to be implemented voluntarily.***

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**WN #2: The Licensee has failed to comply with O.Reg 79/10, s. 17.  
Communication and response system**

**Specifically failed to comply with the following:**

- s. 17. (1) Every licensee of a long-term care home shall ensure that the home is equipped with a resident-staff communication and response system that,**
- (a) can be easily seen, accessed and used by residents, staff and visitors at all times; O. Reg. 79/10, s. 17 (1).**
  - (b) is on at all times; O. Reg. 79/10, s. 17 (1).**
  - (c) allows calls to be cancelled only at the point of activation; O. Reg. 79/10, s. 17 (1).**
  - (d) is available at each bed, toilet, bath and shower location used by residents; O. Reg. 79/10, s. 17 (1).**
  - (e) is available in every area accessible by residents; O. Reg. 79/10, s. 17 (1).**
  - (f) clearly indicates when activated where the signal is coming from; and O. Reg. 79/10, s. 17 (1).**
  - (g) in the case of a system that uses sound to alert staff, is properly calibrated so that the level of sound is audible to staff. O. Reg. 79/10, s. 17 (1).**

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**Findings/Faits saillants :**

1. The licensee did not ensure that the home's resident-staff communication and response system

a) could be easily seen, accessed and used by residents, staff and visitors at all times.

During an interview with resident 001, it was noted that the call bell was tied around the bed rail away from the resident and out of reach. The other end of the bell cord was pulled out of the wall and lying on the floor. The duration of time the call bell was inaccessible and inoperable was unknown. [s. 17. (1) (a)]



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**Signature of Inspector(s)/Signature de l'inspecteur ou des inspecteurs**

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