

Ministry of Long-Term Care

Long-Term Care Operations Division
Long-Term Care Inspections Branch

North District

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Original Public Report

Report Issue Date: July 22, 2024	
Inspection Number: 2024-1416-0001	
Inspection Type: District Initiated	
Licensee: Espanola General Hospital	
Long Term Care Home and City: Espanola General Hospital (operating as Espanola Nursing Home-LTC), Espanola	
Lead Inspector Loviriza Caluza (687)	Inspector Digital Signature
Additional Inspector(s)	

INSPECTION SUMMARY

The inspection occurred onsite on the following date(s): July 15 to 18, 2024

The following intake was inspected:

- One District Initiated intake related to Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) and this intake was conducted concurrently with another inspection.

The following **Inspection Protocols** were used during this inspection:

Infection Prevention and Control

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INSPECTION RESULTS

WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Accommodation Services - furnishings in disrepair.

NC #001 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 1.

Non-compliance with: FLTCA, 2021, s. 19 (2) (c)

Accommodation services

s. 19 (2) Every licensee of a long-term care home shall ensure that,

(c) the home, furnishings and equipment are maintained in a safe condition and in a good state of repair.

The home has failed to ensure that the dining room furnishings were maintained and in a good state of repair.

Rationale and Summary

It was observed that a number of specified furnishings used by staff members to assist residents in the dining room (DR) were in disrepair.

The Director of Care (DOC) acknowledged that the two DR furnishings were in disrepair.

Failure of the home to replace furnishings that were in disrepair poses an IPAC risk to residents related to proper cleaning and disinfection. However, at the time of the inspection, the impact and risk were low.

Sources:

Dining room observation; record review of PIDAC's, "Best Practices for Environmental Cleaning for Prevention and Control of infections in all Health Care

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Settings", and interview with staff and the DOC.

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WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Housekeeping - related to cleaning and disinfecting contact surfaces in the dining room.

NC #002 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 1.

Non-compliance with: O. Reg. 246/22, s. 93 (2) (b) (iii)

Housekeeping

s. 93 (2) As part of the organized program of housekeeping under clause 19 (1) (a) of the Act, the licensee shall ensure that procedures are developed and implemented for,

(b) cleaning and disinfection of the following in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and using, at a minimum, a low level disinfectant in accordance with evidence-based practices and, if there are none, in accordance with prevailing practices:

(iii) contact surfaces;

The home has failed to ensure that the cleaning and disinfecting of dining room surfaces were completed.

Rationale and Summary

A DR observation was conducted and observed that a number of specific furnishings being used by staff members to assist residents were visibly soiled.

Staff members were interviewed and they were uncertain of who was supposed to clean and disinfect the specified furnishings. The DOC verified that specific staff were supposed to clean and disinfect the surfaces in the DR.

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Failure of the home to clearly identify the staff member responsible in the cleaning and disinfecting of the DR furnishings being used by staff members posed low risk to residents.

Sources:

DR observations; review of PIDAC's "Best Practices for Environmental Cleaning for Prevention and Control of infections in all Health Care Settings", interview with staff members and the DOC.

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