

### Ministry of Long-Term Care

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

#### **London District**

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## Public Report

Report Issue Date: February 26, 2025

Inspection Number: 2025-1004-0001

Inspection Type:

Complaint

Critical Incident

**Licensee:** Omni Healthcare (CT) GPCO Ltd. as General Partner of Omni Healthcare (Country Terrace) Limited Partnership

Long Term Care Home and City: Country Terrace, Komoka

## **INSPECTION SUMMARY**

The inspection occurred onsite on the following date(s): February 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 18, 20, 24, 25, 26, 2025

The inspection occurred offsite on the following date(s): February 6, 13, 14, 19, 2025

The following intake(s) were inspected:

- Intake: #00136746 CI 0907-000003-25 Alleged staff to resident abuse.
- Intake: #00138626 CI 0907-000005-25 Resident to resident abuse.
- Intake: #00138953 CI 0907-000007-25 Improper care to resident.
- Intake: #00138546 CI 0907-000004-25 Resident to resident abuse.
- Intake: #00137406 Complaint related to resident care.
- Intake: #00138460 Complaint related to resident care.
- Intake: #00138584 -Complaint related to resident care.
- Intake: #00135073 Complaint related to resident care.



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The following Inspection Protocols were used during this inspection:

Resident Care and Support Services Skin and Wound Prevention and Management Medication Management Food, Nutrition and Hydration Infection Prevention and Control Safe and Secure Home Prevention of Abuse and Neglect Responsive Behaviours

## **INSPECTION RESULTS**

## WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Residents' Bill of Rights

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

### Non-compliance with: FLTCA, 2021, s. 3 (1) 16.

Residents' Bill of Rights

s. 3 (1) Every licensee of a long-term care home shall ensure that the following rights of residents are fully respected and promoted:

16. Every resident has the right to proper accommodation, nutrition, care and services consistent with their needs.

The licensee has failed to ensure that a resident was provided with care consistent with their needs.

A complaint was received by the home related to a medical situation that a resident experienced. Review of the resident's clinical records noted that the resident had a medical situation, for which the physician prescribed a treatment, but treatment was not administered until the next day. Review of the resident's clinical records noted



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that the resident experienced symptoms and reported to staff at the time of the incident.

**Sources:** Record review of clinical records and interview with staff and management.

## WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Staff and others to be kept aware

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

## Non-compliance with: FLTCA, 2021, s. 6 (8)

Plan of care

s. 6 (8) The licensee shall ensure that the staff and others who provide direct care to a resident are kept aware of the contents of the resident's plan of care and have convenient and immediate access to it.

The licensee has failed to ensure that the staff and others who provided direct care to a resident were kept aware of the contents of the resident's plan of care and had convenient and immediate access to it.

Review of the resident's clinical records noted that the resident required certain interventions in place. Observations completed noted those interventions were not in place. Nutrition Manager stated that the interventions should still be in place and were not being followed by staff.

**Sources:** Review of clinical records, observations, and interview with Nutrition Manager.



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## WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Plan of Care

NC #003 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 1.

Non-compliance with: FLTCA, 2021, s. 6 (10) (b)

Plan of care

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, (b) the resident's care needs change or care set out in the plan is no longer necessary; or

The licensee failed to ensure that the plan of care for a resident was revised when the care needs had changed.

The plan of care indicated that the resident had several interventions in place that the staff confirmed were no longer required for the resident's care.

Sources: Review of clinical records, observations and interviews with staff.

## WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Consent

NC #004 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 1.

### Non-compliance with: FLTCA, 2021, s. 7

Consent

s. 7. Nothing in this Act authorizes a licensee to assess a resident's requirements without the resident's consent or to provide care or services to a resident without the resident's consent.

The licensee has failed to obtain consent for a treatment that was discontinued for a resident.



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Consent from Power of Attorney (POA) was not obtained when a prescribed treatment was discontinued.

**Sources:** Review of clinical records and interview with POA and Director of Care (DOC).

## WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Complaints procedure — licensee

NC #005 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 1.

### Non-compliance with: FLTCA, 2021, s. 26 (1) (c)

Complaints procedure — licensee

s. 26 (1) Every licensee of a long-term care home shall,

(c) immediately forward to the Director any written complaint that it receives concerning the care of a resident or the operation of a long-term care home in the manner set out in the regulations, where the complaint has been submitted in the format provided for in the regulations and complies with any other requirements that may be provided for in the regulations.

A) The licensee failed to immediately forward to the Director a complaint received from a resident's POA in relation to care of the resident.

In accordance with O. Reg 246/22 s. 109. (1) A complaint that a licensee is required to immediately forward to the Director under clause 26 (1) (c) of the Act is a complaint that alleges harm or risk of harm, including, but not limited to, physical harm, to one or more residents.

**Sources:** Review of the home's complaints log and Investigation and Responding to Complaints Policy #: OP-AM-6.1, interviews with the complainant and staff of the home.



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B) The licensee failed to ensure a written complaint to the home reported by the POA concerning care of the resident was immediately forwarded to the Director in the manner set out in the regulations.

**Sources:** Review of the Critical Incident, the MLTC reporting system, the home's investigation notes, the written complaint and an interview with the DOC.

## WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Air Temperature

NC #006 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 1.

### Non-compliance with: O. Reg. 246/22, s. 24 (1)

Air temperature

s. 24 (1) Every licensee of a long-term care home shall ensure that the home is maintained at a minimum temperature of 22 degrees Celsius.

The licensee has failed to ensure that the home was maintained at a minimum temperature of 22 degrees Celsius.

During an inspection in the home, air temperatures in two resident's common areas of the home were noted to be below 22 degrees Celsius on two occasions. Review of air temperatures log noted that on a few occasions the air temperature was below 22 degrees Celsius in the two resident's common areas. The Maintenance Manager stated that they were having difficulties maintaining the air temperatures at a minimum of 22 degrees Celsius in the two residents' common areas due to construction occurring in the home at this time, but they were using space heaters to supplement the heating needs in these areas.

Sources: Review of air temperature log, interview with Maintenance Manager.



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## WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Skin and wound care

NC #007 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 1.

### Non-compliance with: O. Reg. 246/22, s. 55 (2) (a)

Skin and wound care

- s. 55 (2) Every licensee of a long-term care home shall ensure that,
- (a) a resident at risk of altered skin integrity receives a skin assessment by an authorized person described in subsection (2.1)
- (i) within 24 hours of the resident's admission.
- (ii) upon any return of the resident from hospital, and
- (iii) upon any return of the resident from an absence of greater than 24 hours;

The licensee has failed to ensure that a resident received a skin assessment using a clinically appropriate assessment instrument that was specifically designed for skin and wound assessment when they exhibited altered skin integrity.

Review of the resident's plan of care noted that the resident had a history of previous skin alterations. Review of a Critical Incident System (CIS) report documented that the resident developed a skin alteration and the DOC acknowledged that a skin assessment was not completed for the resident after they developed this alteration.

Sources: Review of resident's clinical records and interview with DOC.

## WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Skin and wound care

NC #008 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 1. Non-compliance with: O. Reg. 246/22, s. 55 (2) (b) (iv) Skin and wound care



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s. 55 (2) Every licensee of a long-term care home shall ensure that, (b) a resident exhibiting altered skin integrity, including skin breakdown

(b) a resident exhibiting altered skin integrity, including skin breakdown, pressure injuries, skin tears or wounds,

(iv) is reassessed at least weekly by an authorized person described in subsection (2.1), if clinically indicated;

The licensee failed to ensure that a resident who was exhibiting altered skin integrity, received a skin assessment weekly for all wounds, using a clinically appropriate assessment instrument.

The resident had wounds which required weekly skin assessments that were not completed.

**Sources:** Review of clinical records and the home's policy related to Skin and Wound Care.

## WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Responsive behaviours

NC #009 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 1.

### Non-compliance with: O. Reg. 246/22, s. 58 (4) (b)

Responsive behaviours

s. 58 (4) The licensee shall ensure that, for each resident demonstrating responsive behaviours,

(b) strategies are developed and implemented to respond to these behaviours, where possible

The licensee failed to ensure that the individualized plan to manage a resident's responsive behaviours was implemented according to the plan of care. Subsequently, the resident demonstrated responsive behaviours that resulted in harm or risk of harm to another resident.



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Sources: Review of care plan, interview with DOC.

## WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Responsive behaviours

NC #010 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 1.

### Non-compliance with: O. Reg. 246/22, s. 58 (4) (c)

Responsive behaviours

s. 58 (4) The licensee shall ensure that, for each resident demonstrating responsive behaviours,

(c) actions are taken to respond to the needs of the resident, including assessments, reassessments and interventions and that the resident's responses to interventions are documented.

The licensee has failed to ensure that an assessment and reassessment of a resident's responsive behaviours were completed. The resident demonstrated responsive behaviours towards other residents and the appropriate assessments were not completed in full. Additionally, the DOC acknowledged that the behaviours were not reassessed as indicated in their plan of care.

**Sources**: Review of Dementia Observation System (DOS) tool, care plan and interview with DOC.

## WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Nutritional care and hydration programs

NC #011 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 1. **Non-compliance with: O. Reg. 246/22, s. 74 (2) (e) (i)** Nutritional care and hydration programs s. 74 (2) Every licensee of a long-term care home shall ensure that the programs



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include,

(e) a weight monitoring system to measure and record with respect to each resident,

(i) weight on admission and monthly thereafter, and

The licensee failed to ensure that a resident's weight was measured and recorded monthly.

**Sources:** Review of clinical records, review of the home's policy, Measuring and Monitoring Resident Height and Weight Policy #: CS-12.23 Effective Date: February 7, 2014, Reviewed Date: December 20, 2022 Approved Date: December 20, 2022.

## WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Dealing with complaints

NC #012 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 1.

### Non-compliance with: O. Reg. 246/22, s. 108 (1) 1.

Dealing with complaints

s. 108 (1) Every licensee shall ensure that every written or verbal complaint made to the licensee or a staff member concerning the care of a resident or operation of the home is dealt with as follows:

1. The complaint shall be investigated and resolved where possible, and a response that complies with paragraph 3 provided within 10 business days of the receipt of the complaint, and where the complaint alleges harm or risk of harm including, but not limited to, physical harm, to one or more residents, the investigation shall be commenced immediately.

The licensee failed to ensure that a complaint made to the Executive Director concerning the care of a resident was investigated and resolved where possible, and a response was provided in receipt of the complaint, and where the complaint alleged risk of harm the investigation was commenced immediately.



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**Sources**: Review of complaints log and investigation notes and of the home's policy - Investigation and Responding to Complaints Policy #: OP-AM-6.1 Effective Date: November 1, 2010, Reviewed Date: February 5, 2024 Approved Date: November 24, 2023 and Interviews with complainant and staff.

## WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Dealing with complaints

NC #013 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 1.

## Non-compliance with: O. Reg. 246/22, s. 108 (2)

Dealing with complaints

s. 108 (2) The licensee shall ensure that a documented record is kept in the home that includes,

(a) the nature of each verbal or written complaint;

(b) the date the complaint was received;

(c) the type of action taken to resolve the complaint, including the date of the action, time frames for actions to be taken and any follow-up action required;(d) the final resolution, if any;

(e) every date on which any response was provided to the complainant and a description of the response; and

(f) any response made in turn by the complainant.

A) The licensee failed to ensure that a documented record was kept in the home related to a complaint concerning the care of the resident.

The home was not able to provide documentation related to this complaint, date, action taken or any response to and from the complainant.

**Sources:** Review of the home's complaint logs and Investigating and Responding to Complaints Policy # OP-AM-6.1, and interview with the Executive Director.



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B) The licensee failed to ensure that a documented record was kept in the home related to a complaint concerning the care of the resident.

The home was not able to provide documentation related to this complaint, date, action taken or any response from the complainant.

**Sources:** Record review of home's complaint binder, review of Complaints Policy # OP -AM -6.1 and interviews with staff and management.

## WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Dealing with complaints

NC #014 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 1.

## Non-compliance with: O. Reg. 246/22, s. 108 (3)

Dealing with complaints

s. 108 (3) The licensee shall ensure that,

(a) the documented record is reviewed and analyzed for trends at least quarterly;(b) the results of the review and analysis are taken into account in determining what improvements are required in the home; and

(c) a written record is kept of each review and of the improvements made in response.

The licensee failed to ensure that the documented records of complaints for 2023 and 2024 were reviewed and analyzed for trends, including a written record of the review results and of the improvements made.

The DOC and Executive Director of the home were unable to provide documented record of the home's quarterly complaint reviews for 2023 and 2024.



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**Sources**: Review of the home's complaints log and Investigating and Responding to Complaints Policy #: OP-AM-6.1, and interviews with management.

## WRITTEN NOTIFICATION: Administration of drugs

NC #015 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 1.

### Non-compliance with: O. Reg. 246/22, s. 140 (2)

Administration of drugs

s. 140 (2) The licensee shall ensure that drugs are administered to residents in accordance with the directions for use specified by the prescriber. O. Reg. 246/22, s. 140 (2).

The licensee has failed to ensure drugs were administered to a resident in accordance with the directions for use specified by the prescriber.

Review of clinical records noted that a medication was not given as prescribed.

Sources: Review of clinical records and interview with DOC.

## COMPLIANCE ORDER CO #001 Residents' Bill of Rights

NC #016 Compliance Order pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 2.

### Non-compliance with: FLTCA, 2021, s. 3 (1) 11.

Residents' Bill of Rights

s. 3 (1) Every licensee of a long-term care home shall ensure that the following rights of residents are fully respected and promoted:

11. Every resident has the right to live in a safe and clean environment.



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# The inspector is ordering the licensee to comply with a Compliance Order [FLTCA, 2021, s. 155 (1) (a)]:

The licensee shall,

- 1. Ensure the plumbing in the resident common areas are repaired. Ensure a record is kept of the date the repair was completed, and the name of the company or individual who completed the repair.
- 2. Ensure the hallways are kept accessible and free of clutter, while the area is used by residents.
- 3. Ensure the hallway is free of debris and potential hazards, and doors to the non-resident areas are kept closed, until construction is completed.
- 4. Complete regular checks to ensure the hallways area remains free of debris and potential hazards, until construction is completed. Ensure a record is kept of the name of the individual who completed the check, the date, time, and the outcome.

### Grounds

The licensee has failed to respect residents' right to live in a safe and clean environment.

Observations noted that some plumbing in the resident's common area was leaking, and there was no wet floor sign in place. In the same area, equipment was observed crowding the hallway. Additionally, a hallway that staff were accompanying residents through was noted to have many construction items in the area as well as unlocked doors to non-resident areas.

The Executive Director acknowledged that these items required immediate attention to ensure residents live in a safe and clean environment.

The resident's right to a safe and clean environment was not respected and were at risk for potential harm when the home did not ensure that residents' common areas were in good state of repair and free of potential hazards.



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**Sources:** Observations in the home and interviews with the home's management staff.

This order must be complied with by March 14, 2025

## COMPLIANCE ORDER CO #002 Plan of care

NC #017 Compliance Order pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154 (1) 2.

#### Non-compliance with: FLTCA, 2021, s. 6 (7)

Plan of care

s. 6 (7) The licensee shall ensure that the care set out in the plan of care is provided to the resident as specified in the plan.

## The inspector is ordering the licensee to comply with a Compliance Order [FLTCA, 2021, s. 155 (1) (a)]:

The licensee shall:

- 1. Ensure interventions in place are performed and documented as per the plan of care.
- 2. Educate all nursing staff on the home's policy related to these interventions. Keep a record of the education, date completed, who completed it, and the staff who received the education.
- 3. Ensure the appropriate reports are updated to indicate the specific conditions and interventions in place to alert staff.
- 4. Ensure an individualized plan is developed for the resident and reviewed and approved by appropriate professional staff.
- 5. Provide education on management of these conditions and interventions to all dietary and PSW staff in the home area. Keep a record of the education, date completed, who completed it, and the staff who received the education.



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#### Grounds

The licensee has failed to ensure that the care set out in the plan of care was provided to a resident as specified in the plan.

A) Review of a resident's plan of care noted they certain interventions were required on each shift. Review of the clinical records noted that the interventions were not completed as required.

Sources: Review of clinical records and interview with DOC

B) The licensee has failed to ensure that the care set out in the plan of care was provided to a resident as specified in the plan.

Review of clinical records noted that the resident had a certain condition requiring interventions. The Nutrition Manager acknowledged that the interventions were not followed by staff.

Sources: Review of clinical records and interview with nutrition manager.

This order must be complied with by March 28, 2025



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## **REVIEW/APPEAL INFORMATION**

**TAKE NOTICE**The Licensee has the right to request a review by the Director of this (these) Order(s) and/or this Notice of Administrative Penalty (AMP) in accordance with section 169 of the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 (Act). The licensee can request that the Director stay this (these) Order(s) pending the review. If a licensee requests a review of an AMP, the requirement to pay is stayed until the disposition of the review.

Note: Under the Act, a re-inspection fee is not subject to a review by the Director or an appeal to the Health Services Appeal and Review Board (HSARB). The request for review by the Director must be made in writing and be served on the Director within 28 days from the day the order or AMP was served on the licensee.

The written request for review must include:

(a) the portions of the order or AMP in respect of which the review is requested;(b) any submissions that the licensee wishes the Director to consider; and(c) an address for service for the licensee.

The written request for review must be served personally, by registered mail, email or commercial courier upon:

#### Director

c/o Appeals Coordinator Long-Term Care Inspections Branch Ministry of Long-Term Care 438 University Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> floor Toronto, ON, M7A 1N3 e-mail: <u>MLTC.AppealsCoordinator@ontario.ca</u>



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If service is made by:

(a) registered mail, is deemed to be made on the fifth day after the day of mailing(b) email, is deemed to be made on the following day, if the document was served after 4 p.m.

(c) commercial courier, is deemed to be made on the second business day after the commercial courier received the document

If the licensee is not served with a copy of the Director's decision within 28 days of receipt of the licensee's request for review, this(these) Order(s) is(are) and/or this AMP is deemed to be confirmed by the Director and, for the purposes of an appeal to HSARB, the Director is deemed to have served the licensee with a copy of that decision on the expiry of the 28-day period.

Pursuant to s. 170 of the Act, the licensee has the right to appeal any of the following to HSARB:

(a) An order made by the Director under sections 155 to 159 of the Act.

(b) An AMP issued by the Director under section 158 of the Act.

(c) The Director's review decision, issued under section 169 of the Act, with respect to an inspector's compliance order (s. 155) or AMP (s. 158).

HSARB is an independent tribunal not connected with the Ministry. They are established by legislation to review matters concerning health care services. If the licensee decides to request an appeal, the licensee must give a written notice of appeal within 28 days from the day the licensee was served with a copy of the order, AMP or Director's decision that is being appealed from. The appeal notice must be given to both HSARB and the Director:

### Health Services Appeal and Review Board

Attention Registrar 151 Bloor Street West, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor



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Upon receipt, the HSARB will acknowledge your notice of appeal and will provide instructions regarding the appeal and hearing process. A licensee may learn more about the HSARB on the website <u>www.hsarb.on.ca</u>.