

FINAL INSPECTION REPORT
Under the Retirement Homes Act, 2010

Inspection Information

Date of Inspection: 1/27/2023

Name of Inspector: Shara Bundy

Inspection Type: Responsive Inspection – Compliance

Licensee: ACC-003135 - Guelph Rest Home Inc

Retirement Home: Heritage House Guelph

License Number: T0116

About Responsive Inspections

A responsive inspection, performed by an RHRA inspector, is a physical inspection of a licensed retirement home. A responsive inspection is conducted when RHRA receives information that the licensee may have failed to meet the standards of the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010* or its regulations (the “RHA”). An inspection being conducted does not infer that an allegation is substantiated or that a contravention of the RHA has occurred. A licensee is required to report to RHRA if they suspect harm or risk of harm to a resident. During a responsive inspection, an RHRA inspector may observe the operations of the home, interview relevant individuals, review records and other documentation, and determine whether the licensee’s management and staff have followed mandatory policies and practices designed to protect the welfare of residents.

Following a responsive inspection, the RHRA inspector prepares a draft inspection report which is sent to the licensee. The draft report may include instances where the licensee has failed to meet the standards of the RHA. If included, the licensee can respond to these instances and is strongly encouraged to inform RHRA of its plans to meet the standards of the RHA.

Following the draft report, the RHRA inspector prepares this final inspection report, incorporating any response from the licensee with their plans to meet the standards of the RHA. The most recent final inspection report must be posted in the home in a visible and easily accessible location. All final inspection reports from the previous two years must also be made available in an easily accessible location in the home. The licensee must provide a copy of this report to the home’s Residents’ Council, if one exists.

In addition to inspection reports, RHRA may provide information to a licensee to encourage improvements of their current practices.

If there is a serious incident or the licensee repeatedly does not meet the required standards, RHRA may take further action.

Concern(s)

During a responsive inspection, an inspector will focus primarily on the concern(s) which prompted the inspection and may take various actions to determine whether the licensee is compliant with the RHA in relating to the concern(s). Any findings of non-compliance identified in relation to these concerns are listed below.

Concern #1: CON-5121-Infection prevention and control

RHRA Inspector Findings

The inspector completed a walkabout of the home during the inspection and found that there were multiple residents on contact and droplet precautions. The PPE caddies located outside the suites did not include face shields or eye protection as required. The Licensee failed to ensure that, any guidance, advice or recommendations given to retirement homes by the Chief Medical Officer of Health are followed in the retirement home.

Outcome

At the time of the inspection, the Licensee was not in compliance. The home has since taken corrective action to achieve compliance.

Concern #2: CON-5205-Improper or Incompetent Treatment or Care

RHRA Inspector Findings

The inspector reviewed documentation and interviewed staff regarding the training of staff responsible for administering medications and was unable to find evidence that the training included the required areas of ways of reducing the incidence of infectious disease, including maintaining proper hand hygiene, the safe disposal of syringes and other sharps, and recognizing an adverse drug reaction and taking appropriate action. The Licensee failed to ensure that all staff members involved in the administration of drugs or other substances at the home are trained as required.

Outcome

The Licensee has demonstrated it has taken corrective action to achieve compliance.

Additional Findings

During a responsive inspection, an inspector may observe areas of non-compliance that are not related to the concern(s) which prompted the inspection. In these cases, an inspector may cite the home for these contraventions at the time of this inspection. In addition, an inspector may follow-up on findings of non-compliance from previous inspections. Where the licensee is unable to demonstrate they have come into compliance or maintained compliance, an inspector may cite the home for these repeat contraventions at the time of this inspection.

Not Applicable

Current Inspection – Citations

Citations relating to the above Concerns or Additional Findings made during the current inspection are listed below.

Not Applicable

Closed Citations

During an inspection, an inspector may follow-up with areas of non-compliance cited during a previous inspection, or verify compliance with areas initially cited during the current inspection. The inspector has verified that at the time of this report, the licensee was able to demonstrate that the following areas have come into compliance.

Ontario Regulation 166/11:

s. 27. (5); Infection prevention and control program

27. (5) The licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that,

s. 27. (5), (0.a)

(0.a) any guidance, advice or recommendations given to retirement homes by the Chief Medical Officer of Health are followed in the retirement home;

NOTICE

The Final Inspection Report is being provided to the Licensee, the Registrar of the RHRA and the home's Residents' Council, if any.

Section 55 of the *RHA* requires that the Final Inspection Report be posted in the home in a conspicuous and easily accessible location. In addition, the Licensee must ensure that copies of every Final Inspection Report from the previous two (2) years are made available in the Home, in an easily accessible location.

The Registrar's copy of the Final Inspection Report, as it appears here, will be included on the RHRA Retirement Home Database available online at <http://www.rhra.ca/en/retirement-home-database>.

Signature of Inspector

Shara Bundy

Date

June 8, 2023