

FINAL INSPECTION REPORT
Under the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010*

Inspection Information	
Date of Inspection: 9/11/2023	Name of Inspector: Pam Hand
Inspection Type: Responsive Inspection – Mandatory Report	
Licensee: ACC-002904 - 1122121 Ontario Inc.	
Retirement Home: Shorthills Villa Retirement Community	
License Number: S0011	

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-

Concern #1: CON-6448-Abuse

RHRA Inspector Findings

Following a recent previous inspection at the home, the inspector was inadvertently informed of two incidents of resident-to-resident abuse that had not been reported to the RHRA by the Licensee. The inspector attended the home to conduct interviews and review records of the incidents, which confirmed that there were multiple unreported incidents of physical abuse resulting in injury and emotional abuse resulting in non-physical injury involving the same group of residents. The inspector found that the Licensee failed to follow their zero tolerance of abuse policy, as they did not complete a documented investigation of the incidents, victims of physical abuse were not seen by a doctor without delay, witnesses were not advised to immediately document the incident, the RHRA was not notified, and the resident charts were not properly updated. Further, the inspector found that the Licensee failed to put into place any strategies, techniques, or monitoring to mitigate the risk these residents posed to each other. Finally, the Licensee failed to update these residents’ plans of care to reflect their aggressive behaviours and conflicts with the other residents. These inactions constitute a failure by the Licensee to protect residents of the home from abuse.

Outcome

The Licensee must take 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.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 23. (1); Behaviour management**s. 23. (1); Behaviour management**

23. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall develop and implement a written behaviour management strategy that includes,

Specifically, the Licensee failed to comply with the following subsection(s):**s. 23. (1), (a)**

(a) techniques to prevent and address resident behaviours that pose a risk to the resident or others in the home;

s. 23. (1), (b)

(b) strategies for interventions to prevent and address resident behaviours that pose a risk to the resident or others in the home;

s. 23. (1), (c)

(c) strategies for monitoring residents that have demonstrated behaviours that pose a risk to the resident or others in the home;

s. 23. (1), (d)

(d) protocols for how staff and volunteers shall report and be informed of resident behaviours that pose a risk to the resident or others in the home.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 23. (2); Behaviour management**s. 23. (2); Behaviour management**

23. (2) The licensee shall ensure that all staff who provide care services to residents are advised at the beginning of every shift of each resident whose behaviours require heightened monitoring because those behaviours pose a risk to the resident or others in the home.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 62. (12); Reassessment and revision**s. 62. (12); Reassessment and revision**

62. (12) 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 if, in the opinion of the licensee or the resident,

Specifically, the Licensee failed to comply with the following subsection(s):**s. 62. (12), (b)**

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

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 67. (1); Protection against abuse and neglect**s. 67. (1); Protection against abuse and neglect**

67. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall protect residents of the home from abuse by anyone.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 67. (4); Policy to promote zero tolerance**s. 67. (4); Policy to promote zero tolerance**

67. (4) Without in any way restricting the generality of the duties described in subsections (1) and (2), the licensee shall ensure that there is a written policy to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents and shall ensure that the policy is complied with.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 75. (1); Reporting certain matters to Registrar**s. 75. (1); Reporting certain matters to Registrar**

75. (1) A person who has reasonable grounds to suspect that any of the following has occurred or may occur shall immediately report the suspicion and the information upon which it is based to the Registrar:

Specifically, the Licensee failed to comply with the following subsection(s):

s. 75. (1), para. 2

2. Abuse of a resident by anyone or neglect of a resident by the licensee or the staff of the retirement home of the resident if it results in harm or a risk of harm to the resident.

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.

Not Applicable

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



Date

October 11, 2023