

# FINAL INSPECTION REPORT Under the Retirement Homes Act, 2010

**Inspection Information** 

Date of Inspection: February 21, 2024 Name of Inspector: Melissa Meikle

**Inspection Type:** Responsive Inspection – Mandatory Report

Licensee: ACC-003276 - Alavida Lifestyles

**Retirement Home: Les Promenades** 

**License Number: N0143** 

## **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-8078-Abuse - Sexual Abuse

## **RHRA Inspector Findings**

The Licensee reported to RHRA that an incident of resident-to-resident sexual abuse had occurred. As part of the inspection in response to the allegation, the inspector reviewed the Licensee's abuse prevention policies, behaviour management policies, staff training records and the resident's care file. The inspector found that the Licensee had failed to ensure that multiple requirements were complied with, including reporting he incident to the police, ensuring that strategies are in place for monitoring residents that have demonstrated behaviours that pose a risk to other residents and ensuring that a resident with dementia care needs is assessed by and has an approved plan of care by a Regulated Health Professional. The Licensee failed failed to follow their abuse policy, failed to implement monitoring of a resident with known risk to others and failed to ensure that a dementia care resident had an assessment and plan of care completed by a Regulated Health Professional.

#### Outcome

The Licensee has advised it has taken corrective action to achieve compliance. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

Concern #2: CON-8158-Abuse - Physical Abuse

## **RHRA Inspector Findings**

While conducting this inspection, the inspector made a finding unrelated to the purpose of the inspection. The inspector found evidence through documentation in the home of a resident to resident physical altercation resulting in harm to one resident. The incident was not reported to the Registrar. The Licensee failed to immediately report the abuse to the Registrar.

#### **Outcome**

The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by Fri Mar 15 2024. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

## **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

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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), (c)

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

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 44. (3); Full assessment of care needs

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44. (3) If a licensee or a staff member of a retirement home has reason to believe that a resident's care needs may include dementia care, skin and wound care, or the use of a personal assistance services device, the licensee shall ensure that the full assessment is,

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

#### s. 44. (3), (a)

(a) conducted by a member of a College, as defined in the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991;

## The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 48. (2); Approval of the plan of care

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48. (2) For the purposes of paragraph 2 of subsection 62 (9) of the Act, if an assessment of a resident indicates that the resident's care needs may include dementia care, skin and wound care or the use of a personal assistance services device, the licensee shall ensure that the resident's plan of care is approved by a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario or the College of Nurses of Ontario.

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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.

## **Ontario Regulation 166/11:**

## s. 15. (3); Policy of zero tolerance of abuse and neglect

15. (3) The policy to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents described in subsection 67 (4) of the Act shall,

# s. 15. (3), (f)

(f) provide that the licensee of the retirement home shall ensure that the appropriate police force is immediately notified of any alleged, suspected or witnessed incident of abuse or neglect of a resident that the licensee suspects may constitute a criminal offence;

## **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 <a href="http://www.rhra.ca/en/retirement-home-database">http://www.rhra.ca/en/retirement-home-database</a>.

Signature of Inspector	Date
Sport	March 12, 2024