

FINAL INSPECTION REPORT

Under the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010*

Inspection Information	
Date of Inspection: 9/18/2024	Name of Inspector: Shyla Sittampalam, RN
Inspection Type: Routine Inspection	
Licensee: ACC-002372 - 1902347 Ontario Ltd	
Retirement Home: Birdsilver Gardens Senior Support Centre	
License Number: T0389	

About Routine Inspections

A routine inspection, performed by an RHRA inspector, is a physical inspection of a licensed retirement home. During a routine inspection, an RHRA inspector will walk through the home, speak to residents and staff, observe care services and conditions in the home, and ensure the licensee's management and staff follow mandatory policies and practices designed to protect the welfare of residents.

Following a routine 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 the licensee repeatedly does not meet the required standards, RHRA may take further action.

Focus Areas

During a routine inspection, an inspector will focus primarily on a set number of areas which have been identified as related to the health, safety and wellbeing of resident, and may take various actions to determine whether the licensee is compliant with the RHA in relating to the areas. The areas listed in this section are ones which an inspector has identified as non-compliant.

Focus Area #1: Complaints

RHRA Inspector Findings

The inspector requested to review the Licensee's complaints log and procedures. During the inspection, the Licensee reported that there was no written procedure in place for individuals to submit complaints regarding the operation of the home, and for the way in which the licensee is required to deal with complaints. As a result, the Licensee failed to comply with the prescribed regulatory requirements.

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.

Focus Area #2: Emergency Plan**RHRA Inspector Findings**

The inspector reviewed the Licensee's records of emergency plan testing and current arrangements with community partners for responding to emergencies. The inspector found that the testing for situations involving the loss of essential services, situations involving a missing resident, medical emergencies, epidemics/pandemics and violent outbursts had not been completed. Additionally, the Licensee was unable to provide evidence of current arrangements with community agencies and resources that would be involved in responding to an emergency. The Licensee also failed to provide evidence of a planned evacuation of the retirement home. Furthermore, at the time of inspection, the Licensee was unable to provide evidence demonstrating that the home's resources designated for emergencies were tested regularly, as required.

Outcome

The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by Thu Oct 31 2024. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

Focus Area #3: Infection Prevention and Control**RHRA Inspector Findings**

The inspector reviewed the Licensee's infection prevention and control records. The Licensee was unable to provide a written record of the annual consultation with the local medical officer of health or designate. As a result, the Licensee failed to comply with the prescribed regulatory requirement.

Outcome

The Licensee provided information indicating that corrective action was being taken, however, further action must be taken to achieve compliance with all areas outlined in the finding. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

Focus Area #4: Medications**RHRA Inspector Findings**

The inspector reviewed a sample of medication administration records and found that staff at the home had failed to complete documentation of medications administered for several residents. Additionally, the Licensee did not have current physician orders on record for medications being administered to multiple residents. Furthermore, at the time of the inspection, the inspector found resident medications unsecured and unlocked.

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.

Focus Area #5: PASDs and Restraints

RHRA Inspector Findings

At the time of the inspection, the inspector found two residents restrained with the use of bed rails and was informed by the Licensee and staff that three other residents were similarly restrained with bed rails, none of whom would be physically able to release themselves. The Licensee failed to ensure that residents were not restrained by a physical device, as required.

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.

Focus Area #6: Resident Record, Assessment, Plan of Care

RHRA Inspector Findings

The inspector reviewed a sample of resident care files and found one resident who was recently admitted to the home and did not have an assessment and plan of care developed. In addition, the inspector found that the plan of care for several residents did not include the goals and details of the planned care services provided by an external care provider.

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.

Focus Area #7: Staff Training

RHRA Inspector Findings

The inspector reviewed a sample of training records in the areas of Zero tolerance of abuse, Bill of Rights, Infection control, Whistle Blower protection, Personal Assistive Service Devices (PASDs), Fire prevention and safety, Emergency plans, Complaints, Behaviour management, and medication administration. The inspector reviewed not only records for staff recently hired to determine compliance with orientation training, but also a sample of training records for those hired previously to determine compliance with annual training in these areas. The home was not able to determine that orientation and annual training was being completed in alignment with the regulations.

Outcome

The Licensee must take corrective action to achieve compliance.

Additional Findings

During a routine inspection, an inspector may observe areas of non-compliance that are not related to the standard focus areas. 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 Focus Areas or Additional Findings made during the current inspection are listed below.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 14. (1); Staff training

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14. (1) For the purposes of clause 65 (2) (j) of the Act, every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that all staff who work in the home receive training in the procedure described in subsection 73 (1) of the Act for a person to complain to the licensee.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 14. (2); Staff training

s. 14. (2); Staff training

14. (2) For the purposes of subsection 65 (4) of the Act, the licensee shall ensure that the persons who are required to receive training under subsection 65 (2) of the Act receive the training at least annually.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 14. (3); Staff training

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14. (3) For the purposes of paragraph 5 of subsection 65 (5) of the Act, every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that every staff member who provides a care service to a resident has received or receives training in,

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

s. 14. (3), (b)

(b) each care service offered in the home so that the staff member is able to understand the general nature of each of those services, the standards applicable under the Act to each of those services and the aspects of each of those services that may be relevant to the staff member's own duties in the home.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 14. (5); Staff training

s. 14. (5); Staff training

14. (5) The licensee shall ensure that the persons who are required to receive the training described in subsection 65 (5) of the Act receive that training on an ongoing basis, namely at least annually after receiving the training described in subsection (4).

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 24. (4); Emergency plan, general

s. 24. (4); Emergency plan, general

24. (4) The licensee shall keep current all arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 24. (5); Emergency plan, general

s. 24. (5); Emergency plan, general

24. (5) The licensee shall,

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

s. 24. (5), (a)

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

s. 24. (5), (a), 1.

(i) the loss of essential services,

s. 24. (5), (a)

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

s. 24. (5), (a), 2.

(ii) situations involving a missing resident,

s. 24. (5), (a)

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

s. 24. (5), (a), 3.

(iii) medical emergencies,

s. 24. (5), (a)

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

s. 24. (5), (a), 3.1

(iii.1) epidemics and pandemics,

s. 24. (5), (a)

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

s. 24. (5), (a), 4.

(iv) violent outbursts;

s. 24. (5), (b)

(b) at least once every two years, conduct a planned evacuation of the retirement home;

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 25. (3); Emergency plan, retirement home with more than 10 residents

s. 25. (3); Emergency plan, retirement home with more than 10 residents

25. (3) The licensee shall ensure that the emergency plan provides for the following:

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

s. 25. (3), para. 1

1. Dealing with,

s. 25. (3), para. 1, 5.1

v.1 epidemics and pandemics,

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 26.; Emergency plan, retirement home with 10 or fewer residents

s. 26.; Emergency plan, retirement home with 10 or fewer residents

26. The emergency plan for a retirement home that has the capacity to accommodate 10 or fewer residents shall, in addition to the requirements in section 24, meet the following requirements:

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

s. 26. para. 4

4. The plan shall require that resources, supplies and equipment vital for the emergency response are set

aside, readily available at the home and tested regularly to ensure that they are in working order.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 27. (2); Infection prevention and control program

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27. (2) The licensee shall consult on an ongoing basis and not less than once a year with the local medical officer of health or designate about identifying and addressing health care issues in the retirement home in order to reduce the incidence of infectious disease outbreaks in the home.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 27. (9); Infection prevention and control program

s. 27. (9); Infection prevention and control program

27. (9) The licensee shall ensure that each staff member who works in the retirement home receives training on how to reduce the incidence of infectious disease transmission, including,

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

s. 27. (9), (a)

(a) the need for and method of maintaining proper hand hygiene and method of preventing cross contamination, including proper handling of soiled linens, the protection of uniforms, and the separation of clean and dirty items;

s. 27. (9), (b)

(b) the need for and process of reporting, providing surveillance of and documenting incidents of infectious illness.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 29.; Administration of drugs or other substances

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29. If one of the care services that the licensee or the staff of a retirement home provide to a resident of the home is the administration of a drug or other substance, the licensee shall ensure that,

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

s. 29. (e)

(e) if the licensee or a staff member is involved in the administration of the drug or other substance at the home, that the licensee or staff member is trained in,

s. 29. (e), 1.

(i) ways of reducing the incidence of infectious disease, including maintaining proper hand hygiene,

s. 29. (e)

(e) if the licensee or a staff member is involved in the administration of the drug or other substance at the home, that the licensee or staff member is trained in,

s. 29. (e), 2.

(ii) the safe disposal of syringes and other sharps,

s. 29. (e)

(e) if the licensee or a staff member is involved in the administration of the drug or other substance at the home, that the licensee or staff member is trained in,

s. 29. (e), 3.

(iii) recognizing an adverse drug reaction and taking appropriate action;

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 30.; Storage of drugs or other substances

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30. If drugs or other substances are stored in a retirement home on behalf of a resident, the licensee of the home shall ensure that,

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

s. 30. (a)

(a) the drugs or other substances are stored in an area or a medication cart that,

s. 30. (a), 2.

(ii) is locked and secure,

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 32.; Records

s. 32.; Records

32. If the licensee or a member of the staff of a retirement home administers a drug or other substance to a resident, the licensee shall ensure that,

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

s. 32. (a)

(a) the person who administered the drug or other substance prepares a written record noting the name and amount of the drug or other substance, the route of its administration and the time and date on which it was administered;

s. 32. (b)

(b) if a drug is administered, there is written evidence that the drug was prescribed for the resident by a person who is authorized to prescribe a drug under section 27 of the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991;

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 55. (5); Contents of records

s. 55. (5); Contents of records

55. (5) A licensee of a retirement home shall keep records proving compliance with the Act and this Regulation in relation to,

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

s. 55. (5), (c)

(c) the skills, qualifications and training of the staff who work in the home;

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 62. (1); Plan of care

s. 62. (1); Plan of care

62. (1) When a resident commences his or her residency in a retirement home, the licensee shall, within the prescribed times, ensure that the resident is assessed and that a plan of care is developed based on the assessment and in accordance with this section and the regulations.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 62. (4); Contents of plan

s. 62. (4); Contents of plan

62. (4) The licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that there is a written plan of care for each resident of the home that sets out,

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

s. 62. (4), (c)

(c) if the resident has consented to the inclusion of the information in the plan of care, the planned care services for the resident that external care providers will provide with the consent of the resident, to the extent that such information is available to the licensee after the licensee has taken all reasonable steps to obtain such information from the resident and the external care provider, including,

s. 62. (4), (c), 1.

(i) the details of the services,

s. 62. (4), (c)

(c) if the resident has consented to the inclusion of the information in the plan of care, the planned care services for the resident that external care providers will provide with the consent of the resident, to the extent that such information is available to the licensee after the licensee has taken all reasonable steps to obtain such information from the resident and the external care provider, including,

s. 62. (4), (c), 2.

(ii) the goals that the services are intended to achieve;

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 65. (2); Training

s. 65. (2); Training

65. (2) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that no staff work in the home unless they have received training in,

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

s. 65. (2), (a)

(a) the Residents' Bill of Rights;

s. 65. (2), (b)

(b) the licensee's policy mentioned in subsection 67 (4) to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents;

s. 65. (2), (c)

(c) the protection afforded for whistle-blowing described in section 115;

s. 65. (2), (d)

(d) the licensee's policy mentioned in subsection 68 (3) regarding the use of personal assistance services devices for residents;

s. 65. (2), (e)

(e) injury prevention;

s. 65. (2), (f)

(f) fire prevention and safety;

s. 65. (2), (g)

(g) the licensee's emergency evacuation plan for the home mentioned in subsection 60 (3);

s. 65. (2), (h)

(h) the emergency plan and the infection prevention and control program of the licensee for the home mentioned in subsection 60 (4);

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 65. (4); On-going training

s. 65. (4); On-going training

65. (4) The licensee shall ensure that the persons who are required to receive the training described in

subsection (2) receive on-going training as described in that subsection at the times required by the regulations.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 65. (5); Additional training for direct care staff

s. 65. (5); Additional training for direct care staff

65. (5) The licensee shall ensure that all staff who provide care services to residents receive training in the following matters and at the times required by the regulations, as a condition of continuing to have contact with residents, in addition to the other training that they are required to receive under this section:

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

s. 65. (5), para. 3

3. Behaviour management.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 68. (1); Restraints prohibited

s. 68. (1); Restraints prohibited

68. (1) No licensee of a retirement home and no external care providers who provide care services in the home shall restrain a resident of the home in any way, including by the use of a physical device or by the administration of a drug except as permitted by section 71.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 73. (1); Procedure for complaints to licensee

s. 73. (1); Procedure for complaints to licensee

73. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that there is a written procedure for a person to complain to the licensee about the operation of the home and for the way in which the licensee is required to deal with complaints.

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. 29.; Administration of drugs or other substances

29. If one of the care services that the licensee or the staff of a retirement home provide to a resident of the home is the administration of a drug or other substance, the licensee shall ensure that,

s. 29. (c)

(c) neither the licensee nor a staff member administers a drug to a resident in the home unless the licensee or the staff member has received training in the procedures applicable to the administration of the drug;

s. 29.; Administration of drugs or other substances

29. If one of the care services that the licensee or the staff of a retirement home provide to a resident of the home is the administration of a drug or other substance, the licensee shall ensure that,

s. 29. (d)

(d) a member of a College, as defined in the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991, supervises the administration of the drug or other substance to the resident in the 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 <i>Shyla Sittampalam</i> , RN	Date October 24, 2024
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