

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

Inspection Information	
Date of Inspection: 11/11/2024	Name of Inspector: Natalie Fahey
Inspection Type: Responsive Inspection – Mandatory Report	
Licensee: ACC-003153 - Unicare Enterprises Inc.	
Retirement Home: Abington Court	
License Number: S0542	

About Responsive Inspections
<p>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 <i>Retirement Homes Act, 2010</i> or its regulations (the “<i>RHA</i>”). An inspection being conducted does not imply 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.</p> <p>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 <i>RHA</i>. 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 <i>RHA</i>.</p> <p>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 <i>RHA</i>. 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.</p> <p>In addition to inspection reports, RHRA may provide information to a licensee to encourage improvements of their current practices.</p> <p>If there is a serious incident or the licensee repeatedly does not meet the required standards, RHRA may take further action.</p>

Concern(s)
<i>During a responsive inspection, an inspector will focus primarily on the concern(s) which prompted the</i>

inspection and may take various actions to determine whether the licensee is compliant with the RHA in relation to the concern(s). Any findings of non-compliance identified in relation to these concerns are listed below.

Concern #1: CON-2869-Abuse

RHRA Inspector Findings

A report was made by the home to the RHRA regarding an allegation of resident-to-resident physical abuse. As part of the inspection in response to the allegation, the inspector interviewed potential witnesses to the incident, reviewed both residents' care files, and reviewed the Licensee's behaviour management strategy. The inspector found that the Licensee had not fully implemented monitoring for a resident who was a risk to others in the home resident as set forth in their behaviour management policy. Furthermore, a review of a resident's record who was identified as having responsive behaviours indicated that the Licensee had not developed a personalized behaviour management strategy that included techniques and strategies to prevent and address the resident's behaviours. The inspector reviewed both resident care files and found that they did not have their plans of care approved appropriately, as there was no evidence that all the plans had been approved by the resident or substitute decision maker and a registered health practitioner, as required.

The inspector also confirmed that the Licensee had reason to suspect that the incident may have constituted abuse, yet failed to report to the police, as required by their zero tolerance of abuse policy. The Licensee was not able to demonstrate that they had implemented the behavior management and zero tolerance of abuse policies fully, nor had plans of care been approved in alignment the legislation.

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

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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), (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;

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

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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. (9); Persons who approve plans of care

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62. (9) The licensee shall ensure that the following persons have approved the plan of care, including any revisions to it, and that a copy is provided to them:

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

s. 62. (9), para. 1

1. The resident or the resident's substitute decision-maker.

s. 62. (9), para. 2

2. The prescribed person if there is a person prescribed for the purpose of this paragraph.

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

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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.

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 December 2, 2024
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