

Action Plan

Service Name:	Ardgowan Hospice
Service number:	00043
Service Provider:	Ardgowan Hospice Limited
Address:	12 Nelson Street, Greenock, PA15 1TS
Date Inspection Concluded:	16 May 2023

Requirements and Recommendations	Action Planned	Timescale	Responsible Person
Requirement 1: The provider must ensure there is an active risk assessment addressing all clinical and non-clinical sinks in the inpatient unit. As the clinical sink does not comply with national guidance about sanitary fittings in healthcare premises, this should be replaced at the next refurbishment (see page 17). Timescale – immediate	 Risk Assessments of all sinks are being made and will form part of the Ward Risk Register. It is noted regarding the compliance of sinks. This will be addressed at the point of any future refurbishment. 	At Refurbishm ent	Head of Income Generation CEO
Requirement 2: The provider must ensure that a copy of the power of attorney document is filed in the patient care records (see page 20).	We have investigated this issue and realised that the delay in copies being filed on patient care records is due to our current reliance on patients being responsible for giving them to us. On the day of	The new procedure will be implemente	Acting Director of Patient & Family Services

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Timescale – immediate	inspection, two patients had been admitted very recently and hadn't yet brought in the forms. We have audited since the inspection and found them all to be there.	d in July 2023
	We have decided to review our process and not rely on the family but instead confirm the Power of Attorney by contacting the Office of the Public Guardian on the day of admission. We will also ask for a copy of the document from the family. This will ensure that we have confirmed POA status for each patient. The procedure is being reviewed and will be actioned within the next month. Checking that this procedure is followed will become part of the quarterly ward audit.	

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Recommendation a: The service should ensure relevant staff are trained in the principles of duty of candour (see page 10).	SMT decided on 22nd June that the principles of Duty of Candour e-learning module will become part of the mandatory suite for all staff.	All staff completed the module by August 23.	Acting Director of Patient & Family Services

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Recommendation b: The service should	It has become clear that our Complaints process is	Complaints	CEO
ensure staff are trained in the management	not robust to deal with complex medical complaints;	process will	
of complaints (see page 10).	therefore, we are reviewing the policy & procedure.	be revised	
		by the end	
	We will include a workshop on the culture of dealing	of August	
	with complaints at the all-staff conference in		
	September, to emphasise our positive approach to	Culture of	
	having negative feedback. This session will then be	complaints	
	included in the induction sessions all new staff attend within their first three months.	Session at the Staff	
	attend within their first timee months.	conference	
	A training session will be held for all managers on	in	
	How to deal with complaints.	September	
	Tion to dod mili complainte.	Coptombol	
		Manager's	
		training	
		session in	
		October.	
Recommendation c: The service should	SMT decided on 22nd June that the Principles of	All staff will	Acting Director of
ensure relevant staff are trained in the	Consent e-learning module will become part of the	be expected	Patient & Family
process of obtaining informed consent (see	mandatory suite for all staff.	to have	Support Services
page 10).		completed	
		the module	
		by	
		September	
		23	

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Recommendation d: The service should carry out regular staff and volunteer surveys and share the results. Staff and volunteers should then be involved in developing any resulting action plans (see page 13).	The People & Culture team will design a process of Survey and Response in order for regular staff & volunteer surveys to be undertaken.	The Programme of Surveys will commence in September	Head of People & Culture
Recommendation e: The service should review storage facilities throughout the hospice and ensure treatment and storage rooms are being used for the correct purpose (see page 18).	A decluttering process has been undertaken already. As a result, SMT has decided that a remodeling of the storage facilities is necessary and agreed to implement this.	By December	Head of Income Generation
Recommendation f: The service should develop a more formal document to record checks on expiry dates of emergency medicine and equipment (see page 18).	The Acting Director of Patient & Family Support will speak to the Pharmacist to ensure this is actioned. This is to be included in the Quarterly Ward Audit	By July	Acting Director of Patient & Family Support
Recommendation g : The service should ensure a recognised assessment tool is used when assessing patient capacity (see page 20).	The Acting Director of Patient & Family Support and lead Consultant will ensure a recognised assessment tool will be utilised when assessing patient's ability to understand information and make decisions.	By September	Acting Director of Patient & Family Support

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Recommendation h: The service should	The Head of People and Culture department within	Ongoing	Head of People &
introduce a system of routinely rechecking	Ardgowan Hospice will continue to follow and comply		Culture
the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG)	with all policy, procedure and guidance produce by		
status of staff appointed to work in the	Disclosure Scotland around the management of the		
service (see page 23).	PVG scheme to ensure we continue comply with the		
	Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020		
Recommendation i : The service should	The Head of People and Culture is currently	March	Head of People &
develop a formal training programme and	recruiting a Learning and Development officer this	2024	Culture
monitor staff compliance with the completion	process will be completed by September 2024.		
of mandatory training (see page 23).	Within the scope of the Learning and Development		
	officers role they will be responsible for the delivery		
	of formal training and monitor staff compliance.		

Name Graham Gardiner

Designation CEO

Signature

Date 26th June 2023

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- **Timescales:** some requirements can be immediate. If you identify a requirement/recommendation timescale that you feel needs to be extended, include the reason why.
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