

Report of the Inspector of Mental Health Services 2012

EXECUTIVE CATCHMENT AREA/INTEGRATED SERVICE AREA	Waterford, Wexford, South Kilkenny
HSE AREA	South
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE	Waterford, Wexford
APPROVED CENTRE	Department of Psychiatry, Waterford Regional Hospital
NUMBER OF WARDS	1
NAMES OF UNITS OR WARDS INSPECTED	Department of Psychiatry
TOTAL NUMBER OF BEDS	44
CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO REGISTRATION	No
TYPE OF INSPECTION	Re-inspection Unannounced
DATE OF INSPECTION	8 November 2012

Summary

- On re-inspection of the approved centre, the inspectors determined that all residents had an individual care plan.

OVERVIEW

In 2012, the Inspectorate inspected this Approved Centre against all of the Mental Health Act 2001 (Approved Centres) Regulations 2006.

DESCRIPTION

The Department of Psychiatry was located in Waterford Regional Hospital, on the outskirts of Waterford city. It comprised one ward divided into an acute (locked) unit and a sub-acute area. There were 35 residents in the unit on the day of inspection, nine of whom were detained. There was no child resident on the day. Since the date of the previous inspection, the acute area had been significantly re-furnished and was now a spacious, bright area with its own access to a garden.

An inspection was conducted in the unit on the 25 June 2012 when the service was found to be in breach of Article 15 of the Regulations relating to Individual Care Plans. This second unannounced inspection of 2012 was carried out to determine whether the service had improved their compliance with this particular Article.

SUMMARY OF COMPLIANCE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ACT 2001 (APPROVED CENTRES) REGULATIONS 2006

COMPLIANCE RATING	2010	2011	2012
Fully Compliant	25	26	17
Substantial Compliance	5	5	7
Minimal Compliance	1	0	3
Not Compliant	0	0	4
Not Applicable	0	0	0

PART ONE: QUALITY OF CARE AND TREATMENT SECTION 51 (1)(b)(i) MENTAL HEALTH ACT 2001

DETAILS OF WARDS IN THE APPROVED CENTRE

WARD	NUMBER OF BEDS	NUMBER OF RESIDENTS	TEAM RESPONSIBLE
Department of Psychiatry	44	35	General Adult teams

Inspection Process

The clinical files of fifteen residents in both the acute and sub-acute areas of the ward were inspected. All these residents had an individual care plan documented in their clinical file. There were three different templates for multidisciplinary individual care plans in use in the clinical files. Although all residents had an individual care plan, the quality of information contained therein and the specificity of goals and interventions documented were variable.

Conclusion

It was encouraging to see that clinicians had addressed the problem regarding care plans described in the report of the Inspectorate in June 2012. Staff reported that a committee was in the process of printing a new format of documentation including an individual care plan, which they anticipated would be more user-friendly.