

An Teach Nua Annual Report

Report as of December 2016

Required under Part 7 Section 23 (1)(d) and section 23 (2) (a)

An Teach Nua is a community home located in Wexford accommodating 6 residents. It is 1 of 2 homes that make up the Designated Centre SPBCG.

All residents are encouraged to make their own choices about all aspects of their lives. Where a resident requires support to do this, staff will support them with additional information, advice and contact with the resident's family, friends or other professionals as necessary.

An Teach Nua is a purpose built dwelling that comprises of six bedrooms with one en-suite shared between two bedrooms on the ground floor as well as a kitchen/dining, sitting room, utility room, laundry room, Jacuzzi bathroom. On the first floor is an activity room, staff sleepover room with en-suite and an office.

Review of Quality safety of care and support

Each resident continues to develop their PCP with the support of their key workers. The Keyworker and resident meet every 2 weeks. All residents had an annual PCP review meeting, which was held in Ard Aoibhinn centre.

All meetings are minuted and easily available to residents and attended by all persons identified by the resident as being important in their life.

The home has weekly residents meeting where residents actively participate, allowing for the opportunity to plan and discuss activities and topics of interest within the group.

A major focus of these meetings has been the transition to An Teach Nua from Brendan Corish Gardens which took place 19th January 2016.

Each resident had their own individualized transition plan in order to facilitate a positive, person-centered transition to their new home. Actions for before, during and after the move were identified and the move went very smoothly.

Staffing

The staffing structure in An Teach Nua is 1 Social Care Leader who leads the team, 2 Social Care workers and 2 Care Assistants. Staff work on a rostered basis and one member of staff will 'Sleep over' each night.

The company continues to support Staff to update their training and have received training in the following areas during the year,

Fire safety
Medication management
Diabetes training.
Manual Handling

All residents continue to attend their day services attending the Activation Centre (Ard Aoibhinn Services), Dun Ri (Ard Aoibhinn Services) and Windmill. Following their PCP meetings and changes in identified need some residents choose to remain at home rather attend Day service. During 2016 this was facilitated within the staffing resources available.

All residents choose to attend Able Disabled Club on a weekly basis and enjoy the extra activities. Within the club they participate in parties, fundraisers, church gate collections etc.

Overall all residents enjoy a range of social and therapeutic activities and participate in a number of activities within the community, cinema, bowling, meals out, shopping trips, library and swimming visits. All residents are encouraged to participate in family events and have attended weddings, christenings and birthdays with the support of their families and staff members.

Health & Safety

Fire Drills were carried out on a weekly basis until residents were familiar with the layout of An Teach Nua. They continue to be carried out on monthly basis and the records within the home confirm this. Risk assessments have been completed for residents who do not react promptly to alarms. Routes for evacuating the building in the event of fire/emergency and are displayed in residents bedrooms.

All General Risk Assessments carried out in An Teach Nua are located in the Health and Safety Folder. All individualised risk assessments carried out in relation to a particular resident's personal needs are located in their personal file. All risk assessments are reviewed on a regular basis.

There were **X** incidents recorded on the Health & Safety Database during 2016

Medication, finance and file audits continue to be carried out by CNM3 and Social Care Leader. There are rigorous checks on a weekly basis i.e. drug recording sheets; medication stock checks and residents finance balances checked three times weekly and full signatures by two staff members Residents finances are also audited by Ard Aoibhinn Administrative staff at least twice yearly.

Developments

Residents are looking forward to celebrating their year anniversary in An Teach Nua and plan on having a small get together to mark the occasion.

Conclusion

Residents in An Teach Nua are well cared for and express overall happiness in their new living arrangements. I would meet residents regularly and give opportunities for residents to share how they are and how things are at home. 2016 was an important year for the residents and staff of an Teach Nua with the establishment of a “new home” and I believe from talking and observing staff and residents that this has been achieved due to the dedication and hard work of the staff and also the residents

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