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Dear Registered Manager

Learning from a notification reported to The Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority

The Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA) was recently notified of an incident where an agency nurse supplied to a nursing home undertook a nursing intervention involving a resident in the adjoining residential care home.

You may be aware that over the last year, a number of units which previously provided residential care in nursing homes have registered as residential care homes. These are now separately registered entities although they may share some of the facilities and indeed the registered manager may be the same person for both registered services.

I would request that you ensure that all agency nurses supplied to work in these nursing homes are made aware that the residential care home is completely separate. They should not be providing care to the residents or giving advice to the care staff in a residential care home. Any nursing care required by residents in a residential care home is the responsibility of the community nursing team.

It is acknowledged that there could be exceptional circumstances e.g. in a life threatening situation, where nurses would provide care, within their capabilities and professional responsibilities in these residential homes.

Yours sincerely



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