**Centre name:** A designated centre for people with disabilities operated by Nua Healthcare Services  
**Centre ID:** OSV-0005236  
**Centre county:** Kildare  
**Type of centre:** Health Act 2004 Section 39 Assistance  
**Registered provider:** Nua Healthcare Services  
**Provider Nominee:** Noel Dunne  
**Lead inspector:** Conor Dennehy  
**Support inspector(s):**  
**Type of inspection** Announced  
**Number of residents on the date of inspection:** 0  
**Number of vacancies on the date of inspection:** 4
About monitoring of compliance

The purpose of regulation in relation to designated centres is to safeguard vulnerable people of any age who are receiving residential care services. Regulation provides assurance to the public that people living in a designated centre are receiving a service that meets the requirements of quality standards which are underpinned by regulations. This process also seeks to ensure that the health, wellbeing and quality of life of people in residential care is promoted and protected. Regulation also has an important role in driving continuous improvement so that residents have better, safer lives.

The Health Information and Quality Authority has, among its functions under law, responsibility to regulate the quality of service provided in designated centres for children, dependent people and people with disabilities.

Regulation has two aspects:
▪ Registration: under Section 46(1) of the Health Act 2007 any person carrying on the business of a designated centre can only do so if the centre is registered under this Act and the person is its registered provider.
▪ Monitoring of compliance: the purpose of monitoring is to gather evidence on which to make judgments about the ongoing fitness of the registered provider and the provider’s compliance with the requirements and conditions of his/her registration.

Monitoring inspections take place to assess continuing compliance with the regulations and standards. They can be announced or unannounced, at any time of day or night, and take place:
▪ to monitor compliance with regulations and standards
▪ following a change in circumstances; for example, following a notification to the Health Information and Quality Authority’s Regulation Directorate that a provider has appointed a new person in charge
▪ arising from a number of events including information affecting the safety or well-being of residents

The findings of all monitoring inspections are set out under a maximum of 18 outcome statements. The outcomes inspected against are dependent on the purpose of the inspection. Where a monitoring inspection is to inform a decision to register or to renew the registration of a designated centre, all 18 outcomes are inspected.
Compliance with the Health Act 2007 (Care and Support of Residents in Designated Centres for Persons (Children and Adults) with Disabilities) Regulations 2013, Health Act 2007 (Registration of Designated Centres for Persons (Children and Adults with Disabilities) Regulations 2013 and the National Standards for Residential Services for Children and Adults with Disabilities.

This inspection report sets out the findings of a monitoring inspection, the purpose of which was to inform a registration decision. This monitoring inspection was announced and took place over 1 day(s).

The inspection took place over the following dates and times
From: 27 May 2015 11:00
To: 27 May 2015 12:30

The table below sets out the outcomes that were inspected against on this inspection.

| Outcome 06: Safe and suitable premises |

Summary of findings from this inspection
This service had been subject of a full 18 Outcome Inspection in April 2015 as part of registration under the Health Act 2007. A high level of compliance was found with the Heath Act 2007 (Care and Support of Residents in Designated Centres for Persons (Children and Adults) with Disabilities) Regulations 2013.

Following this registration inspection, the Authority was informed that because of a change in circumstances, it was necessary to find new premises for the residents. The purpose of this single issue inspection, was to inspect the proposed new premises which the provider intends to move existing residents to.

As part of this inspection the inspector met with the Person in Charge, Regional Manager and the Provider's Director of Operations at the new premises. The proposed transition plan for residents was discussed and the premises was inspected. It is planned that the current Person in Charge and staff will move to the new premises along with the four residents.

Overall the inspector was satisfied that the premises would be suitable to meet the needs of service users. This is discussed in greater detail in the body of the report.
Section 41(1)(c) of the Health Act 2007. Compliance with the Health Act 2007 (Care and Support of Residents in Designated Centres for Persons (Children And Adults) With Disabilities) Regulations 2013, Health Act 2007 (Registration of Designated Centres for Persons (Children and Adults with Disabilities) Regulations 2013 and the National Standards for Residential Services for Children and Adults with Disabilities.

Outcome 06: Safe and suitable premises
The location, design and layout of the centre is suitable for its stated purpose and meets residents individual and collective needs in a comfortable and homely way. There is appropriate equipment for use by residents or staff which is maintained in good working order.

Theme:
Effective Services

Outstanding requirement(s) from previous inspection(s):
This was the centre’s first inspection by the Authority.

Findings:
The service's proposed new premises are located in a quiet rural area. It is approximately 30 minutes drive from the existing premises but is closer to the families of residents and to some of the social activities they are involved in.

The new premises are accessed by secure electronic gates and CCTV is in operation on the exterior of the property. There is sufficient space to park cars and there is ample garden space particularly at the front of the house. The Person in Charge indicated that having outdoor facilities was very important to residents.

The house itself is very spacious, well maintained with good storage and toilet facilities. There are two lounge areas suitable for relaxing or receiving visitors in private. There is a large kitchen/dining area and a utility room with laundry facilities. The bedrooms in the house are of a suitable size with adequate storage facilities for the personal use of residents. Two rooms had been set aside for a staff office and staff sleepover facilities.

As the residents had not moved from their existing location at the time of inspection, the new premises had yet to be decorated in accordance with residents' preference. However as part of the transition between locations it was outlined how residents' furniture and personal belongings would be moved also. Play equipment for the garden area such as a swing and a trampoline would also be relocated.

Judgment:
Compliant
Closing the Visit

At the close of the inspection a feedback meeting was held to report on the inspection findings.

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