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Subject: Query in relation to HIQA Standards - Specifications for a shared accommodation in residential settings for older persons

Dear Susan

We have a query in relation to specific bedroom sizes for a shared accommodation in a residential setting for older persons for new builds and extensions. In the 2009 National Standards it mentions as follows :

Bedrooms

25.39 *The existing residential care setting provides a minimum of 9.3 m² usable floor space (excluding en-suite facilities) in **all single rooms**. Where the residential care setting provides less than 9.3 m² usable floor space, it must be provided within six years* of the implementation of these Standards.*

25.40 *Existing bedrooms which are **currently shared have at least 7.4 m² per resident**. Within six years* of implementation of these Standards, there are no more than two residents per room except in a high dependency room where up to six highly dependent residents, in need of 24-hour high support nursing care, or who are in transition from hospital to nursing home care, can be accommodated together.*

In the 2016 National Standards for residential care settings for older people it mentions for all new builds and extensions, all single bedrooms must have a minimum of 12.5 square metres however it does not make any reference to shared accommodation. The 2016 National Standards replaced and revoked the 2009 Standards.

*2.7.11 In all new builds and extensions, **all single bedrooms** have a minimum of: 12.5 square metres usable floor-space (excluding en-suite facilities)*

In the S.I. 293 of 2016 amendment to the regulations 2016 it states:

On and from 1st January 2022 a bedroom in a designated centre which was carrying on the business of a designated centre on or before 1st July 2009 or a part of a designated centre where

such business was carried on before that date shall have an area of not less than 7.4m² of floor space, which area shall include the space occupied by a bed.

This does not refer to new builds or extensions.

Our question is what is the current specifications in terms of room size for a shared accommodation for a new build or extension and where is this referred to

Kind Regards



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