

Regulatory notice from the Chief Inspector of Social Services in relation to NF39 quarterly notifications

Communique no 7

Thursday, 8 April 2020: This regulatory notice relates to your regulatory obligation to submit NF39 quarterly notifications to the Chief Inspector. I recognise that providers and staff are working extremely hard in response to the evolving COVID-19 situation. In an effort to reduce the regulatory burden of NF39, I have taken the decision to reduce the NF39 notifications due at the end of April 2020.

Changes to the requirement to quarterly notifications (NF39)

Following a review of the statutory quarterly notification requirements I have determined, that the notifications highlighted in yellow in the table below, are the minimum required at the end of April 2020.

Inspectors will continue to review and risk rate the information contained in these notifications and follow-up with providers and persons in charge as required.

Notification name NF39	Notification type	Applies to			Recommendation
A	Any occasion where a restraint is used	DCD	DCOP	SCU	Required
B	Any occasion of fire alarm activation	DCD	DCOP	SCU	Only required if evacuation of the area or centre occurred
C	Any recurring pattern of theft or burglary	DCD	DCOP		Not required
C	Any loss of power heating or water			SCU	Not required
D	Any injury to a resident that did not require notification within 3 days	DCD		SCU	Required to report actual physical injury that caused harm to the resident
D	Any death other than those notified under NF01		DCOP		Required
E	Any death other than those notified under NF01	DCD			Required
E	Any pressure ulcer (category 11 or high) sustained by a resident		DCOP		Required
NF40	Nil return	DCD	DCOP		Not required

Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact your case holding inspector or e-mail notify@hiqa.ie.

We will continue to provide updates to registered providers and the public will be issued as required.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Dunnion". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Dunnion

Chief Inspector of Social Services