

Respect Eliza Purton Home

Work Health & Safety Issues – Update #1

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF), following contact from members, have formally raised with Eliza Purton Home (EPH) management various work health and safety concerns that could pose a risk to either the residents or our members. The ANMF attended an onsite meeting with management on 15 June 2020.

The information below in italics is your employer's response to your concerns:

- **Some small ensuites in both Acacia Avenue and Baronía Avenue have inward swinging doors.** *Management will review the door openings however the design of the room does not allow for sliding doors.*
- **The television in some rooms in Baronía Avenue protrude over the ensuite bathroom doorway when positioned for viewing.** *All TV's are bracket mounted & can be positioned not to protrude – should this continue to be an issue management will look at limiting the size of the TV.*
- **Overhead hoists** – *Management will provide directions to staff regarding the use of the overhead hoists, should they not be appropriate to use then a manual hoist is available.*
- **Limited space in residents' rooms to put landline phones** – *Landline phones will be reviewed and an appropriate mount or small table will be provided where necessary, please identify to management any rooms where this is a concern.*
- **Heaters appear to have different regulating temperatures** – *The contractor concerned will be consulted.*
- **Striker plates for door closures protrude** – *To date no injuries to staff, residents or clothing have been reported. Alternative striker plates will be explored and striker plates may be changed in areas of greater risk.*

The ANMF are advised that there is an active Work Health and Safety (WH&S) committee at EPH which meets quarterly. Current WH&S issues can be raised and are considered at all management meetings. The process for raising a potential safety issue is to complete a hazard report. Members are encouraged to complete a hazard report each and every time a hazard is identified, as this will allow for timely intervention.

The ANMF are the union who fight for your rights at work, join the strongest union in the country caring for the entire care team by going to www.anmftas.org.au or calling 1800 001 241.

The ANMF will continue to advocate for members during this difficult time, with further updates and advice provided as they come to hand. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact our Member Support Team via membersupport@anmftas.org.au or for urgent matters phone 1800 001 241.

Please note: Due to the current COVID-19 situation, our Member Support Team are now practicing social isolation measures and working from home. Bearing this in mind, email is the preferred and fastest way of contacting them.

Authorised by Emily Shepherd, Branch Secretary

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