



15 September 2017

Dear Mr Naish

St Louis Nursing Home RACS ID: 6817 – Intention to extend accreditation period

I am writing to advise you that St Louis Nursing Home is eligible for administrative review by the Quality Agency to extend the current period of accreditation. This is a measure being implemented by the Quality Agency to achieve a more level distribution of the timing of accreditation site audits over a three year period.

The Quality Agency is seeking to redistribute the dates for site audits for a number of eligible services to reduce the peak in re-accreditation site audits. The peak is a legacy of the introduction of the accreditation system in 2000. As a consequence 71% of accreditation due dates fall within a 12 month period every three years. The Quality Agency considers that the redistribution program will benefit the entire sector. It will shift from a volume driven system to a system that better focuses on sector risk through compliance monitoring and sector support.

We have identified services that have demonstrated consistent and sustained compliance with the Accreditation Standards to participate in the redistribution. These services will be offered an extension to their current period of accreditation of between four and 12 months. This variation to the accreditation period is enabled by section 2.69 of the *Quality Agency Principles 2013* which gives the CEO of the Quality Agency the authority to reconsider a decision, including decisions in relation to the period of accreditation. In accordance with section 2.69(2), I am advising you that the CEO intends to reconsider this decision regarding the period of your accreditation.

Your service, **St Louis Nursing Home**, has been identified as eligible for an extension to the accreditation period due to consistent history of compliance with the Accreditation Standards. There will be no additional cost to you.

If we do not receive advice from you that you do not wish to participate by 3 October 2017 we will assume that you agree to have your accreditation period reconsidered and extended.

If you do participate, **St Louis Nursing Home** will have a new accreditation expiry date of 10 March 2019. Your reaccreditation site audit will be scheduled for December 2018. We will advise you in writing of the reconsideration decision under section 2.69(4).

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding the redistribution program.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catherine Rosenbrock'.

Catherine Rosenbrock
State Director