

Police and HSE investigate four deaths at Pentland Hill nursing home



Police Scotland and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) are carrying out a joint initial investigation into four deaths at the Pentland Hill nursing home in Gylemuir Road Edinburgh.

In addition, the Care Inspectorate are also looking at four separate complaints about quality of care which are unrelated to the police enquiry.

Following the death of a 67 year old resident in July, a report by the Care Inspectorate led to the suspension of new admissions to the home after “serious concerns” were raised about the quality of care and the management there.

Three complaints from families of residents in the past year have been upheld and no new admissions will take place until the inspectorate is satisfied that the quality of care has improved.

A police spokesman said: “Police Scotland and HSE are carrying out a joint initial investigation in relation to four deaths. In addition the Care Inspectorate is also investigating four complaints that are not related to the Police Scotland/HSE inquiries.”

A spokesman for the inspectorate said: “Every person is entitled to high-quality care which reflects their needs and promotes their rights. We are continuing to support this care home to make the urgent changes we set out in our improvement notice. We are now assessing the extent to which these requirements have been met.

“At all times, the health, safety and well-being of the residents is our top priority, and we continue to work closely with other agencies.”

Vivienne Birch, director of partnerships at Bupa Care Services, said: “We always report any issues, however rare, to the police and relevant authorities and, as in these cases, we actively support their investigations.

“The home had reported all injuries and admissions to hospital to the Care Inspectorate and social services.”