

Respite Information Leaflet

- Our admission time is between 11.00am and 12midday.
- Our discharge time is between 10.00am and 11.00am.

To enable us legally dispense your medications (drugs):

- **You must provide St Luke's Home with an original current prescription signed by your doctor.**
- **Bring with you a sufficient supply of the medications you are on, to cover the duration of your stay.**
- **Your medications must be packed in their original boxes or containers.**
- **Clients will not be accepted for admission to respite unless they have an original prescription or original doctors letter containing a list of all the medications, plus enough medications for the duration of your stay.**

Please bring with you:

- A supply of Incontinence Pads, if you use them
- A supply of current Dressings if required
- Any appliances you use at home, for example, walking aids.
- Please label all clothes you are bringing into the Home with your name.

Note that in line with current legislation, Smoking is restricted. In consideration of other residents and staff, we appeal to all smokers to reduce the number of cigarettes they smoke.

Failure to comply with these requirements may unfortunately result in your respite being cancelled.

If you have any pre planned hospital appointments or other engagements during your respite stay, please arrange for a member of your family/carer to accompany you, that is, if you are unable to travel alone. If you require the Home to arrange transport by taxi for such appointments, this will be charged to you at cost.

During your stay with us the following chargeable services are available:

- Chiropody
- Hairdressing
- Daily newspapers
- Outings

Details of the charges for these services are available from your Staff nurse or Residents Advocate. On admission, please initially register at reception and then settle up with reception for any amounts due at the time of discharge.

We would strongly recommend that apart from a small amount of pocket-money, no valuables or cash be brought into the Home. If it is necessary to do so, please advise the Staff Nurse on admission, so that these can be taken for safekeeping.

We will do everything we can to make your stay with us here in St Luke's Home as comfortable and enjoyable as possible.

We would ask if you have had Vomiting or Diarrhoea or Swine Flu or been in contact with anyone with these symptoms within the past 48hours prior to admission that you contact us.

Is there a charge for respite?

The first 30 days respite in any 12 month period is provided free of charge in public HSE respite beds. Under the Health Amendment Act 2005 a charge of €175 per week will be levied thereafter and must be paid on admission to the unit.