

Torcare Limited

# Old Vicarage Care Home

## Inspection report

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## Ratings

Overall rating for this service

Inspected but not rated

Is the service safe?

**Inspected but not rated**

# Summary of findings

## Overall summary

The Old Vicarage Care Home is a care home registered to personal care. At the time of our visit there were 12 people living in the home. The home provides accommodation over three floors, there is a lift available and some bedrooms have en-suite facilities. Communal facilities include an accessible garden.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The staff were following up to date infection prevention and control guidance to help people to stay safe. The providers organisation kept staff up to date through on-line training and the registered manager spoke to staff to update them. The registered manager and deputy manager ensured staff understood why every measure was in place.

The registered manager worked with the housekeeping team and care staff team to ensure infection prevention and control measures were followed.

The providers training department provided training to ensure staff knew how to keep people safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. The registered manager ensured staff had access to additional support, included contact by phone and one-to-one meetings, with any emotional support needed in response to the pandemic.

Staff supported people to occupy themselves whilst maintaining their safety. Staff were providing additional one to one activities to people in their rooms and visited them frequently. People who preferred to spend their time in communal areas were supported to this whilst maintaining physical distancing.

Staff helped people to stay in touch with family and friends through phone and video calls. Visitors could also book appointments to visit people in a safe way.

The registered manager was communicating with people, staff and family members regularly to make sure everyone had an understanding of precautions being taken, and how to keep people safe.

## The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

### **Is the service safe?**

We were assured the service were following safe infection prevention and control procedures to keep people safe.

**Inspected but not rated**

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## **Detailed findings**

### Background to this inspection

We carried out this inspection under Section 60 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 as part of our regulatory functions. This inspection was planned to check whether the provider is meeting the legal requirements and regulations associated with the Health and Social Care Act 2008.

This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place. As part of CQC's response to the coronavirus pandemic we are conducting a thematic review of infection control and prevention measures in care homes.

This inspection took place on 12 August 2020 and was announced. The service was selected to take part in this thematic review which is seeking to identify examples of good practice in infection prevention and control.

# Is the service safe?

## Our findings

S5□ How well are people protected by the prevention and control of infection?

- We were assured that the provider was preventing visitors from catching and spreading infections.
- We were assured that the provider was meeting shielding and social distancing rules.
- We were assured that the provider was admitting people safely to the service.
- We were assured that the provider was using PPE effectively and safely.
- We were assured that the provider was accessing testing for people using the service and staff.
- We were assured that the provider was promoting safety through the layout and hygiene practices of the premises.
- We were assured that the provider was making sure infection outbreaks can be effectively prevented or managed.
- We were assured that the provider's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.