

Royal Variety Charity

Brinsworth House

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

Brinsworth House is a residential care home providing personal and nursing care to up to 38 older people, some of whom may be living with dementia. There were 27 people living at the home when we inspected.

We found the following examples of good practice:

- Even prior to the local area entering high alert level restrictions, no visitors were being admitted to the home with window visits facilitated instead.
- Where people were in isolation, barrier nursing procedures were effectively implemented. Staff cared for people, who were isolating, in a safe way and limited the risk of the spread of infection.
- People were required to isolate in their rooms for five days following routine hospital appointments. Where people attended hospital in an emergency, they were required to isolate for 14 days on returning to the home.
- The home was engaged in the 'whole home' testing programme. People living in the home were tested for coronavirus on a monthly basis and staff were tested weekly. Antibody testing for staff had also commenced at the time of our inspection.
- The service had appropriate infection control policies and procedures in place. The provider/registered manager had kept up to date with government guidance and communicated changes to staff promptly.
- People benefitted from a long standing and stable staff team. Staff were well-supported and there was a strong focus on wellbeing and on sharing relevant and up to date information in a timely manner.

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 was following safe infection prevention and control procedures to keep people safe.

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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 15 October 2020 and was announced. The service was invited to take part in this thematic review which is seeking to identify examples of good practice in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC).

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 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.