

Atlas Care Homes Limited

Aspen Court

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

Aspen Court is a residential care home providing personal and nursing care for up to 63 people aged 65 and over. The service is arranged over three floors. At the time of the inspection there were 44 people using the service. The provider had twelve bedrooms on the top floor which they intended to use as designated beds to accommodate people discharged from hospital.

- The provider and the registered manager had put robust plans in place which ensured people admitted to the service with COVID19 were able to be cared for.
- The registered manager had used national good practice guidance to prepare the environment. They had consulted with other health care professionals in the area to make them aware and seek their support for people being admitted to the home.
- Arrangements had been put in place for the separate designated area of the home to have its own colour coordinated bedding, towels, crockery and cutlery and waste disposal systems.
- There were areas of home set aside for staff to change their PPE. Staff had been trained in how to do this. Guidance and support were also available for essential visitors.
- Suitable arrangements were in place to support relatives visiting people who needed end of life care.
- We were assured that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines as a designated care setting.

The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

Is the service safe?

No ratings were awarded following this inspection. This was a thematic review seeking to identify examples of good practice in infection prevention and control.

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Detailed findings

Background to this inspection

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 review of infection control and prevention measures in care homes.

The service had been identified for use by the Local Authority as a designated care setting in response to the Winter Plan for people discharged from hospital with a positive Covid-19 status. This inspection was to ensure that the service was compliant with infection control and prevention measures.

This inspection took place on 22 October 2020 and was announced.

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.