

Meridian Healthcare Limited

Augustus Court

Inspection report

Church Gardens
Church Lane, Garforth
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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

Augustus court is a residential care home registered to provide personal care to 58 older people, including those living with dementia. There were 39 people living in the home when we inspected.

We were mostly assured that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines.

The home was clean and there was enough space for residents and staff to socially distance.

We observed donning and doffing stations within corridors however, the provider did not have pedal bins in people's rooms for staff to dispose of personal protective equipment (PPE). The registered manager confirmed these had been ordered prior to our inspection in November 2020. Following our inspection, the registered manager confirmed the pedal bins had been delivered.

Risks of visiting professionals spreading infection were reduced. At the time of our inspection there had been an outbreak and therefore the home was closed to visitors for 28 days. Any health professionals visiting the home had their temperature taken and were asked about their health before entering the service.

To prevent isolation and support people's mental wellbeing staff supported people to keep in touch with family and friends through video and phone calls and provided designated times for staff to spend with people to complete activities or have one to one time with staff.

Cleaning schedules had been increased and the home was cleaned regularly using products appropriate to minimise COVID-19.

Staff were trained on how to keep people safe from the risk of infection and used PPE correctly. Through observation and discussions with staff, it was clear staff understood how to don and doff (a sequence for putting on and removing PPE) their equipment. People living in the home said they were being well cared for.

The provider had appropriate arrangements to test staff and residents for COVID-19 and was following government guidance on testing.

Further information is in the detailed findings below.

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 somewhat assured that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines.

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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.

As part of CQC's response to care homes with outbreaks of coronavirus, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the Infection Prevention and Control practice was safe and the service was compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 2 December 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 somewhat 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.