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# Cornmill Nursing and Residential 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

Cornmill Nursing and Residential Care Home is registered to provide accommodation, personal care and nursing care for a maximum of 52 people. At the time of the inspection, 51 people were living in the home. The home is located close to the centre of Garstang.

We found the following examples of good practice:

The provider and registered manager had established robust infection prevention and control procedures which were understood and adhered to by the staff. All staff had completed training on the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and participated in the weekly testing programme. On the day of our visit, the staff were well organised and were wearing appropriate PPE. The home had plentiful supplies of the items required.

The home was hygienic and had a good standard of cleanliness in all areas seen. Additional housekeeping staff had been employed and the frequency of cleaning had been increased. Specialist cleaning equipment had been purchased to sanitise surfaces and rooms.

Although visiting was subject to government restrictions, the provider had found creative ways to enable people to maintain contact with their relatives. This included the employment of additional staff to help people make telephone calls and to see their relatives through the window. A warm and safe area was being developed to allow for visiting undercover. There were strict procedures in place for essential visitors, which included a temperature check.

The atmosphere in the home was warm, comfortable and calm. People were occupied with craft activities, spending time talking to others or watching television in their room. One person told us they were happy living in the home and the staff were kind and caring.

The provider's infection prevention and control policies and procedures were up to date and an annual audit had been carried out. The provider had also developed a Covid-19 Response Plan and business contingency plan.

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 assured the provider was 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 the Care Quality Commission'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 21 October 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