

Hallamshire Care Home Limited

Hallamshire Residential 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

Hallamshire Residential Home is a care home that provides accommodation and personal care for older people, some of whom are living with dementia. The home can accommodate up to 32 people in one adapted building. At the time of this inspection there were 23 people using the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The premises were very clean. Staff followed cleaning schedules to ensure all areas of the home were regularly cleaned. Enhanced cleaning was completed of frequently touched surfaces. Suitable cleaning products were used to control the spread of infection.

Staff had received training about how to keep people safe from the risk of infection and how to use personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly. The provider ensured there was enough PPE available for staff at all times. We observed staff wearing appropriate PPE.

Tests for COVID-19 were being carried out in line with government guidance, by both staff and people living in the home.

Appropriate checks were completed before people moved into the home, to reduce the risk of infection being introduced to other people living in the home. The service obtained evidence that any person being admitted to the service had recently tested negative for COVID-19, prior to their arrival.

The home was in the process of fully reopening to visitors following the conclusion of the COVID-19 outbreak at the service. The provider had reopened their screened visiting space which could be accessed by visitors without entering the main building of the home. We signposted the provider to the updated government guidance in respect of visits to care homes, to support them to review their visiting arrangements.

The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

Is the service safe?

Further information is in the detailed findings below.

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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 COVID-19, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) practice is safe and the service is compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 3 November 2021 and was announced.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

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

- We were assured the provider was preventing visitors from catching and spreading infections.
- We were assured the provider was meeting shielding and social distancing rules.
- We were assured the provider was admitting people safely to the service.
- We were assured the provider was using PPE effectively and safely.
- We were assured the provider was accessing testing for people using the service and staff.
- We were assured the provider was promoting safety through the layout and hygiene practices of the premises.
- We were assured the provider was making sure infection outbreaks can be effectively prevented or managed.
- We were assured the provider's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.
- We were assured the provider was facilitating visits for people living in the home in accordance with the current guidance. Visits had been stopped during the COVID-19 outbreak and the service was in the process of recommencing visits at the time of this inspection. The provider had reopened their screened visiting space which could be accessed by visitors without entering the main building of the home. We signposted the provider to the updated government guidance in respect of visits to care homes, to support them to develop their approach.