

Ideal Carehomes (Number One) Limited

Hambleton Grange

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

Hambleton Grange is a care home providing accommodation for nursing and residential care for up to 50 people, some of whom are living with dementia. At the time of this inspection there were 41 people living at the home. People had access to a range of communal areas. The home is built over three floors.

We found the following examples of good practice.

All essential visitors had to wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). In addition, complete NHS Track and Trace information, provide evidence of a negative test and have their temperature checked prior to entering the home.

Staff supported people's social and emotional wellbeing. The service had used different methods including information technology to assist communication. Staff supported people to use other technology such as making video calls.

People who wanted to, were supported to form small bubble groups within the home to continue with in house social activities and friendships. People could access the grounds and outdoor spaces safely.

People were supported to receive safe visits from their friends and relatives using a separate screened visiting area.

The home had ample supplies of appropriate PPE which was stored hygienically and kept safe. Staff were provided with separate areas to put on and take off and dispose PPE safely.

The registered manager had quality systems in place to check the service was providing safe care. There was a robust communication system on place to ensure staff received consistent updates in relation to infection control policy and practice.

Social distancing practices were in use at the home where people used communal areas such as dining rooms and lounge areas, they were able to share these spaces safely. Group activity sizes were reduced to accommodate social distancing also.

Additional cleaning of all areas and frequent touch surfaces was in place and being carried out and recorded by housekeeping staff. Additional deep cleaning was also carried out where required.

Staff completed online training in infection prevention and control. This included putting on and taking off PPE, hand hygiene and other Covid-19 related training. All staff were all championing infection prevention and control responsibilities in the home with domestic staff taking the lead with additional training.

Additional competency checks with all staff regarding safe use of PPE were carried out by the registered

manager.

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 the coronavirus pandemic we are looking at the preparedness of care homes in relation to infection prevention and control. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place.

We looked at infection prevention and control measures under the Safe key question. We look at this in all care home inspections even if no concerns or risks have been identified. This is to provide assurance that the service can respond to coronavirus and other infection outbreaks effectively.

This inspection took place on 3 February 2021 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.