

North Yorkshire County Council

Larpool Lane

Inspection report

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Ratings

Overall rating for this service

Good ●

Is the service safe?

Inspected but not rated

Summary of findings

Overall summary

We found the following examples of good practice.

- Adaptations had been made to the service to ensure the risk of spreading infections was reduced. A separate laundry and kitchen area had been developed in the dedicated Covid-19 unit to avoid disruption to others areas of the service and people.
- The registered manager had an auditing system in place to ensure they had a plentiful supply of personal protective equipment.
- Thorough processes were in place to ensure any visitors to the service were appropriate risk assessed and managed. Visits were arranged at times that suited people and were spaced out to avoid potential infection transmission with other visitors.
- The registered manager had completed training to ensure they had the appropriate skills and knowledge in order to take swabs effectively. A regular testing program was in place.

We were assured that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines as a designated care setting.

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 service were following safe infection prevention and control procedures to keep people safe.

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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 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.