

Halton Borough Council

Madeline McKenna Court

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

Madeline McKenna Court is a care home located in Widnes. It is registered to provide accommodation and residential care to up to 23 people aged 65 and over in one adapted building. At the time of this inspection there were 17 people living at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice:

- Staff were wearing and disposing of used personal protective equipment (PPE) safely and in line with the relevant national guidance.
- Social distancing was promoted by the careful placement of furniture in communal areas.
- The home had a robust testing programme in place to frequently test staff and people living at the home.
- Staff at the home ensured any staff and people living at the home were appropriately supported to self-isolate when necessary.
- The home was clean and hygienic. There were cleaning schedules in place ensuring frequent cleaning took place throughout the day and staff were clear on their responsibilities regarding cleaning.
- Staff at the home had sought and responded to further advice and guidance on effective infection prevention and control practice from relevant professionals, such as the local infection prevention and control team.

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?

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 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 8 February 2021 and was unannounced.

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 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.

We have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.