

Larchwood Care Homes (South) Limited

Mundy House

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

Mundy House is a care home and it is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to 66 older people, some of whom may be living with dementia and/or a physical disability and/or a sensory impairment. Although the service is registered to care for 66 people, the registered manager has reduced the number of rooms in use due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were 48 people living in the service during our inspection visit.

We found the following examples of good practice:

All visitors were screened for symptoms of acute respiratory infection before being allowed to enter the home.

There were prominent signage and instructions to explain what people should do to ensure safety. Information was easily accessible on arrival or before visits to ensure visitors follow government guidance, procedures or protocols to ensure compliance with infection prevention and control.

Risk assessments had been carried out on people using services and staff belonging to higher risk groups in relation to COVID-19 and actions had been taken to reduce the risks.

Cleaning schedules were monitored by management regularly to ensure all tasks were completed in accordance with the home's policy and procedure.

The home operated 'consistent assignment' practices which meant that the same staff generally worked with the same group of residents. This way of working not only contributed to minimising the spread of infection, but also enabled relationships to be built.

Regular infection prevention and control audits were carried out and actions addressed in a timely manner. The communal rooms had been re-configured to enable social distancing. For example, in the lounge area, a lot of the chairs had been removed and the ones that remained were placed a safe distance apart.

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 COVID-19 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.

This inspection took place on 11 March 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.