

St Mary's Care Home Limited

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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

St Mary's Nursing Home is a care home which provides accommodation and support in one adapted building for people in the London Borough of Bexley. The home is registered to provide support to up to 20 people. There were nine people living at the home at the time of our inspection.

We found the following examples of good practice:

The home had procedures in place to protect residents from the risk of infection from any visitors. These included screening and testing for COVID-19 and providing visitors with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to use whilst at the home.

Staff were aware of the signs to look for which may indicate a person had COVID-19 and were aware to follow national guidelines if they identified anyone with symptoms. People were safely admitted to the home, in line with current national requirements relating to care home admissions during the pandemic.

The home was regularly cleaned by staff and the registered manager had purchased additional cleaning apparatus to help maintain a hygienic environment. The living space was used in ways which promoted social distancing and minimised the risk of the spread of infection.

People and staff were regularly tested for COVID-19. Staff had completed training in donning and doffing PPE and infection. They demonstrated a good understanding of the principles of this training during our inspection.

The registered manager carried out regular infection control audits and was aware of the action to take in the event of a potential COVID-19 outbreak. The home had up to date infection control policies and procedures which reflected current national guidelines.

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.

We received information of concern about infection control and prevention measures at this service. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 16 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.

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