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The Garth Care Home with Nursing

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

The Garth Care Home with Nursing is a residential care home registered to provide personal and nursing care for up to 34 people aged 65 and over.

At the time of this inspection, we did not look at the whole service, we solely inspected the areas that had been identified for the designated setting. This was a further inspection to the service for five beds to accommodate people being discharged from hospital with COVID-19. There were no people residing in the designated area at the time of inspection.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- Processes were in place for people to be self-isolated in line with current guidance. People would be supported by a cohort of staff who worked solely on the self-contained unit.
- People who had tested positive for Covid-19 would access the home through a separate entrance.
- Where equipment was required to move through a communal area, such as a corridor, clear procedures were in place to ensure the area was deep cleaned on a regular basis to mitigate the risk of cross infection.
- People would be supported to communicate with their relatives through telephone and video calls on a flexible basis and there were processes in place to accommodate visits in specific circumstances.
- People would be supported by staff required to wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in line with current guidance and are fully trained in infection prevention and control.
- Infection prevention and control audit checks are in place and any actions will be addressed in a timely manner.

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

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.

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 24 December 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.