

HC-One Beamish Limited

St Peter's 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

St Peter's Court is a residential care home providing personal care and accommodation for up to 67 people. Care is delivered over two floors of a purpose built building. At the time of the inspection 49 people were using the service, some of whom were living with dementia.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Visitors were required to complete a health questionnaire before visiting the home. Temperature checks were completed on arrival and PPE (personal protective equipment) was available for all visitors. Lateral flow testing was also done prior to visits taking place. There was a designated room for this with its own separate entrance so testing could be done before visitors entered the main building.

At the time of the inspection the home was allowing essential visits only, for example a relative of a person receiving end of life care. Alternatives such as video calls were arranged for families who could not visit.

Each area of the home had a separate entrance for staff working on that area to use. This was to minimise traffic through the home. There were rooms on each area for staff to change into their uniform before the start of their shift.

There was a plentiful supply of PPE and a number of PPE stations around the home so staff could change their PPE prior to entering individual rooms. Clinical waste bins were in place for the safe disposal of used PPE. Staff had received training in the appropriate use of PPE and infection prevention and control training.

The home was very clean and tidy. Enhanced cleaning schedules were in place. These included regular cleaning of touch areas such as handrails and door handles to reduce the risk of cross infection. Suitable arrangements were also in place to manage contaminated laundry.

The home was spacious and furniture in communal areas had been arranged to maximise social distancing.

There was a detailed infection prevention and control policy in place and regular checks were completed.

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 21 January 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.