

# Care UK Community Partnerships Ltd

# St Vincents 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

St Vincent's House is a care home which provides personal care and nursing care to up to 91 older people and people living with dementia. At the time of our inspection there were 50 people using the service

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider had enhanced measures to reduce the risk of infection entering the service. This included using thermal imaging systems to check people for high temperatures before they entered the building and lateral flow testing for visitors. Lateral flow testing is a fast test to detect when people may be carrying the virus which causes COVID-19. Fogging machines were used to disinfect communal areas in addition to enhanced cleaning.

There were facilities to permit safe visiting when restrictions on visitors are lifted. This included a visiting room with a glass partition and sound relaying systems, which is accessed through a separate entrance.

There were separate break facilities for staff members on each floor to reduce the risk of mixing between different staff groups.

Staff were encouraged to be vaccinated against Covid-19. Staff had had the opportunity to raise any questions they may have about the vaccine with a local GP.

## The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

### **Is the service safe?**

Details are in our safe 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 coronavirus 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.

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 2 February 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.