

Smartblade Limited

The Grove Residential Home

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 Grove Residential Home is a residential care home which is registered to provide accommodation and personal care for up to 44 older people. At the time of the inspection 43 people were living at the home. People living at the home had a variety of care and support needs, such as Parkinson disease, stroke and diabetes. The service is provided from an adapted home across two floors.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The service supported people to maintain safe contact with friends and family. People were supported to use the telephone and internet, and visits were facilitated using the garden, windows and visiting booth with a protective screen.

Plans were in place to isolate people with COVID-19 to minimise transmission. The service had good supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) that were readily available at stations throughout the service. The home had been zoned with staff cohorted in different zones to minimise the risk of infection transmission.

The service had measures in place to prevent visitors from catching and spreading infections. On arrival to the service visitors were asked screening questions; temperature checks were performed; facilities were provided to wash hands and lateral flow tests were carried out to check the COVID status of visitors.

Staff had received training on how to keep people safe during the COVID-19 pandemic and staff and residents were regularly tested for COVID-19. The building was clean and free from clutter and there were volunteers who cleaned high touch areas several times a day in addition to regular cleaning schedules.

Staff ensured people's welfare had been maintained by facilitating socially distanced activities, such as creative sessions and sharing stories to stimulate discussions. People self-isolating received one to one support with activities.

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 (the Act) as part of our regulatory functions. We checked whether the provider was meeting the legal requirements and regulations associated with the Act. We looked at the overall quality of the service and provided a rating for the service under the Care Act 2014.

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.

This inspection took place on 22 March 2021 and was announced.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

How well are people protected by the prevention and control of infection?

- We were assured that the provider was using personal protective equipment 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 was meeting shielding and social distancing rules.
- We were assured that the provider's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.
- We were assured that the provider was preventing visitors from catching and spreading infections.
- We were assured that the provider was admitting people safely to the service.