

The Salvation Army Social Work Trust

Villa Adastra

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

Villa Adastra is a residential care home registered for 40 people. There were 32 people living there at the time of the inspection. The service specialises in providing care to older persons who are living with dementia, some of whom were also living with a range of care needs, including arthritis, diabetes and heart conditions.

We found the following examples of good practice.

People were well supported by staff to maintain contact with their family and loved ones. The service facilitated in-person visits that minimised the risk of infection spread. People could choose to see their relatives with screen protection in a dedicated visiting area or sit with them to have physical contact that complied with national guidelines for care homes. Relatives were required to undertake Lateral Flow Device (LFD) COVID-19 tests before the visit commenced. People had been supported with video calls when visiting was not possible.

Staff wore Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when undertaking any personal care and around the home; this was disposed of safely. Staff supported people sensitively and carefully to ensure social distancing guidelines were adhered to in a way that protected them and others at the home.

The home was clean and hygienic throughout. A structured cleaning schedule was in place and cleaning regimes were adhered to so that all areas of the home were cleaned effectively. Cleaning audits were regularly undertaken to ensure that the home prevented the risk of the spread of infection.

Risk assessments had been carried out with people and staff to identify those individuals who were more vulnerable of exposure to COVID-19.

There were comprehensive infection prevention control policies and procedures in place to support staff with visiting arrangements and cleaning protocols. The provider had a detailed contingency plan in place that could support staff in the event of an outbreak of COVID-19.

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 the COVID-19 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 8 April 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.