

Bupa Care Homes (CFChomes) Limited

Green Gates Care 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

Green Gates Care Home is located in Summertown, Oxford and it is a residential service registered to provide accommodation, personal and nursing care. The service can support up to 40 people. There were 32 people living at the service at the time of our inspection.

We found the following examples of good practice:

- Safe arrangements were in place for professionals visiting the service. This included a confirmed negative lateral flow device test result, proof of vaccination against COVID-19, the requirement to show a COVID-19 pass, hand sanitisation and wearing personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Policies, procedures and risk assessments related to COVID-19 were up to date which enabled staff to keep people safe.
- The service had flexible arrangements that enable people's relatives to visit at a time that suited them and in a way that visits were staggered to avoid potential infection transmission with other visitors.
- Staff had received training on infection prevention and control guidance. This included updates on the use of PPE and how to put it on, take it off and dispose safely. There was a programme of training refreshers to ensure staff knowledge was kept up to date. Spot checks took place to ensure staff adhered to the training provided.
- The risks of potential exposure to the virus had been assessed for all staff, taking into account their health conditions and risks associated with their individual circumstances.
- The service was clean and fresh, staff carried out a number of additional tasks, such as cleaning of any regular touchpoint surfaces. Regular infection control audits took place and actions had been followed up when required.
- Staff had been trained and knew how to immediately instigate an enhanced infection control measures to care for people with symptoms. This included the appointment and training of a designated group of COVID-19 infection control champions. They supported the registered manager to ensure correct infection control standards and protocols were in place and being adhered to.
- The registered manager reported good support from the local health professionals including the local GP practice and the teams at the provider's head office.

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 how services manage infection control and visiting arrangements. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection prevention and control measures the provider had in place. We also asked the provider about any staffing pressures the service was experiencing and whether this was having an impact on the service.

This inspection took place on 25 January 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 24 hours' notice of the inspection.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

Staffing

- The provider told us they had measures in place to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 related staff pressures.

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.
- We were assured the provider was facilitating visits for people living in the home in accordance with the current guidance.

From 11 November 2021, registered persons must make sure all care home workers and other professionals visiting the service are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless they have an exemption or there is an emergency.

- The service was meeting the requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19