

Barchester Healthcare Homes Limited

Overlade 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

Overslade House is a residential care home providing personal and nursing care for up to 90 older people. At the time of our inspection visit there were 68 people at the home.

Overslade House accommodates people in one building, divided into three separate units. Each unit had communal spaces such as lounge areas and dining areas. The home also had communal spaces in the centre of the building for everyone to share. There were garden spaces and visiting pods available outside the main building for people and their families to use. People at the home had en-suite facilities in their bedrooms.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Visitors told us they felt welcome at the home, and that staff were caring. The home was clean and welcoming. The provider offered people the use of their coffee lounge, where snacks and drinks were on offer to everyone in the home including visitors.

People received regular visits from their relatives and friends, in accordance with government guidance. The provider had built visiting pods and developed garden areas to encourage visitors to see their relatives in a safe environment where they could exercise social distancing. However, the provider also encouraged people to visit their relatives in their bedrooms and communal areas of the home whenever this was possible.

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 11 February 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 the provider was preventing visitors from catching and spreading infections.
- We were assured the provider was meeting shielding and social distancing rules.
- We were assured the provider was admitting people safely to the service.
- We were assured the provider was using PPE effectively and safely.
- We were assured the provider was accessing testing for people using the service and staff.
- We were assured the provider was promoting safety through the layout and hygiene practices of the premises.
- We were assured the provider was making sure infection outbreaks can be effectively prevented or managed.
- We were assured the provider's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.

Visiting in care homes

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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 Government has announced its intention to change the legal requirement for vaccination in care homes, but the service was meeting the current requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19.