

Braeside Home for the Elderly Limited

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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

Braeside home for the Elderly is a residential care home providing personal care and support to up to 24 older people and people living with dementia. At the time of the inspection, 21 people were living at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice:

Staff wore personal protective equipment (PPE) in line with Government guidance. PPE was available throughout the home and was disposed of safely. Staff had completed both internal and NHS training in infection control, COVID-19 and the safe use PPE.

We found that the home environment was clean. Enhanced cleaning was being carried out daily, to ensure people were protected as much as possible from the risk of cross infection.

Staff and people living at the home were being tested regularly in line with Government guidance, to ensure that appropriate action could be taken if anyone contracted the COVID-19 virus.

There were clear processes in place for visitors to the service. On arrival, their temperature was taken, they were asked to wash their hands and they were required to provide proof of a negative lateral flow device (rapid) test to confirm that they did not have a COVID-19 infection. They were required to wear appropriate PPE and maintain social distancing during their visit. Visiting professionals were required to show proof of a negative lateral flow device test and evidence of vaccination or exemption from vaccination.

Further information is in the detailed findings below.

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 was 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 19 January 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 24 hours' notice of the inspection. The registered manager was not available on the date of the inspection, so we spoke with the deputy manager. We received further information from the registered manager after the inspection.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

Staffing

- The deputy manager 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 could be effectively prevented or managed.
- We were assured that the provider's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.

Visiting in care homes

- People were receiving visits in line with Government guidance and local Public Health advice. The deputy manager and registered manager understood how important visits were to people. When visits within the home environment were not possible, they facilitated screened visits and garden visits.

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 registered manager was meeting the requirement to ensure all non-exempt staff working at the home were vaccinated against COVID-19. Visiting professionals were required to show proof of vaccination or exemption when they visited the home, in line with Government guidance.