

Leighton House Retirement Home 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

Leighton House Retirement Home is a care home and at the time of inspection was providing personal care to 25 people aged 65 and over. The service can support up to 30 people.

We found the following examples of good practice.

There were effective measures in place to minimise the risks around COVID-19. People and staff were tested regularly for COVID-19, in line with government guidance. All staff employed at the home had been vaccinated to help keep people safe from the risk of infection.

We observed staff wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) which was used effectively to safeguard people and current government guidance was being implemented. However, we did observe one staff member who was not wearing their mask appropriately.

Processes when visitors entered the home needed to be more robust. This was to ensure appropriate measures were in place to prevent people bringing infection into the home. During the inspection the registered manager implemented additional measures and updated the infection control policy accordingly.

Systems were in place to ensure that relatives could visit their family members at the care home.

The environment was clean, well maintained and hygienic. Cleaning schedules and audits were in place. This helped to help minimise the spread of infection.

The service had risk assessments and policies and procedures in place to manage the risks of COVID-19. The registered manager had regular contact with the local authority and infection control teams.

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 care homes with outbreaks of COVID-19, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) practice is safe and that services are compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices the provider has 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 2 February 2022 and was announced. We gave the service one days' 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 somewhat 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 somewhat 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 somewhat 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.

Additional measures to prevent people bringing infection into the home were put in place. We have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach