

The Old Rectory Fradswell 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

The Old Rectory is a residential care home providing accommodation and personal care for up to 27 people. At the time of the inspection there were 25 people living at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

People received visits from their loved ones in line with government guidance. People also had access to telephone and video calling. People were encouraged to maintain social distancing; furniture had been moved to support this. The home had good ventilation in place. Staff were encouraged to support each other with reminders about safe use of personal protective equipment and were observed wearing this in line with guidance. Risk assessments had been updated to consider any additional risks from Covid-19 for example where people were isolating falls risks were considered. Cleaning products had been updated to be in line with government guidance and cleaning regimes were updated to reduce the risk of infection. People, relatives and staff were kept up to date with changes to the government guidance.

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 8 February 2022 and was unannounced.

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.
- People were supported to have contact with their loved ones. A visiting policy was in place which followed the government guidelines. People were updated when this changed, and relatives were also informed. In addition to visiting, people could access video calls and emails with relatives, Wi-Fi was available, and people had their own devices to support this. Window visits had been used and there was access to an external visiting area using a summer house when the weather was good.

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.