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Inspection report

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Ratings

Overall rating for this service	Inspected but not rated
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Is the service safe?	Inspected but not rated
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Summary of findings

Overall summary

Lee Beck Mount is a residential care home providing personal and nursing care to 11 people aged over 18 years at the time of the inspection. It can support up to 13 people. The service specialises in supporting people with learning disabilities or autistic spectrum disorder

We found the following examples of good practice.

Staff and people at the home were part of a testing and immunisation programme for COVID-19. Staff had been trained in the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and were observed to be using it appropriately during the inspection. Hand sanitiser was readily available on the premises and additional dispensers had been put on walls throughout the building at key points.

There was a plentiful supply of PPE for staff to use and stock was regularly monitored. There was a poster up on the wall with people in their face masks to make it more fun and to remind people they needed to wear masks when going out of the home. The manager explained that it was very difficult for people to socially distance but with support and advice people were supported to remain safe

There had been no new admissions to the home for a number of years and people were settled, and happy in a homely environment. The home was in the process of being sold, and there were plans in place to completely renovate and move towards an independent living service. With this in mind the decision had been made not to take on any new people so the transition would be the least disruptive to people's lives.

The provider had a policy in place to support visits in line with government guidance in place at the time. All visits were pre-booked, and a system was in place to carry out risk assessments and testing of visitors prior to the arranged appointment to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19. There was a designated outdoor building for visitors to meet with people. Visits out had just commenced and there was a process in place to ensure these were conducted as safely as possible.

People were supported to maintain relationships and contact with others through electronic devices where this had been possible. The registered manager advised us the local GP surgery had gone above and beyond with their support during the pandemic.

The service was on the whole, clean throughout, and there were procedures to ensure infection control risks were minimised. The home was due to undergo a full refurbishment once sold so there were areas that needed updating, painting and some furniture required replacing to make it easier to clean.

The home was observed to be clean without losing its homely atmosphere. Additional cleaning schedules had been introduced since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic but recording of frequently touched areas, such as door handles and light switches was not taking place. There were no dedicated domestic staff, and this was done in and amongst other duties. People were involved in cleaning their own rooms and

staff encouraged them to do this to remain as independent as 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

Inspected but not rated

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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 the preparedness of care homes in relation to infection prevention and control. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 14/05/2021 and was announced.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

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 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.