

Withins (Brightmet) 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

Withins (Broughton) Limited accommodates up to 65 people in one purpose-built building over three floors. The home is located in a residential area in Broughton, about two miles from the centre of Bolton. On the day of the inspection there were 64 people using the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Spaces, such as outdoor areas, were used creatively to help with infection prevention and control. Designated entrances were used for visitors to mitigate the risks of people spreading infection. Visits were limited to people from one household to minimize risks and visiting for people who were nearing the end of life complied with current guidance.

People were supplied with personal protective equipment (PPE) to wear on visits and had no contact with people using the service other than the person they were visiting.

The service ensured people were tested prior to admission to the home and were isolated for 14 days as per guidance. Whole home testing for staff and people using the service was in evidence at the service.

All staff worked in only one care setting to help reduce the spread of infection. Staff members wore appropriate PPE within the home. Arrangements were in place for staff to socially distance on breaks.

The home had implemented outbreak cleaning schedules from the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, including regular cleaning of high touch areas. The schedules were followed effectively and there was evidence of communication with cleaning staff around guidance and requirements.

## 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 coronavirus 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.

The inspection took place on 11 March 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 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.