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Abba Care Home

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

Abba Care Home provides residential care for up to six people with mental health needs. At the time of inspection there were six people living in the home. Accommodation is provided in single rooms over two floors. The home is in a rural area near Bacup.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider and registered manager had comprehensive processes to minimise the risk to people, staff and visitors from catching and spreading infection. These included weekly Covid 19 testing for staff and every 28 days for people living in the home. Hand sanitiser and personal protective equipment (PPE) were available throughout the home. There were signs to remind staff and people about the use of PPE, importance of washing hands and regular use of hand sanitisers.

The infection control policy and people's risk assessments had been revised and updated in response to the pandemic. This helped ensure people were protected in the event of becoming unwell or in the event of a Covid 19 outbreak in the home. At the time of the inspection, two people were isolating in their rooms. They had been away on holiday, had not tested positive for Covid 19, but were required to isolate on their return consistent with current guidance. In addition, a member of staff who had supported them on holiday was self isolating at home. We found these processes to be effective and robust. People were complying fully with the rules.

People's mental well being had been promoted by innovative use of social media and electronic tablets so people could contact their relatives and friends. Staff had comprehensive knowledge of good practice guidance and had attended Covid 19 specialist training hosted by the local authority. There were sufficient staff to provide continuity of support and ensure safeguards were in place should there be a staff shortage.

Policies and infection control processes were regularly reviewed when guidance changed. The home was clean and hygienic. All staff had received Covid 19 related supervision and had access to appropriate support to manage their wellbeing should it be required.

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?

People were Safe. We were assured the provider managed infection prevention and control through the coronavirus pandemic.

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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.

This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place. As part of CQC's response to the coronavirus pandemic we are conducting a thematic review of infection control and prevention measures in care homes.

This inspection took place on 14 October 2020 and was announced. The service was selected to take part in this thematic review which is seeking to identify examples of good practice in infection prevention and control.

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 people and visitors to the home 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 any infection outbreaks could be effectively prevented or managed.
- We were assured that the provider's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.