

Wakefield MDC

Dovecote Lodge

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

Dovecote Lodge is a 'care home'. People in care homes receive accommodation and nursing or personal care as a single package under one contractual agreement. CQC regulates both the premises and the care provided, and both were looked at during this inspection.

The home offers short stay accommodation and rehabilitative therapy for older people. This supports people who are waiting for a package of care to be organised or for adaptations to be made to their home to enable them to go back and live independently in their own home.

An area of the home has been equipped as a separate unit to accommodate up to six people under the designated places scheme. There were two people being cared for in the unit at the time of the inspection.

We were assured that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines as a designated care setting.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The service is well designed and equipped to fulfil the role of a designated setting, as it is adapted and staffed to support hospital discharges. The accommodation comprises four wings, each with six beds. The designated unit is situated on the first floor and all other beds in that area that are not part of the designated scheme remained unoccupied. This enhanced the safety and flexibility of the designated space.

Thought and care had been put into the zoning of the unit. This included providing dedicated resources, such as colour coordinated bedding, towels, crockery and cutlery and an attractively presented breakfast selection. The way this was managed helped to reduce footfall in and out of the unit, while providing choice to people, as well as being helpful and reassuring for staff.

The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

Is the service safe?

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.

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 review of infection control and prevention measures in care homes.

The service had been identified for use by the Local Authority as a designated care setting in response to the Winter Plan for people discharged from hospital with a positive COVID-19 status. This inspection was to ensure that the service was compliant with infection control and prevention measures. This inspection took place on 10 November 2020 and was announced.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

S5□ 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 promoting safety through the layout and hygiene practices of the premises.
- We were assured that the provider was accessing testing for people using the service and staff.
- We were assured that the provider's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.