

Aspire In The Community Ltd

# Aspire in the Community - 13 Station Road

## Inspection report

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## Ratings

Overall rating for this service	Inspected but not rated
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Is the service safe?	<b>Inspected but not rated</b>
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# Summary of findings

## Overall summary

Aspire in the Community – 13 Station Road is registered to provide care for up to seven younger adults who are living with a learning disability. The accommodation is provided in a five-bedroomed house and a two-bedroom bungalow on the same site. At the time of the inspection six people were using the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The service was accessing the government testing scheme which had assisted them to identify an outbreak quickly. The service worked with the local authority IPC team and other health professionals in managing the outbreak. A community matron who regularly visited the service commented, "Aspire had coped marvellously [with managing the outbreak]" and they acted on all their feedback.

Staff worked hard to promote social distancing in the service and when appropriate, they encouraged people to self-isolate in their bedrooms, for example, after a positive test result. For individuals who tested positive but preferred not to self-isolate in their rooms, the service implemented additional control measures to actively encourage them to socially distance, such as making changes to the layout of furniture and ensuring shared living spaces were well-ventilated.

Cleaning schedules had expanded to address more at-risk areas of the building. For example, high contact areas such as door handles and light switches were regularly cleaned throughout the day.

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?

No rating was awarded following this inspection. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place.

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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 coronavirus, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the Infection Prevention and Control practice was safe and the service was compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 18 November 2020 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.