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Half Acre House

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

Half Acre House is a residential care home providing accommodation and personal care to 25 people at the time of the inspection. The service can support up to 25 people.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- There were effective measures in place to minimise the risks around Covid-19. Temperatures were being taken and a care home visiting form was completed to screen for symptoms prior to screening prior to entry. The service had clear signage displayed on the door stating that entry would only be permitted by providing proof of a negative lateral flow test and evidence of vaccination status.
- The environment was clean and hygienic. Hours for staff cleaning had been increased and appropriate cleaning schedules were in place.
- We observed clear signage and procedures regarding isolation where people had Covid-19. Personal protective equipment (PPE) was used effectively to safeguard staff and people using the service and current government guidance was being implemented.
- The registered manager had been in regular contact with the local authority and public health teams. The service had risk assessments and policies and procedures in place to manage the risks of COVID-19.

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 COVID-19 pandemic we are looking at how services manage infection control and visiting arrangements. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection prevention and control measures the provider had in place. We also asked the provider about any staffing pressures the service was experiencing and whether this was having an impact on the service.

This inspection took place on 10th January 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 48 hours notice of the inspection.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

Staffing

- The provider told us they had measures in place to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 related staff pressures

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.
- We were assured the provider was facilitating visits for people living in the home in accordance with the current guidance.

From 11 November 2021 registered persons must make sure all care home workers and other professionals visiting the service are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless they have an exemption or there is an emergency.

- The service was meeting the requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19.

