

Benton Care Limited

# Benton 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

Benton House provides accommodation and nursing or personal care for up to 34 people in one building with separate units, each of which have separate adapted facilities. The units provide care and nursing care to people living with dementia. At the time of the inspection, there were 31 people using the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider had a process in place to enable relatives to visit their family members in a safe way and in line with government guidance. Visitors were asked to show a negative test prior to entry to the home.

Professional visitors were required to show a negative lateral flow test and evidence of COVID-19 vaccination.

Infection prevention control (IPC) signs reminded everyone at the point of entry and throughout the home about procedures for infection control.

Access to regular testing had assisted the home in identifying an outbreak of COVID-19.

Hand sanitising stations were readily accessible throughout the home and we observed staff used these frequently.

Staff used personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriately and had received training in IPC and hand washing.

The home was visibly clean. A planned programme of redecoration was in place to ensure the home is well presented.

## 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 care homes with outbreaks of COVID-19, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) practice is safe and that services are compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices 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 24 February 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 24 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 the provider was preventing visitors from catching and spreading infections.
- We were assured the provider was meeting shielding and social distancing rules.
- We were assured the provider was admitting people safely to the service.
- We were assured the provider was using PPE effectively and safely.
- We were assured the provider was accessing testing for people using the service and staff.
- We were assured the provider was promoting safety through the layout and hygiene practices of the premises.
- We were assured the provider was making sure infection outbreaks can be effectively prevented or managed.
- We were assured the provider's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.

### Visiting in care homes

- The provider was aware of and adhering to current government guidance and best practice around visiting. Adaptations to the home had taken place to facilitate safe visiting.

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.