

Abbot Care Centre Limited

Abbot Care Home

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

Abbot Care Home is a residential care home which provides accommodation and personal care for people across three separate wings, each of which has separate adapted facilities. One of the wings specialises in providing nursing care and two of the wings support people living with dementia.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- The service was clean and hygienic. The unit had not been used previously and planned to open for people who were tested positive for COVID-19. People with both residential and nursing needs would be supported within the unit.
- The environment was in the process of being completed when we visited including purchasing of specific equipment for the unit. Separate facilities for use by staff working in this area including a staff room and shower area had been identified within this area.
- The registered manager told us environmental risk assessments, including Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans, would be updated or put into place prior to people coming into the unit.
- There was good supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and dedicated supplies would be held on the unit, separate from the rest of the service.
- All members of staff working within the new unit would receive training in Infection control and correct use of PPE according to national guidance prior to working.
- Any person who became COVID-19 negative would either be supported to return home or if further support was required, moved to another area of the main home to ensure risks of re infection were minimised.
- The registered manager told us the service would be accepting of professional visitors to the service with robust infection control procedures in place.
- The registered manager told us when the unit opens, individual risk assessments will be carried out for each person who was admitted.
- The provider had developed robust policies, procedures and guidance for the location which the registered manager had implemented. This information would be available to all staff working on the unit and would be updated in line with national guidance.

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

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?

We were assured that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines.

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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 26 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 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.