

The Limes Residential Home

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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

The Limes Care Home accommodates up to 34 people. At the time of our inspection there were 18 people living at the service. The home is located in a large older building made up of two floors. It has substantial grounds and gardens.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- Staff had received training in putting on and taking off personal protective equipment (PPE), and we saw this was accessible throughout the home and staff used it in accordance with the most up to date guidance. Staff had received further training in COVID-19 and infection control.
- The infection control policy was up to date. We reviewed audits which reflected actions had been taken to maintain the standards within the home. There was a Coronavirus Policy and procedure and also national guidance which was kept updated.
- There were no visitors allowed in the home due to there being a recent outbreak of COVID-19. Only essential medical professionals had entered the home during the outbreak. At the time of our inspection people living at the home were coming to the end of their isolation period and there were no new cases of the virus.
- The home was clean and we saw cleaners in different areas ensuring that touch points were wiped regularly.

The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

Is the service safe?

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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.

The inspection took place because there was a significant outbreak of Coronavirus at this service. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 4 December 2020 and was unannounced.

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 meeting shielding and social distancing rules.
- 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 have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.