

# Methodist Homes Beechville

## 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

Beechville is registered to provide accommodation for up to 63 older people who require personal care. Some of the people were living with dementia. There were 49 people using the service at the time of the inspection.

The home is a two-storey purpose built home situated in its own grounds in a residential area of Lostock, Bolton. The home is on the main road that connects the towns of Horwich and Bolton. There is adequate car parking at the front of the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Professional visitors to the service were screened for symptoms of infection, tested for COVID-19, supplied with masks and given access to hand sanitizer prior to entering the home. Information about the processes was clearly communicated to them. Visitors had minimal contact with staff and none with other people using the service.

Individual visit plans were in place for people who used the service and their relatives. Closed window visits were facilitated via a booking system, which ensured there was adequate time between visits for thorough cleaning of the indoor area.

The layout of the premises allowed cohorting and isolation to be facilitated within the home. Signage around handwashing and personal protective equipment (PPE) use was visible around the home. Regular enhanced cleaning took place to help reduce risks relating to the spread of infection.

Staff wore appropriate PPE within the home in line with guidance. PPE was disposed of safely, following local protocols. Staff took breaks separately and only two were allowed in the staff room at any time. Risk assessments had been carried out on high risk groups.

Staff had a good understanding of symptoms of COVID-19 and had undertaken training in Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing and test and trace. There was a designated Infection control lead at the home, who took responsibility for ensuring processes were followed as required.

Admissions from hospital, other care homes and the community were undertaken safely in line with current guidance. The service had a good understanding of when to access advice and assistance.

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?**

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.

This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place.

The inspection took place on 18 February 2021 and was announced.

## Is the service safe?

### Our findings

- 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.