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Elm Tree Court - Care Home

Inspection report

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Ratings

Overall rating for this service	Inspected but not rated
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Is the service safe?	Inspected but not rated
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Summary of findings

Overall summary

Elm Tree Court - Care Home is a residential care home providing personal care for up to 73 older people, some of whom may be living with dementia and younger adults in one adapted building. We inspected the unit that was to be used to admit people who had a COVID-19 positive test result. The unit would accommodate up to seven people. There was no one living on the unit at the time of our inspection.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- All admissions had a 14-day support plan in place, which identified where individuals would be discharged to after their isolation period was complete.
- All staff and residents were tested regularly. There was a dedicated testing area where everyone could be tested, including visitors who were supported to complete Lateral Flow Tests.
- All staff had received donning and doffing training, their competencies had been assessed and refresher training was provided by Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) leads within the service.
- Staff were trained to administer medicines safely.

We were assured this service met good IPC guidelines as a designated care setting.

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.

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 targeted inspection was to ensure that the service was compliant with infection control and prevention measures.

This inspection took place on 2 June 2021 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 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 personal protective equipment 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 IPC 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.