

The Old Vicarage Care Home Limited

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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

The Old Vicarage Care Home provides accommodation for up to 44 older people who require nursing or personal care, including some people living with dementia. Accommodation is provided within one adapted building set over two floors. At this inspection there were 37 people receiving care at the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider followed safe arrangements and procedures, in line with nationally recognised guidance and the law, for the prevention and control of infection at the service. This included, to ensure safe admissions, visiting, testing and isolation arrangements for COVID19 when needed.

Relevant equipment, facilities and accessible information was provided, to support safe entry, social distancing, hand hygiene and use of personal protective equipment. Individual risk assessments were undertaken, to ensure safe support for people and staff who may be clinically vulnerable.

The environment and care equipment were visibly clean and kept in a good state of repair and renewal.

Staff were effectively deployed, supported and informed to ensure safe arrangements for the prevention and control of infection and cleanliness at the service.

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.

We received information of concern about infection prevention and control measures at the service. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection prevention and control measures the provider has 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 25 February 2022 and was unannounced.

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 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.

Visiting in care homes

The provider followed safe visiting arrangements and procedures, in line with nationally recognised guidance and the law, to ensure people's best interests.

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 Government has announced its intention to change the legal requirement for vaccination in care homes, but the service was meeting the current requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19.