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Soham Lodge

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

Soham Lodge is a care home providing personal and nursing care to 16 people at the time of the inspection. The service can support up to 34 people.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The service was only receiving essential visitors at the time of our inspection. Any person entering the building had their temperature taken, completed a health questionnaire and wore full personal protective equipment (PPE) including a face visor.

People were supported by staff in full PPE, whether that person was COVID-19 positive or negative. This is called barrier nursing. This is to protect both staff and people living in the service from spreading infection.

The senior nurse told us that they changed systems within the service to reduce the spread of infection. Medicine rounds and personal care visits had been changed so that those people with a negative diagnosis of COVID-19 were all supported first, followed by those who were positive.

The manager had put additional risk measures into place, for example cutlery and crockery used by people with a positive diagnosis were placed in a red bag and sealed. This ensured that kitchen staff took additional precautions to protect themselves and that the crockery and cutlery were washed at a higher temperature on their own.

The building was clean and free from clutter. The manager had employed additional domestic staff to support the domestic team. During our inspection we observed staff cleaning communal areas and bathrooms, and ensuring that areas regularly touched by hands were disinfected.

The manager told us that they were working collaboratively with colleagues from the Local Authority and CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group), and were well supported as a result.

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.

As part of CQC's response to care homes with outbreaks of coronavirus, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the Infection Prevention and Control practice was safe and the service was compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 20 November 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 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.