

Elysium Care Partnerships No 2 Limited

Gresham House

Inspection report

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Ratings

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| 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

Gresham House provides support and accommodation for up to 12 adults with a learning disability. There were ten people living there at the time of our inspection.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The service had kept relatives up to date with visiting arrangements in line with government guidance. A visiting pod/summer house was available in the garden for visitors to meet people. This helped to minimise the risk of infection transmission.

The service had good supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) such as face masks and hand sanitiser. These were readily available at stations throughout the service. One of the provider's other care homes had extra stocks of PPE in case it was needed.

During an outbreak of covid-19, people who isolated in their rooms, had been given a walkie talkie so they could easily contact staff for assistance. People's well-being had been maintained throughout their period of isolation by themed days, such as donut day or fish and chips day.

Staff had received training, and people had been advised on how to keep safe during the Covid-19 pandemic. Staff and people were regularly tested for Covid-19. People who were able, had been encouraged to take their own covid-19 tests.

There were enhanced cleaning practices in place. The home was clean and had a large lounge which helped enable social distancing.

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.

As part of CQC's response to the COVID-19 pandemic we are looking at how services manage infection control and visiting arrangements. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection prevention and control measures the provider had 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 28 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 had procedures to safely admit people 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.

Visiting in care homes

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.