

Bolton Council

Laburnum 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

Laburnum Lodge is situated in the Brightmet area of Bolton. The service is owned by Bolton Council, is close to local amenities and is on a local bus route. The service provides short stay intermediate care and support for 32 people. The aim of the service is to help people to return to their own home or move in to other care settings.

We found the following examples of good practice:

- There was an excellent procedure in place at the reception area, which was clearly communicated to professional visitors. This helped ensure people were aware of the current requirements and helped minimise the spread of any infection.
- The service had developed good relationships with people's family members and kept in regular contact with them to ensure they were fully informed of all current guidance.
- The service had followed guidance well and managed to contain outbreaks and learn lessons to inform any further issues. Staff responded calmly to any potential issues and had gained a better understanding of infection prevention and control.
- Joint working with clinicians had worked well and a mutual respect and acknowledgement of strengths and skills was evident.

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?

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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. As part of CQC's response to the coronavirus pandemic we are conducting a review of infection control and prevention measures in care homes.

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

This inspection took place on 3 November 2020 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 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.