

Lancashire County Council

# Beacon View Home for Older People

## 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

Beacon View Home for Older People is a care home that provides accommodation and personal care for up to 45 people some of which were living with a dementia. At the time of the inspection 20 people were living in the service. The service is one purpose built building with two floors with communal spaces and bedrooms on each.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider had established systems to prevent visitors from spreading and catching infections. They had followed guidance on supporting safe visiting including by displaying notices at the entrance to the home advising people not to enter if experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. Visitors were screened for symptoms and their contact details were recorded to support the NHS Test and Trace service. The provider had established an area for facilitating safe visiting called a visiting pod. Technology such as video calling was used to facilitate contact between people and their relatives as well as medical professionals.

The home had spacious sitting areas and a conservatory. Seating had been arranged to support people to social distance. The provider had adapted the layout of the building to support staff to social distance.

The provider followed best practice when people were admitted to the home. People had a negative COVID-19 test before moving into the home and self-isolated in their rooms for 14 days after moving in.

During our visit we observed the staff using Personal Protective Equipment, (PPE) safely. The provider had ensured sufficient stocks of appropriate PPE were available to protect people.

People living in the home and the staff were tested regularly for COVID-19. The provider had also arranged for people and staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

The home was clean and hygienic. Cleaning schedules were in place and frequently touched areas were cleaned regularly throughout the day to reduce the risk of infection.

The provider had detailed and up-to-date infection prevention and control policies and procedures. They sought and acted on advice to further improve infection prevention and control procedures. They were aware of appropriate agencies to contact in the event of an outbreak of COVID-19.

## 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 coronavirus pandemic we are looking at the preparedness of care homes in relation to infection prevention and control. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 03 February 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 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.