

The Fremantle Trust

Belgrave Lodge

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

Belgrave Lodge is a care home which can provide care and support for up to eight adults with learning and physical disabilities and autism spectrum disorders. Seven people were living there at the time of our inspection.

We found the following examples of good practice.

On arrival at the home, staff checked the temperature of visitors and sprayed disinfectant on the soles of their footwear. Visitors were asked to provide evidence of completing a lateral flow (rapid result) swab test or they could have one carried out on the premises. Visitors were required to wash their hands or apply sanitising gel before they entered the home and wear a face mask.

There had not been any positive cases of Covid-19 throughout the pandemic. Regular testing was carried out for staff and people who use the service. Vaccination of service users had started early in the year and all but a newly admitted person had received both doses.

Admissions were planned well and promoted the safety of people who live and work at the home as well as the prospective resident. Testing was carried out to make sure the prospective resident and the person supporting them did not have the coronavirus.

High standards of cleanliness were maintained at the home. There was an infection control lead person. They and the registered manager ensured infection control procedures were followed and implemented enhanced cleaning and checks of the premises. All bedrooms had en-suite bathrooms, minimising risk of cross-infection through sole use. There was a shared adapted bathroom, but no one chose to use this.

Staff had received training on infection prevention and control. This included use of PPE and how to put it on and take it off. The risks of potential exposure to the virus had been assessed for all staff, taking into account health conditions and high risks associated with people from black, Asian and other ethnic minority backgrounds.

People living at the home had been supported by a consistent group of staff. No agency workers had been used to cover the home, reducing the potential for cross-infection.

Supplies of PPE were available to staff throughout the premises. A business contingency plan and Covid-19 risk assessment were in place, to reduce the effects of potential disruption to people's care. There were policies and procedures to provide guidance for staff on safe working practices during the pandemic. Auditing and observation of care practice took place to ensure these were adhered to.

Staff had supported people to keep in contact with their families using computer technology as well as through telephone calls. Staff facilitated face to face visits, in line with government guidance.

The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

Is the service safe?

Inspected but not rated

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 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 28 April 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's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.
- We were assured the provider was facilitating visits for people living in the home in accordance with the current guidance.