

Community Homes of Intensive Care and Education Limited

Springfield House

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

Springfield House is a 'care home'. People in care homes receive accommodation and nursing or personal care as a single package under one contractual agreement. CQC regulates both the premises and the care provided, and both were looked at during this inspection.

Springfield House provides accommodation and personal care to seven people who had a learning disability, mental health needs or were on the autistic spectrum. At the time of our inspection seven people were living at Springfield House.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The service had systems in place for safe visiting to allow people to see and speak to their friends and relatives. Adjustments to visiting had been introduced including a visiting pod which had been created to safely facilitate relatives' visits.

The provider had sufficient stock of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and staff were aware of the donning and doffing (put on and take off) process. Staff undertook training in infection control and using PPE.

The service participated in the COVID-19 regular testing programme for both people and staff.

The people living at Springfield House were supported to access the community and engage in work and education.

The service had a cleaning schedule in place to ensure effective measures to reduce infection risks, including additional tasks such as cleaning of any regular touchpoint surfaces.

The service had ensured people's health needs had been assessed and where needed plans were in place to minimise the risk of COVID-19 to their health and wellbeing.

Assessments had been carried out to ensure appropriate support for staff, these included individual health conditions. Staff had access to dedicated counselling and advice if they been affected directly or indirectly by COVID-19.

The provider's systems and processes for managing COVID-19 had been reviewed and kept up to date.

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 31st January 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 72 hours notice of the inspection.

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 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.

People were supported to see their families in accordance with their preferences and in line with government guidance. Telephone and virtual contact supported bespoke visiting at the home.

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.