

Father Hudsons Society

St Catherine's Bungalows

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

St Catherine's Bungalows are residential 'care homes', providing personal care and accommodation for up to 16 people. They are part of Father Hudson's Care, which is the social care agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham, a registered charity. St Catherine's Bungalows consists of three purpose built separate bungalows. Each bungalow provides care to people living with a learning disability, autism and complex physical health care needs. Each bungalow has individual en-suite bedrooms, a communal lounge, sensory room, dining area and kitchen. Gardens are accessible to people. At the time of our inspection, 16 people lived at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- ☐ The service had an effective zoning strategy to reduce risk to residents in case of an outbreak.
- ☐ Cleaning schedules were in place with evidence of oversight and good compliance.
- ☐ Individual risk assessments were in place for those highly vulnerable to the effects 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 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 January 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 24 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 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.
- We were assured the provider was facilitating visits for people living in the home in accordance with the current guidance.

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 service was meeting the requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19.
- We were somewhat assured that the provider was using PPE effectively and safely.
Although the service was using PPE effectively throughout our visit, the policy deviated from national guidance when staff provided care for people on holiday.

We have signposted the provider to resources to review and develop their approach.