

Leonard Cheshire Disability

Sobell Lodge - Care Home Physical Disabilities

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

Sobell Lodge – Care Home Physical Disabilities is a care home for people with physical disabilities and other complex personal care needs. The service can accommodate up to 21 adults. At the time of our inspection the service was full. The accommodation was on a single floor and each person had their own room and private bathroom.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- The registered manager had implemented procedures to minimise the risk of infection from visitors. All visits were by appointment only. Face to face visits by one visitor was allowed following a negative rapid test for COVID-19. Other visits took place in a designated visitor room which had separate access and a full screen in place. Enhanced cleaning was scheduled between visits.
- The service had enough personal protective equipment (PPE) to meet current and future demand. Staff were using PPE correctly and in accordance with government guidelines. Staff always wore masks; aprons, gloves and visors were used when giving personal care. Some staff wore special fit tested masks whilst undertaking certain procedures.
- The layout of the home had been adapted appropriately to support social distancing with taped markers to act as a visual aid in communal areas. There were posters throughout the service which gave reminders about PPE, infection control and hand washing for staff and people using the service.
- The service had up to date infection control policies including those specific to Covid-19 and infection outbreaks. The home looked clean and there were cleaning schedules in place which were monitored by the infection control lead. Regular infection control audits were done by the infection control champion and outcomes and actions were monitored by the manager and provider to ensure completion.

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 our 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 25 March 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.