

Churches Housing Association Of Dudley and District Limited

Attwood Street

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

Attwood Street is registered to provide accommodation and personal care to a maximum of five people with a learning disability and/or autistic spectrum disorder. At the time of our inspection three people lived at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- Health care professionals, essential contract workers and relatives have to comply with safety procedures to access the home. These include having their temperature taken and having a COVID-19 test undertaken. Relatives can visit their family member if they wish by making an appointment and following the safety procedures.
- For a new person to be admitted to the home a negative COVID-19 test result and a period of self-isolation would be required to minimise the risk of infection outbreaks.
- Single occupancy bedrooms and spacious, airy, living areas promoted social distancing and helped prevent infection transmission.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was available throughout the home. Regular observations were carried out by management to ensure staff wore PPE correctly.
- Staff took a COVID-19 test three times a week. If they tested positive, they would be required to self-isolate in line with government directives. Best Interest Meetings (BIM) for people who did not have the capacity to decide independently had been undertaken in relation to individual people being tested. These were presently being re-evaluated.
- The premises were homely but also clean and hygienic. Staff told us they had always been proud of the standard of cleanliness of the premises.
- Staff had received a range of training in Infection Prevention Control (IPC) procedures that included, COVID-19 awareness, donning and doffing and COVID-19 testing processes.
- The IPC policy was being reviewed. Staff had access to a raft of guidance including specific COVID-19 actions to be taken, and updates from government and the local Public Health department.

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 25 March 2021 and was announced.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

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.