

Manchester City Council

Short Breaks - 7 Edlington Walk

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

Short Breaks - 7 Edlington Walk, (Edlington Walk), is a residential care home that provides respite care for up to five people who have a learning disability and/or autism. There was three people using the service at the time of our inspection.

We found the following examples of good practice.

On arrival visitors were asked to wash and sanitise their hands, put on personal protective equipment (PPE), show a negative lateral flow test and provide proof of a vaccination status prior to entering the home.

Staff had access to supplies of PPE and had received training to ensure they used this correctly. All staff and people accessing the service had regular testing for COVID-19. All staff had received their vaccinations.

The provider had assessed the impact of how PPE may cause fear and anxiety for residents and also assessed the type of PPE required for specific groups to enable lip reading for example.

The home was clean throughout with effective systems in place to promote good hygiene practices.

The home manager sought support and advice from external agencies, where required, including the local health protection team.

Further information is in the detailed findings below.

The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

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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 3 March 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 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.

Visiting in care homes

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 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.

The service did not have a service specific Infection Prevention and Control policy that incorporated their approach to Coronavirus. We have recommended that this is implemented. We have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.