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Beech Court Nursing Home

Inspection report

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Ratings

Overall rating for this service

Requires improvement 

Is the service safe?

Requires improvement 

Overall summary

We inspected Beech Court Nursing Home on 11 June 2015. Beech Court provides nursing care for people over the age of 65. Some people at the home were living with dementia. The home offers a service for up to 26 people. At the time of our visit 10 people were using the service. This was an unannounced inspection.

We carried out an unannounced comprehensive inspection of this service on 16 December 2014. Two breaches of legal requirements were found. After the comprehensive inspection, the provider wrote to us to say what they would do to meet legal requirements in relation to ensuring the equipment people needed was set properly and the suitability and safety of the environment. We undertook this focused inspection to check that they had followed their plan and to confirm that they now met legal requirements. This report only

covers our findings in relation to those requirements. You can read the report from our last comprehensive inspection, by selecting the 'all reports' link for Beech Court Nursing Home on our website at www.cqc.org.uk.

The manager had ensured where people needed pressure relieving mattresses that these were set in accordance with their individual needs. The manager carried out weekly audits to ensure pressure relieving equipment was set properly and was effective.

The provider and manager had systems in place to ensure the environment was safe and secure. People were protected from the risk of harm as safety systems implemented by the provider were followed.

Summary of findings

The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

Is the service safe?

The service was safe. Nursing staff and the manager ensured where people needed pressure relieving mattresses they were set in accordance with manufacturers guidelines. The provider had taken action following our inspection in December 2014 to ensure people's needs were met.

People could be ensured that they were cared for in a safe and secure environment.

We could not improve the rating for safe from December 2014 because to do so requires consistent good practice over time. We will check this during our next planned Comprehensive inspection.

Requires improvement



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Detailed findings

Background to this inspection

We undertook an unannounced focused inspection of Beech Court on 11 June 2015. This inspection was carried out to check that improvements to meet legal requirements planned by the provider after our inspection in December 2014 had been made. The team inspected the service against one of the five questions we ask about services: is the service safe. This is because the service was not meeting some legal requirements at our inspection in December 2014.

The inspection was undertaken by one inspector. During our inspection we spoke with one person. We also spoke with a care worker, a chef, the manager and provider. Following our inspection we received information from the provider about the improvements they had made.

Prior to this inspection we looked at information provided to us by local authority commissioners and local fire safety teams. During the inspection we looked at two people's care plans and records relating to the safety of people in the home.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

When we last inspected the service in December 2014 we found where people needed pressure relieving equipment this was not always set to their individual needs. We also found that the environment people were cared in was not always safe.

Care and nursing staff did not always use safety systems which were in place. Following this inspection the provider informed us they were taking immediate action to rectify these concerns. They also provided us with an action plan. At this inspection (June 2015) we found the provider had taken action to meet the essential standards.

Following our inspection in December, the manager had ensured people's pressure relieving mattresses had been set in accordance with their needs. The manager kept a record of weekly checks to ensure mattresses were set correctly to ensure people were protected from pressure area damage. These checks clearly showed equipment was set in line with people's needs and protected them from pressure area concerns.

Where people were cared for in bed, staff assisted them to reposition to support them from developing pressure area sores. Staff repositioned people in accordance with their

care plans, which had been assessed by a nurse. Repositioning charts were completed consistently and showed staff were protecting people from the risk of pressure area damage.

People were cared for in a safe environment. Fire escape routes inside and outside of the building were clean and level. Since our inspection in December 2014, the provider has asked builders to construct a temporary fire exit. Where building work was being carried on, care and nursing staff ensured doors to these areas were locked to ensure staff, people and their visitors were protected from harm. These doors were secured when builders were not present.

Where concerns had been identified around the home's environment, action was taken. The home's provider kept a record of all concerns and the action they had taken to ensure these concerns were dealt with. This meant that people could be ensured they were cared for in a safe environment.

Fire checks and fire drills were carried out by staff in the home. There was a clear documented record of the checks conducted and any actions which had been taken to ensure people could be evacuated or kept safe in the event of a fire.