

Carebase (Histon) Limited

Bramley Court

Inspection report

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Ratings

Overall rating for this service	Outstanding ☆
Is the service safe?	Inspected but not rated

Summary of findings

Overall summary

Bramley Court is a care home providing personal and nursing care to 72 people aged 65 and over. The service can support up to 72 people on three floors, each of which has separate adapted facilities. One floor specialises in providing care to people living with dementia.

We found the following examples of good practice.

All staff working at the home underwent weekly polymerase chain reaction testing (PCR), and twice weekly lateral flow testing to ensure that anyone with possible covid infection was identified quickly. The tests were completed in an external cabin outside of the building. Staff then only entered the premises if their test was clear.

People's temperature was taken three times a day, and their oxygen saturations were monitored regularly so staff could quickly pick up any symptoms of Covid infection.

Every area and room in the home had been designated with a specific traffic light colour to prompt staff which type of personal protective equipment was required. For example, a red area meant that staff needed to wear full protective equipment.

Family escorts who were taking relatives to external health appointments were offered a PCR test three days before the appointment, so they could be sure they were not a risk to their relative or others.

Perspex screens had been installed in office areas to add protection for staff who could not sit two metres apart.

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 care homes with outbreaks of coronavirus, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the Infection Prevention and Control practice was safe, and the service was compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 25 January 2021 and was unannounced.

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.