

Adult Healthcare Selby Ltd

The Vicarage

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

The Vicarage is a small, 4 bed residential service providing care to young adults with learning disabilities or who have autistic spectrum disorder. At the time of the inspection, one person was living at the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

All staff and people living at the service received regular COVID-19 testing. Appropriate processes were in place and followed should anyone display symptoms of COVID-19.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) was provided for visitors and access to hand washing facilities were available upon entry. Appropriate screening and testing were in place to help minimise the risk of infection.

The service was clean and well ventilated with social distancing being promoted across the service. Staff followed an enhanced cleaning regime which was recorded daily.

Staff wore PPE to minimise the risk of COVID-19 infection transmission. Training was provided which included donning and doffing PPE and infection control.

In the event of an outbreak the service had plans in place to reduce the risk to others. People would be supported to isolate in their rooms and additional guidance would be sought from other professional bodies.

There was an up to date IPC policy in place which was available to all staff.

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 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 18 February 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.
- We were assured that the provider's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.

Visiting in care homes

The service was facilitating visits in line with government guidance. Visitors were encouraged to wear appropriate PPE while on site and alternative arrangements could be put in place to maintain social contact if the service had a COVID-19 outbreak.

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.