

# Modus Care (Plymouth) Limited

## Kazdin

### 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

Kazdin is a residential care home providing personal care and accommodation for a maximum of three people with a learning disability and/or autism. At the time of the inspection three people were living at the service. Two people were supported in their own self-contained flat/annexe and one person had a bedroom and en-suite facility in the main part of the house.

The registered manager assured us they had assessed the risks of COVID-19 to staff who might be at an increased risk because of their individual health needs and/or ethnicity. Whilst it was clear the registered manager knew staff well; this information had not been formally recorded for everyone. Following the inspection, the registered manager confirmed that individual risk assessments were now being completed.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Systems were in place to help manage the risks and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

There was a clear system in place for visitors to ensure they followed the current guidance on the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and social distancing.

Visitors were asked to consent to a rapid COVID-19 test, have their temperature checked, wash their hands and complete a health declaration before they would be allowed to enter the service.

Visitors to the service had been restricted to essential visitors only. Staff were supporting people to maintain contact with their relatives through use of social media groups, video calls and letter writing.

Staff had received additional training in infection prevention and control and the use of PPE including masks, gloves, aprons and hand sanitiser. There were sufficient stocks of PPE available and staff were seen to be wearing PPE appropriately.

People and staff took part in regular COVID-19 'whole home' testing. People and staff who tested positive, followed national guidance and self-isolated for the required amount of time.

Cleaning schedules and procedures had been enhanced to include more frequent cleaning of touch points such as handrails and light switches. In addition, the service carried out monthly infection prevention and control audits.

The provider had developed specific COVID-19 policies and procedures. There was a contingency plan and risk assessment in place to manage a potential outbreak of COVID-19 within the service to keep people and staff safe.

# The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

## Is the service safe?

Inspected but not rated

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 18 February 2021 and was announced.

# Is the service safe?

## Our findings

S5□ How well are people protected by the prevention and control of infection?

- We were somewhat assured that the provider was meeting shielding and social distancing rules. The registered manager assured us they had fully assessed the risks to staff who might be at higher risk because of their individual health needs and/or ethnicity. Whilst it was clear the registered manager knew staff well; this information had not been formally recorded. Following the inspection, the registered manager confirmed that individual risk assessments were now being completed.
- We were assured that the provider was preventing visitors from catching and spreading infections.
- 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.

We have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.