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Avondale Lodge Care Home

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

The service provides care and support for up to 14 people who may be living with a mental health condition, a learning difficulty or dementia.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- Information was easily accessible on arrival or before visits to ensure visitors followed guidance, procedures or protocols to ensure compliance with infection prevention control.
- Staff wore appropriate personal protective equipment including a mask, gloves and apron when delivering personal care to all people.
- There were designated areas for donning/doffing personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Safe arrangements were in place so staff appropriately socially distanced during breaks.
- The service followed national guidelines regarding testing of people before admission to the service. All staff and residents were also regularly tested as part of 'whole home testing'.
- People were assessed daily for the development of a high temperature (37.8°C or above), a cough, as well as for softer signs of infection such as shortness of breath, loss of appetite, confusion, diarrhoea or vomiting.
- All areas of the service were uncluttered to ensure cleaning could take place effectively.
- Any staff in high risk groups such as black and minority ethnic (BAME) had been risk assessed, and adjustments had been made.
- Staff were trained and knew how to immediately instigate full infection control measures to care for people with symptoms to avoid the virus spreading across the home.
- People knew how to raise any concerns or complaints around IPC practice if they thought it was unsafe or not effective without fear or discrimination.

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 5 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 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.