

# North Yorkshire County Council Ashfield (Skipton) (North Yorkshire County Council)

## Inspection report

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## Ratings

Overall rating for this service	Inspected but not rated
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Is the service safe?	<b>Inspected but not rated</b>
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# Summary of findings

## Overall summary

Ashfield (Skipton) is a care home which is run by North Yorkshire County Council that provides nursing and personal care for up to 29 residents. The service is split in to three units across two floors which is accessible via a lift; one of the units supports people living with dementia. At the time of the inspection there were 15 people living at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Local restrictions on visiting were in place at the time of the inspection and alternative measures such as window visits and video calls were being used.

Systems and processes were in place to safely admit people to the home. There was no movement of residents between the units and occupancy on one unit was being carefully managed to minimise risk. The layout of the home had changed to encourage social distancing and minimise footfall through the service.

All staff, essential visitors and people were screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and had access to testing and personal protective equipment (PPE). A designated area and staff member were allocated to carry out testing.

The provider updated family and friends using a monthly personalised newsletter which included pictures of activities happening within the home.

## 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 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 27 January 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 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 somewhat assured that the provider's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.
- We were somewhat assured that the provider was using PPE effectively and safely.

We recommended that the provider review their documentation to clearly outline what actions they have taken and include further detail.

We recommended that the provider reviewed storage and dispensing of PPE throughout the home.

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