

CareTech Community Services Limited

Byron Court

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

Byron Court is a residential care home providing accommodation and personal care. At the time of the inspection there were seven people at the service living with a learning disability or autism.

We found the following examples of good practice.

A communal area had been designated by the provider for people who had tested positive for COVID-19 and did not wish to remain in their rooms.

Weekly testing of staff was completed, and those living at the home were tested on a 28 day cycle. Assurance had been sought that agency staff did not work elsewhere and were included in the testing of staff for COVID-19.

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 07 December 2020 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 have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.