

Birchester Care Limited

# Shirelodge Nursing Home

## 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

### About the service

Shirelodge Nursing home provides accommodation, personal and nursing care for up to 54 older people, some of whom live with a dementia. At the time of the inspection, 33 people were living at the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- Safe arrangements were in place for professional visitors to the service. These included temperature checks, risk questionnaire, hand sanitisation and wearing a mask. Visitor plans were in place to support visits by relatives when it became safe to do so.
- There was plenty of personal protective equipment (PPE) including masks, gloves, aprons and hand sanitiser available. PPE stations were located around the corridors and nearby all of the rooms where people were isolating.
- All staff had been trained in current infection prevention and control (IPC) guidance and in the use of personal protective equipment (PPE). There were designated areas for donning and doffing of PPE and handwashing facilities were easily accessible to people and staff. We observed staff followed current guidance and practice throughout our visit.
- A regular programme of testing for COVID-19 was in place for staff and people who lived in the service. The service were preparing to offer testing to relatives in the near future as part of the government roll out of this service.
- Enhanced cleaning took place throughout the environment on a daily basis. We observed the environment was clean and hygienic. Communal spaces were used creatively to ensure people could continue to interact with each other and staff in a safe way.
- The clinical lead was the designated IPC staff at the service and undertook regular audits to make sure staff complied with current guidance and practice. Any concerns picked up through these checks were acted on without delay.
- The service's IPC policy was up to date and in line with current guidance. The service had plans in place and knew how to respond to an outbreak of infection to ensure the safety of people and staff.
- People admitted to the service were supported following government guidance on managing new admissions during the COVID-19 pandemic. The provider had specific COVID-19 care plans in place for people to provide guidance for staff caring for them.

Further information is in the detailed findings below.

## 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 3 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 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 were not assured the provider was promoting safe hygiene practice on the premises because pedal bins had not been purchased for people's bedrooms to enable PPE to be disposed of safely.

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