

Doddington Care Ltd

# Doddington Lodge

## 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

Doddington Lodge is a care home providing personal care to 19 people at the time of the inspection, some of whom were living with dementia. Accommodation is provided across two units. The service can support up to 23 people.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The home was able to safely care for people who were positive for COVID-19 without placing other people at the home at risk. The unit was self-contained and had its own staff team which helped to reduce the risk of the spread of infection.

Effective infection control systems were in place and these were understood and followed by staff. The home was clean and fresh and there was regular wiping down of touch points and equipment. Visiting arrangements followed current government guidance. Hand sanitiser and personal protective equipment (PPE) was readily available in the home and there were sufficient supplies of PPE. People and staff took part in the home's COVID-19 testing regime, which followed current government guidance. Appropriate processes were in place should anyone display any symptoms of 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 COVID-19, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) practice is safe and that services are compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices the provider has in place. We also asked the provider about any staffing pressures the service was experiencing and whether this was having an impact on the service.

This inspection took place on 17 February 2022 and was announced. We gave the service two hours' notice of the inspection.

# Is the service safe?

## Our findings

### Staffing

- The provider told us they had measures in place to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 related staff pressures

### 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.
- The provider was following current government guidance when facilitating visits for people. This included the guidance where there was an outbreak of COVID-19.

From 11 November 2021 registered persons must make sure all care home workers and other professionals visiting the service are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless they have an exemption or there is an emergency.

- The Government has announced its intention to change the legal requirement for vaccination in care homes, but the service was meeting the current requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19.