

The Hesley Group Limited

Low Laithes

Inspection report

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Ratings

Overall rating for this service	Inspected but not rated
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Is the service safe?	Inspected but not rated
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Summary of findings

Overall summary

We found the following examples of good practice.

As part of the provider's pandemic response they had risk assessed issues which may impact on people and staff's health and safety at the home. Where risks were identified, procedures or control measures were implemented to embed current practice guidance as well as reduce such risks. For example, the provider assessed all shared areas of the service to ensure social distancing and national guidance was being complied with. Information about the maximum number of people safely permitted in a room at any one time was displayed. Offices were adapted so staff could continue to work safely.

The physical layout of the service meant social distancing and shielding was achievable. Each person who used the service had their own self-contained apartment and were able to access to a range of local amenities and onsite facilities to complement and enrich the lives of those living at Low Laithes.

The service had good engagement practices with people who lived at the service and with family. They kept everyone up to date with national guidance as well as involving them in changes happening at the service. The service utilised technology to encourage people to stay in contact with family and friends.

Staff were trained on how to keep people safe from the risk of infection and how to use PPE correctly. Through observation and discussions with staff, it was clear training was well embedded. The provider supplied staff with additional PPE so they were able to travel to and from work safely.

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?

No ratings were awarded following this inspection. This was a thematic review seeking to identify examples of good practice in infection prevention and control.

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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 conducting a thematic review of infection control and prevention measures in care homes.

The service was selected to take part in this thematic review which is seeking to identify examples of good practice in infection prevention and control.

This inspection took place on 27 October 2020 and was announced.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

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.