

Vibrance

Larwood

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

Larwood is a care home registered to provide accommodation and personal care for up to eight people. At the time of the inspection there were five people living in the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

A visitor's protocol was in place, this included a health questionnaire, personal protective equipment (PPE) to put on and a test for COVID-19.

Testing was carried out for both people living in the service and staff on a regular basis. If anyone had symptoms of COVID-19 they were tested immediately and isolated until the results were received.

The provider was following national guidance for anyone moving into the service and admissions were carried out safely.

There were good supplies of PPE which we observed staff wearing appropriately.

Staff had completed infection prevention and control training including the correct use of PPE. The registered manager had implemented infection control leads and accessed additional training to support this role.

Cleaning of the home, including frequently touched surfaces, had increased to reduce the risk of transmission of infection. Staff breaks were staggered so they could maintain social distancing.

The service had developed ways to safely support visits in line with the latest guidance.

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 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 30 March 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 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.