

Beech Lawn Care Limited

Beech Lawn Nursing and Residential Home

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

Beech Lawn Nursing and Residential Home is a care home that provides personal and nursing care for up to 44 predominantly older people. The accommodation is arranged into four wings on two floors. At the time of the inspection 40 people used the service. Some of these people were living with dementia.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Staff and the registered manager had worked hard to contain this outbreak within the service. The service was appropriately staffed. Beech Lawn had not experienced difficulty in recruiting new staff.

There was a designated area for receiving all visitors to the service, checking their vaccination status and their Covid-19 self test result. Masks, aprons, gloves and hand sanitiser was readily available throughout the service. Essential care givers and visits to people in receipt of end of life care were possible. However, the service was currently closed to other visitors in accordance with national guidance.

Staff and people were regularly tested for Covid-19. All staff and people had been vaccinated.

Additional cleaning protocols were in place to ensure all high touch points were regularly sanitised. Changes had been made to how staff were deployed to limit transmission risks between different areas of the service.

We were assured that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines.

We spoke with two people living at the service and two relatives. All were positive about the service provided. Comments included, "Yes I get visitors. I saw my friend two days ago," "Staff are always around when I need them," "Staff are more than kind, they are wonderful. A relative told us of the detrimental impact the lockdowns had had on her family member. However, they are now visiting regularly again.

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 1 February 2022 and was announced. We gave the service one days 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 facilitating visits for people living in the home in accordance with the current guidance.

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 service was meeting the requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19.