

Methodist Homes

# Avonleigh Gardens

## 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

Avonleigh Gardens provides residential and residential dementia care for up to 59 residents in purpose-built, en suite accommodation. At the time of the inspection there were 44 people living at the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

There was a robust screening procedure in place for any visitors to the home, including health professionals and maintenance staff. This including a lateral flow covid test (LFT), application of PPE, health screening and taking people's temperature.

Signs were displayed at the entrance to the service and throughout the building to remind people to be careful about infection transmission, to wash their hands, socially distance and to comply with government guidance around wearing PPE.

There was an ample supply of PPE for staff and any visitors to use. Hand sanitiser was readily available throughout the service. Staff had received training on the use of PPE and we observed staff wearing it correctly during our inspection.

The risk of infection transmission was minimised through enhanced cleaning of the building and equipment and regular infection control and prevention auditing.

People who used the service and staff were regularly tested for COVID-19 in line with current government guidance.

As visiting was currently prohibited to relatives, staff supported people to communicate with their friends and relatives through video conferencing applications on portable tablets or by telephone.

## 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 the coronavirus pandemic we are looking at the preparedness of care homes in relation to infection prevention and control. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 21 January 2021 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.