

Homestead Homes Limited

The Homestead

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

The Homestead is a large detached property situated in a residential area of Exmouth. The home is set over three floors with access via a passenger lift. The main communal spaces are situated on the ground floor. The service provides accommodation for up to 24 older people. There were 23 people living at the home at the time of our inspection.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider was following best practice guidance in terms of ensuring visitors to the home did not introduce and spread Covid19 providing good information and support for all.

Staff were adhering to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and social distancing guidance. People were supported to see their visitors in the specially designed pod in the garden, or when this was not possible people were supported to speak to their families on the phone or via video call.

The provider had a clear policy designed for people who were admitted to the home from the community or from hospital.

Staff were well trained and have undertaken onsite IPC training, donning and doffing training and undergone regular spot checks and competency checks. Staff were trained and knew how to immediately isolate individuals with symptoms to avoid the virus spreading to other residents and staff members. All staff in high risk groups have been risk assessed, and adjustments have been made. Plans are in place to protect vulnerable staff in the event of an outbreak this included the creative use of infection outbreak scenarios.

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 27 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.