

Littleborough Care Home Ltd

# Littleborough Home for the Elderly

## 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

Littleborough Home for the Elderly is a residential care home providing personal care to 22 people aged 65 and over at the time of the inspection. The service can support up to 26 people. Accommodation is provided over two floors and offers 22 single rooms and a further two bedrooms that can be used as double rooms if required. A passenger lift is available.

At the time of our visit 22 people were living at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The home had policies and procedures to manage any risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. This included the management of people with a COVID-19 positive diagnosis. People who tested positive for COVID-19 were supported to self-isolate. However some people were unable to self-isolate, these people were closely monitored by staff to ensure they were not coming into close contact with others.

There was a good supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff and any visitors to use. Staff had received training on the use of PPE and we observed staff wearing it correctly during our inspection. Clear signage and information was in place throughout the home to remind staff of their responsibilities.

People living in the home and their next of kin were supported to maintain contact through a range of methods including pre-booked 'window' visits, video calls and the telephone. A newly constructed 'POD' had been erected in the car park to facilitate future visiting arrangements. The manager had also identified a potential room that could be adapted to allow people to see their nominated relative safely within the home in accordance with new government guidance.

Daily cleaning schedules were implemented and these were enhanced with additional touch point cleaning.

In accordance with guidance from the local health protection team the frequency of regular COVID-19 testing for both people in the home and staff was implemented. Screening procedure were also in place for visitors to the home.

People in the home and some staff were participating in the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

## 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 17 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.

We have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.