

The Sandwell Community Caring Trust

Grafton Lodge Residential Unit

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

Grafton Lodge is a care home without nursing, which can accommodate up to 35 people. At the time of our inspection there were 18 people living at the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Only essential health professionals visited the home at the time of inspection because people had tested positive for COVID-19. The temperature of all visitors was recorded, and all visitors were required to wear PPE including a mask, gloves and apron to protect people from risk of infection.

The provider had ensured there was a plentiful supply of PPE and there were stations at key points around the home to ensure staff could change their PPE as required.

Staff were allocated to work on certain floors to minimise the risk of infection across the home.

The home was clean and tidy throughout. The areas touched more often were cleaned at regular intervals throughout the day and guidance was in place.

Staff engaged people in activities such as singing and dominoes to promote people's well-being.

Further information is in the detailed findings below.

The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

Is the service safe?

We were not assured the service were always following safe infection prevention and control procedures to keep people safe.

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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 coronavirus, 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 13 November 2020 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 admitting people safely to the service.
- 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 have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.