

Cedar Care Homes Limited

Larkhall Springs Nursing 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

Larkhall Springs Nursing Home is a 47 bedded residential service located in the city of Bath. The service provides accommodation and nursing or personal care to predominantly older people. At the time of our inspection visit, the home was fully occupied.

We found the following examples of good practice:

- The provider ensured safe arrangements for relatives and professionals visiting the service. These included a confirmed negative lateral flow test result, presenting a proof of the vaccination against COVID-19, the requirement to show COVID-19 pass, hand sanitisation and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE).
- People's relatives were presented with a number of options of staying in touch with their loved ones. This, included an option of visiting people in a the purpose built 'visiting pod' specially introduced to ensure safe visiting during the pandemic, the use of video calls if unable to visit the service and visits in people's bedrooms.
- The service was clean and there were comprehensive cleaning schedules in place.
- Regular infection control audits took place and actions had been followed up, when required.
- The provider ensured appropriate stock of PPE were available in the service.
- All staff received training and followed the correct infection prevention and control process by using appropriate PPE.
- The registered manager reported good support from the local authority and health professionals.

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 COVID-19 pandemic we are looking at how services manage infection control and visiting arrangements. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection prevention and control measures the provider had 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 14 January 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 24 hours' 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.
- We were assured 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.