

# Young Foundations Limited

# The Daltons

## Inspection report

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## Ratings

Overall rating for this service	Inspected but not rated
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Is the service safe?	<b>Inspected but not rated</b>
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# Summary of findings

## Overall summary

The Daltons is a care home registered to provide personal care and accommodation for up to six people living with mental health needs, a learning disability and/or autistic spectrum disorder. At the time of inspection, six people aged between 16 and 25 were living at the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Systems were in place to prevent people, staff and visitors from catching and spreading infections.

The provider robustly screened visitors for COVID-19, using temperature checks and a health declaration. The provider required visitors to have a negative lateral flow test before entry, and appropriate vaccination status checks were in place.

The service was very clean, tidy, spacious and well maintained. A robust cleaning schedule was in place which included additional cleaning of frequently touched areas such as door handles. Windows were open where possible to support good ventilation.

Staff were observed to be wearing appropriate PPE and the service had ample supplies. PPE stations were discreet but readily available to staff. Used PPE was disposed of appropriately.

Staff and people took part in regular testing in line with government guidance. Staff had received infection control training, and this was considered in regular staff supervisions and appraisals.

The provider had robust IPC policies and risk assessments in place. Infection control audits and checks were carried out. The registered manager had regular meetings with the provider and passed on important information about COVID-19 to staff.

The registered manager and deputy manager had an excellent understanding about the impact of the pandemic on the young people they supported. They recognised the particular difficulties they faced and did all they could to make reasonable and safe adjustments to support people and meet their needs.

## 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 care homes with outbreaks of COVID-19, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) practice is safe and that services are compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices the provider has 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 13 January 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 48 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.