

Bedford Borough Council

George Beal House

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

George Beal House provides respite and short breaks to adults with a learning disability. At the time of our inspection there were two people staying at George Beal House. The service can accommodate up to 12 people in three separate bungalow buildings.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The registered manager had adapted areas of the building to meet better infection prevention control (IPC) practice. For example, two bathrooms were being used as sluice rooms and the registered manager had purchased an extra washing machine with a sluice facility.

The registered manager had adapted one of the communal lounges into an additional staff area. This ensured staff could safely socially distance whilst donning and doffing their personal protective equipment (PPE).

The building was clearly laid out using easy read signage, outlining 2 metre distances, and how many people could be in one area at a time. Posters in staffing areas and near clinical waste bins prompted staff on the correct way to don and doff PPE.

People in the service were supported to maintain relationships with friends and family using video technology and telephone calls.

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 assured that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines

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 conducting a thematic review of infection control and prevention measures in care homes.

The service was selected to take part in this thematic review which is seeking to identify examples of good practice in infection prevention and control.

This inspection took place on 16 November 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.