

Bupa Care Homes (CFChomes) Limited

Dean Wood Care 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

Dean Wood Care Home is registered to provide accommodation and care, including nursing care for up to 80 people, with a range of medical and age related and chronic conditions, including arthritis, frailty, mobility issues and dementia. The service is divided into three floors. The ground floor provided care and support for people living with dementia. The first floor provided care and support to people with nursing care needs and the second floor provided to care and support to people with lower level care needs. At the time of our inspection 60 people were living at the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The service had appropriate procedures in place for visiting, including checking of COVID-19 passports for visiting professionals.

The registered manager has facilitated visits for people safely and regularly during the pandemic.

The service was clean and tidy throughout. There were robust cleaning schedules inclusive of high touch point areas, to promote safe infection control practices.

Staff had received all appropriate infection prevention and control training. This included the correct use of personal protective equipment (PPE), and donning and doffing safely. Staff were observed to be wearing PPE correctly.

The registered manager had managed risks to people from outbreaks through appropriate isolation and separation of areas within the service.

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 24 February 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.
- 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 Government has announced its intention to change the legal requirement for vaccination in care homes, but the service was meeting the current requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19.