

Swanton Care & Community (Autism North) Limited

Tynedale

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

Tynedale provides residential care and support for up to four people with learning disabilities or autistic spectrum disorder. At the time of the inspection three people were living in the service.

We found the following examples of good practice:

The registered manager had identified, assessed and mitigated all COVID-19 related risks to people, staff and visitors. Risk assessments and policies were in place to help keep people safe.

Staff were trained in the use of PPE and had access to this throughout the home. Staff had received additional training during the pandemic about correct PPE usage and infection prevention and control (IPC) procedures from the provider.

The home was clean. Hand hygiene points were located in every room and the registered manager completed daily walk arounds to ensure IPC guidance was being adhered to.

Appropriate measures were in place at the entrance and inside the home to prevent visitors from spreading infection.

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 15 September 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 supporting people living at the service to minimise the spread of infection.
- 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 responding effectively to risks and signs of infection.
- 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.

Visiting in care homes

- The registered manager ensured visiting by relatives was completed in accordance with government guidelines.