

Meridian Healthcare Limited

Fir Trees

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

Fir Trees is situated in the Dukinfield area of Tameside and provides accommodation for up to 46 people who require accommodation and personal care. All rooms provide single accommodation and have en-suite facilities. Bedrooms are located over two floors and can be accessed by stairs or passenger lift. Communal bathrooms and toilet facilities are available throughout the home; each floor consists of a lounge and dining area. There is an enclosed garden area for people to use. At the time of the inspection there were 39 people living at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider was following best practice guidance in terms of ensuring visitors to the home did not spread COVID-19. Staff were adhering to personal protective equipment (PPE) guidance and practices, and there was a dedicated room for staff to meet socially distanced and change before and after their shift.

Communal areas were well spaced and residents had formed informal bubbles on each floor to maintain social distancing. Clear plans were in place for those who were required to self-isolate. For those residents who struggled with social distancing additional support was provided.

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 coronavirus pandemic we are looking at the preparedness of care homes in relation to infection prevention and control. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 17 February 2021 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.