

# Care UK Community Partnerships Ltd Grangewood Care Centre

## **Inspection report**

Chester Road Shiney Row Houghton Le Spring Tyne and Wear DH4 4RB Date of inspection visit: 11 February 2022

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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**

Grangewood Care Centre is a 'care home.' The service provides accommodation for up to 50 people with personal care needs, some of whom were living with dementia. On the day of our inspection, 43 people lived at the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Staff used PPE correctly which helped prevent the spread of infection. They had completed IPC training, which included how to use PPE correctly.

The home was clean, tidy and spacious. Additional cleaning had been introduced as part of plans to help manage the recent COVID-19 outbreak.

The service had effective screening measures, so visitors could safely access the home. This included a negative COVID-19 test and wearing of PPE.

People were supported to maintain contact with relatives. Staff provided activities to engage people who lived at 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.

**Inspected but not rated** 



# Grangewood Care Centre 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 11 February 2022 and was announced. We gave the service short notice on the day 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 following the Government's guidance about visiting to care homes. The provider had introduced screening measures to provide reassurance visits took place safely. This included visitors showing proof of a negative COVID-19 test.

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.