

Cambridge Nursing Home Ltd

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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

Cambridge Nursing Home is a care home providing accommodation and support with personal and nursing care to older people, many of whom are living with dementia. It provides care to a maximum of 49 people. On the day of the inspection, there were 46 people living at the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider had policies and procedures regarding the prevention and control of infection. Staff ensured the environment was clean and safe for people. They were aware of their roles and responsibilities for the management of infection.

Staff were provided with personal protective equipment (PPE) such as aprons, masks, and gloves. They also undertook COVID-19 testing on a regular basis. The provider followed the government guidance in relation to isolation criteria.

Visiting professionals needed to provide evidence of their vaccination status to the management team before entering the service.

There were arrangements in place for relatives to visit their loved one in accordance with current guidance. People were encouraged to maintain contact with their relatives.

The provider had assessed and mitigated risks related to COVID-19 to people, staff and visitors. This included the need for a negative COVID-19 test prior to entry in the service.

The management team carried out regular infection, prevention and control audits and followed national guidance to ensure people, staff and visitors were safe.

Staff received training in infection prevention and control. They wore appropriate PPE. There were sufficient numbers of staff to keep people safe.

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 9 February 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 48 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.
- We were assured 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.