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# The Beach House

## 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

The Beach House is a newly registered care home which will provide short term residential care to a maximum of 11 people who have been discharged from hospital with a positive Covid-19 status. There was no one living there at the time of our inspection but the service was ready to support people and we found the following examples of good practice.

- Staff had completed training about COVID-19 and how to prevent the spread of the virus.
- The provider was working closely with partner organisations to ensure people would be admitted and discharged from the service safely and appropriately.
- Communication aids were available to help people with hearing difficulties to understand what staff wearing face masks were saying to them.
- Bedrooms had their own tablet computers and support was available to use these. This was to enable regular contact with friends and family as well as providing other activities.
- The provider had supplied staff with bicycles to reduce the need to use public transport.

We were assured that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines as a designated care setting.

Further information is in the detailed findings below.

# The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

## Is the service safe?

We were assured the service were following safe infection prevention and control procedures to keep people safe.

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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.

This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention (IPC) measures the provider has in place. As part of CQC's response to the coronavirus pandemic we are conducting a review of IPC measures in care homes.

The service had been identified for use by the Local Authority as a designated care setting in response to the Winter Plan for people discharged from hospital with a positive Covid-19 status. This inspection was to ensure that the service was compliant with IPC measures.

This inspection took place on 4 December 2020 and was announced.

# Is the service safe?

## Our findings

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 Personal Protective Equipment (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.