

Johnston Care Limited

The Lawrence

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 Lawrence provides accommodation and personal care for up to 14 adults with a range of needs, including people who have a learning disability, autistic people and people living with mental health conditions. There were 12 people living at The Lawrence on the day of this inspection.

We found the following examples of good practice.

There were measures in place to prevent any visitors from spreading infection at the entrance and on entering the premises. These included well stocked supplies of PPE and hand sanitisers.

Staff supported people to understand the current restrictions through easy read documents, videos and discussions. Arrangements were in place to enable people to go out and access their local community and return safely.

People living at The Lawrence and staff were tested regularly in line with government guidance. People were supported to self-isolate as appropriate. The registered manager kept track of staff test results to ensure they returned to work only when they were able to do so.

The registered manager was working on the advice from the local authority IPC team to improve the cleanliness of the premises and further reduce the risk of the spread of infections.

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 27 January 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 24 hours' notice of the inspection.

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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 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 was taking place in accordance with the current government guidance.
- We were somewhat assured that the provider was promoting safety through the layout and hygiene practices of the premises. Parts of the premises were in need of refurbishment, such as a cracked ceiling. The registered manager told us there was a plan in place to complete these works and they were working to an action plan from the local authority IPC team.

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 service was meeting the requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19.