

St.Antony's Ltd

# St Antony's Care Home

## Inspection report

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## Ratings

Overall rating for this service	Inspected but not rated
Is the service safe?	<b>Inspected but not rated</b>

# Summary of findings

## Overall summary

St Antony's Care Home is a residential care home which provides accommodation and personal care for up to 12 older people, some of whom may be living with dementia. At the time of this inspection there were 12 people living in the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The home was clean and hygienic. Systems were in place to ensure good levels of hygiene.

Risks in relation to visitors had been assessed and action taken to ensure visits were still in place at the service. Regular Infection Prevention Control (IPC) audits were undertaken. Managers kept up with with current guidance and knew who to contact if they needed advice around IPC.

Staff had access to supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and had received training to ensure they used this correctly. All staff had regular testing for COVID-19, and all had received their vaccinations. Staff were trained on how to keep people safe from the risk of infection.

## 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. 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 8 February 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 24 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 the provider was using PPE effectively and safely.
- We were assured the provider was promoting safety through the layout and hygiene practices of the premises.
- 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 accessing testing for people using the service and staff.
- We were assured that the provider was taking steps to effectively prevent and manage infection outbreaks.
- We were assured that the provider's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.
- We were assured that the provider was preventing visitors from catching and spreading infections.
- Visits could be booked in advance and were facilitated following a negative lateral flow test result.

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.