

North Yorkshire County Council Springfield Garth

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

Springfield Garth is a residential care home registered to provide personal care for up to 25 older people.

At the time of our inspection the home was being used as a 'designated setting' to care only for people discharged from hospital with a positive COVID-19 status. A section of the home had been set up for this and was being used to safely care for up to five people with COVID-19; two people were using the service when we inspected.

The provider had applied to increase the capacity of the designated setting to care for up to eight people. During our inspection, we were assured the service met good infection prevention and control guidelines as a designated care setting and was safe to increase their capacity to care for up to eight people with a positive COVID-19 status.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- There were safe systems in place to admit people. Separate units had been set up to minimise the risk of infections spreading within the service. Movement of staff and people who used the service was restricted to reduce the risks.
- People were supported by a dedicated member of staff to meet all their needs including their meals and social support. This reduced the risk of cross contamination.
- Staff received infection prevention and control training, as well as training and guidance on hand hygiene practices and how to put on and take off Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) safely. There were good supplies of PPE, which staff used to help keep people safe.
- There was clear signage on the correct use of PPE and handwashing techniques.
- The environment was very clean. Regular cleaning helped to minimise the risk of people catching or spreading COVID-19. This included enhanced cleaning of high risk areas.
- Staff had been consulted with about their specific risks or concerns. Each staff member had had a detailed risk assessment and health risk assessment.

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 was 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 measures the provider has in place. As part of the Care Quality Commission's response to the coronavirus pandemic we are conducting a review of infection control and prevention 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 infection control and prevention measures.

This inspection took place on 19 November 2020 and was announced.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

S5 How well are people protected by the prevention and control of infection?

- We were assured the provider was preventing visitors from catching and spreading infections.
- We were assured the provider was meeting shielding and social distancing rules.
- We were assured the provider was admitting people safely to the service.
- We were assured the provider was using PPE effectively and safely.
- We were assured the provider was accessing testing for people using the service and staff.
- We were assured the provider was promoting safety through the layout and hygiene practices of the premises.
- We were assured the provider was making sure infection outbreaks can be effectively prevented or managed.
- We were assured the provider's infection prevention and control policy was up-to-date.