

Atlas Care Homes Limited

# Aster Care

## 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

Aster Care is a care home for up to 102 young adults, older adults and adults living with a learning disability providing personal and nursing care in one purpose-built building. At the time of inspection 26 people were living at the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- We were assured the service had good infection prevention and control procedures in place as a designated setting.
- Effective screening procedures were in place for visitors.
- Staff wore personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly. The home had good stocks of PPE.
- All staff had received training and demonstrated good practices to maintain good infection and prevention control procedures.
- Good systems were in place to shield and isolate people in the event of an outbreak. Staff practised social distancing in the service.
- Clear procedures were in place to admit people safely into the service.
- People and staff participating in the Covid testing programme.
- People and staff were kept up to date with government guidance relating to testing and infection prevention and control guidance.

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

## 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.

The service had been identified for use by the Local Authority as a designated care setting for people discharged from hospital with a positive COVID-19 status. This targeted inspection was to ensure that the service was compliant with infection prevention and control measures.

This inspection took place on 14 January 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 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 service was meeting the requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19.