

# Gary Richard Homes Limited

# Halland House

## 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

Halland House is a care home providing accommodation and personal care for up to 30 people living with a learning disability or autism. There were 27 people living there at the time of the inspection.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The home was clean and tidy. There was regular cleaning throughout the day, and this included high-touch areas. Staff and people received regular testing in line with government guidelines.

During the outbreak, as far as possible, people who had tested positive for Covid-19, who were unwell or self-isolating were cared for in their own rooms to minimise the risk of spreading the virus. At the time of the inspection the isolation period had passed and people were able to move around the home freely. Due to their learning disabilities people did not understand the need to socially distance. The home was divided into three 'houses' and people spent time in their own house.

There were two activity rooms. These were two spacious rooms, away from the main houses, where people were able to engage in a range of activities. People generally remained within the same activity group.

Staff were provided with adequate supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) and were seen to be wearing this appropriately. Information about PPE was displayed around the home. The registered manager explained that during walks around the home she was observant of staff practice to ensure the correct use of PPE and that social distancing was maintained. As far as possible, staff worked in the same 'house' each shift.

Staff had received specific Covid-19 training, and this included guidance for staff about how to put on and take off PPE safely. The registered manager had provided informal training for staff about how to not wear a mask.

## 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 coronavirus, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the Infection Prevention and Control practice was safe and the service was compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 26 January 2021 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 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.