

Atlas Care Homes Limited

Brownlee Court

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

Brownlee Court is a residential nursing home providing personal and nursing care to older people and people living with a dementia. It accommodates up to 116 people across two units in one purpose-built building. There were 45 people using the service when we visited.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- The premises were clean and tidy, with regular cleaning taking place.
- Visitors were screened to reduce the risk of them spreading infection.
- Plentiful supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) were in place, and staff were seen using this correctly.
- Staff promoted safe social distancing throughout the home.

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.

Inspected but not rated

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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 07/01/2022 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.