

# The Disabilities Trust

# Kerwin 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

Kerwin Court provides personal and rehabilitation care for up to 23 people. On the day of inspection there were 13 people living at the service. The service is in a purpose built two storey building. People living at the service had sustained an acquired brain injury (ABI), required treatment for substance misuse, or had other chronic health conditions.

We found the following examples of good practice.

There was clear communication to visitors which were by appointment only. There were different arrangements in place, which allowed for social distancing whilst meeting individual's needs. The outdoor spaces were well used and there was a room set aside for visits with an external door. People were supported to keep in touch with their friends and families using video calls.

The layout of the service had allowed for isolation when needed. People who were shielding were supported to continue their rehabilitation. Staff spent time with people in meaningful activities, which included access to outside space.

The service was clean with personal protective stations at short intervals. A robust cleaning schedule was maintained. The layout of the service had been adjusted to give space between people when using communal areas. Laminated signs showed how to maintain social distance in the dining room and corridors.

## 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.

**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.

This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place. As part of CQC's response to the coronavirus pandemic we are conducting a thematic review of infection control and prevention measures in care homes.

This inspection took place on 14 August 2020 and was announced. The service was selected to take part in this thematic review which is seeking to identify examples of good practice in infection prevention and control.

# 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.