

East Riding of Yorkshire Council

The Old School House

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

The Old School House is a residential care home providing personal care to 21 older people and people with complex needs associated with their diagnosis of dementia. The service can support up to 40 people.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider ensured current government guidelines in relation to COVID-19 were being followed by staff and visitors to reduce the spread of infection. This included comprehensive checks for visitors on arrival.

The service had prominent and clear infection prevention control (IPC) signs with helpful information and best practice guidance. Staff were adhering to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) guidelines and improvements were planned in relation to PPE storage arrangements.

The environment supported people to remain safe and socially distanced. Furniture in communal areas had been arranged to ensure people were able to sit socially distanced. Areas of the service were being refurbished and were closed off to people and staff wherever possible to reduce contact with visiting contractors.

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 COVID-19, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) practice is safe and that services are compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices the provider has in place. We also asked the provider about any staffing pressures the service was experiencing and whether this was having an impact on the service.

This inspection took place on 6 April 2022 and was announced from the car park.

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.

Visiting in care homes

- The registered manager supported relatives to visit the service in line with the guidance, including regular testing alongside staff. The registered manager ensured all relatives were kept up to date with the changes in Government guidance.