

Mrs M Lane

# Blakesley House Nursing Home

## Inspection report

7 Blakesley Avenue  
Ealing  
London  
W5 2DN

Tel: 02089912364  
Website: [www.blakesleyhouse.co.uk](http://www.blakesleyhouse.co.uk)

Date of inspection visit:  
15 February 2022

Date of publication:  
09 March 2022

## Ratings

Overall rating for this service	Inspected but not rated
Is the service safe?	Inspected but not rated

# Summary of findings

## Overall summary

Blakesley House Nursing Home is a care home providing personal and nursing care to up to 22 older people, including those who are living with the experience of dementia. At the time of our inspection, 13 people were using the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider had taken steps to prevent and control the spread of infection. They had reviewed and improved their procedures and practices to help protect people during the COVID-19 pandemic. There were suitable cleaning schedules and systems in place and we saw the home was clean and hygienic. The provider and senior staff carried out regular audits to make sure the environment was clean and safe.

The provider worked closely with healthcare professionals and the local authority to learn and develop best practice. Staff were well trained and understood their roles and responsibilities in keeping people safe from infection. Staff wore personal protective equipment (PPE) such as masks, gloves and aprons. However, we saw one staff member with their masks under their chin whilst they were supporting a person. We raised this with the provider who told us the care worker was employed to work on a one-to-one basis with the person. They explained that the nature of the activity being provided was verbal communication. English was not the first language of the person or the care worker, therefore the movement of the mask facilitated better verbal communication.

Following our feedback, the provider told us the person was no longer requiring one to one support, but in the future, they would explore the use of visors to help communication whilst keeping people safe.

The provider supported people to stay in touch with family and friends in a safe way. Visitors were required to take COVID-19 tests and wear PPE.

## 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**

# Blakesley House Nursing Home

## **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 the COVID-19 pandemic we are looking at how services manage infection control and visiting arrangements. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection prevention and control measures the provider had 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 15 February 2022 and was unannounced.

# 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.