

Knights Care Limited

Abbey Court Care Home - Leek

Inspection report

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Ratings

Overall rating for this service

Inspected but not rated

Is the service safe?

Inspected but not rated

Summary of findings

Overall summary

Abbey Court is a residential care home that provides personal and nursing care for up to 52 people. The accommodation is provided in a single building, arranged over two floors, with communal facilities including dining rooms and lounges on both floors. At the time of our inspection, 48 people were using the service, some of whom were living with dementia.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Visitors were checked on arrival for proof of vaccination where it was applicable.

The management team completed regular checks of the premises and staff members practice to ensure effective infection prevention and control practices were in place.

The provider received regular updates from other healthcare professionals to ensure they were following best practice guidance in preventing the spread of infections.

Staff and people were regularly tested, and staff had received COVID-19 vaccinations unless exempt.

The provider ensured PPE supplies were plentiful and accessible throughout the buildings. We saw staff were using PPE appropriately at all times.

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 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 Monday 07 March 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.

Visiting in care homes

- The provider was supporting visits in line with the Governments 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 Government has announced its intention to change the legal requirement for vaccination in care homes, but the service was meeting the current requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19.