

# Meadowview Care Limited

# Brewery House

## Inspection report

28 Brewery Drive  
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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

Brewery House provides accommodation and personal care support in one shared house for up to two people with learning disabilities. At the time of our inspection two people using the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The service has remained free from COVID-19. Staff used various methods to communicate with people about the pandemic, and how to keep safe. This included easy read posters promoting good hand hygiene, and information about the COVID-19 vaccination and what to expect. Where a person was afraid of needles, effective systems have been put in place to support the person and reduce anxiety.

Staff supported people to retain their independence in carrying out household tasks, whilst in the background were carrying out extra cleaning during the day of high touch point areas, such as door handles.

Where applicable, staff kept people's relatives updated on current visiting guidelines and offered flexibility in accommodating visits. Where relatives, due to their own circumstances could not visit, people were supported to have face to face calls using technology.

One person told us about the recent resident's video meeting they had joined in with, which linked them up with provider's other services, enabling them to discuss and raise any issues.

National guidance was being followed to ensure staff and people living in the service were regularly tested for COVID-19. Staff had been trained to carry out, and process the quick 30 minute lateral flow test correctly.

## 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 the preparedness of care homes in relation to infection prevention and control. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 28 April 2021 and was unannounced.

# 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.
- We were assured the provider was facilitating visits for people living in the home in accordance with the current guidance.

We have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.