

Annfield Care Limited

Longlast

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

Longlast is a residential care home for young adults living with a learning disability and / or autism. It is an adapted building which has been extended to meet the needs of people living there.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- Procedures in place to support safe visiting at the service were extremely robust. People were supported to maintain contact with their loved ones. People and relatives had choice about how they received their visits, such as visiting inside the service, use of a visiting pod in the garden and visits in the community or to relatives' homes.
- There was good compliance with testing. This had supported staff to react quickly when positive cases occurred. Contingency plans were immediately implemented. The environment had already been assessed and was utilised to support people to access their bedrooms, communal areas and the garden when positive cases occurred. This helped to minimise the risk of cross infection.
- Quality assurance measures supported the high level of infection prevention and control measures at the service. All staff had received and embedded their training in infection prevention and control and donning and doffing PPE. The service had good stocks of 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.

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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 27 January 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 aligned to Government guidance. Relatives had been kept up to date about visiting arrangements. People were supported to have contact with their loved ones.

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.