

Brown Edge House Limited

Brown Edge House Residential Home

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

- □ Brown Edge House Residential Home is a purpose-built residential care home for people aged 65 and over located in St Helens, Merseyside. It is registered to provide accommodation for 20 people including people living with dementia. At the time of this inspection there were 20 people living at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice:

- Residents were able to see and speak to their loved ones safely and in line with the national guidance. Other means of communication were available such as video and/or telephone calls.
- PPE was available at the front door for visiting professionals and hand sanitisation was seen in various places throughout the home. Most staff were seen wearing their PPE correctly.
- There was a policy in place if people needed to isolate but this had not been necessary to date.
- COVID-19 testing was undertaken weekly for all staff and monthly for residents who were able and willing. Staff and residents had been given appropriate support to access Covid-19 vaccinations.
- The home was clean and hygienic throughout and cleaning staff had enhanced cleaning schedules which were implemented.

Further information is in the detailed findings below.

The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

Is the service safe?

Inspected but not rated

Further information is in the detailed findings.

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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 coronavirus 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 24 February 2021 and was announced.

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 somewhat assured that the provider was meeting shielding and social distancing rules. It had not been possible to make adjustments to the property and there was only one lounge where residents gathered together. However, there had been no instances of Covid-19 within the home of either residents or staff.
- We were assured that the provider would admit people safely to the service if required, as there were policies in place and the home manager was aware of where to obtain guidance. To date there had been no admissions since the lockdown period began.
- We were somewhat assured that the provider was using PPE effectively and safely. There was a sufficient stock of the right standard of personal protective equipment (PPE) and stocks were well-maintained. However, two members of staff were seen to be wearing cloth face masks. All other staff we saw were wearing appropriate PPE.
- We were assured that the provider was accessing testing for people using the service and staff.

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

Further information is in the detailed findings below.