

National Autistic Society (The) Mainwaring Terrace

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

Mainwaring Terrace is a residential care home providing personal and nursing care registered to support up to 14 people with learning disabilities or autism. At the time of the inspection there were 10 people living at the home. The service is separated into four separate houses which all benefit from shared access to a large garden.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Staff knew people at the service well. Staff were aware of the importance of supporting people's wellbeing during the pandemic.

Staff encouraged people to participate in activities which they enjoyed.

An enhanced cleaning schedule of high touch areas was in place. The home appeared clean throughout.

All visitors to the service were required to complete a lateral flow test, questionnaire and risk assessment. The service completed risk assessments to support people to spend time with their relatives.

People also had the option of using a log cabin at the service for visiting. This enabled people to visit the service without entering the home.

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 25 February 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 72 hours' notice of the inspection.

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

- Visitors were welcome to the service. A visitor questionnaire and risk assessment was completed for each visit. People could either visit in the houses or use the log cabin in the garden.
- Although, at the time of the inspection there were no essential care givers, the registered manager understood the role of essential care givers.

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.