

Alan Atchison

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Augusta Close

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

Alan Atchison 5 and 6 Augusta Close is a 'care home', registered to accommodate up to nine people with learning disabilities. The service is within two neighbouring residential houses, one house has five bedrooms and the other house has four bedrooms and a bedroom for the member of staff to sleep in the service overnight.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Staff ensured that any visitors to the service, both social and professional visitors, completed a questionnaire regarding their current health and had their temperature taken.

The building was clearly marked with 2 metre signs and floor markings to ensure that people were reminded to keep a 2 metre distance. The registered manager had utilised all six entrances into the building to maintain social distances, for example contractors used a different entrance to staff, and health professionals used a different entrance.

The registered manager had identified a 'clean room' which was used for people to meet with a visitor. These visits were made by appointment only and visitors wore full (personal protective equipment) PPE such as a face mask and followed the service's visitor guidance. Following the visit, staff disinfected the room to ensure that it was clean and safe for the next visitor.

Staff supported each other to ensure that no one needed to use public transport to travel to work. Staff car shared, and followed the guidance in place for this, which included wearing PPE in the car and whilst driving.

Staff did not work across the different services and did not enter the adjoining service throughout their shift. People living in the different services did not mix and remained within their own 'living' bubble.

People were always supported to understand the importance of staff wearing PPE, and this was discussed in regular service user meetings. There were pictures around the building of staff wearing full PPE. People were encouraged to wear face masks when accessing the community and to health appointments.

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?

We were assured that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines.

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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 conducting a thematic review of infection control and prevention measures in care homes.

The service was selected to take part in this thematic review which is seeking to identify examples of good practice in infection prevention and control.

This inspection took place on 28 October 2020 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 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.