

Benjamin Lodge Ltd

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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

Benjamin Lodge is a residential care home. People in care homes receive accommodation and nursing or personal care as a single package under one contractual agreement. The home is registered to provide care to a maximum of 17 people who require support with mental health needs. It is situated in a residential area of Cottingham, in the East Riding of Yorkshire, and is within walking distance of local amenities. 16 people were living at the home during this inspection.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Risks in relation to COVID-19 were assessed for staff and people. The service had a robust continuity plan for the event of a COVID-19 outbreak at the home.

Staff were vaccinated and took part in regular testing. They wore personal protective equipment in line with current guidance to minimise risk of infections potentially spreading.

Staff were confident and knowledgeable regarding infection prevention and control practices and staff competency checks had routinely been completed.

The provider took prompt action to address a small number of minor areas where aspects of policy or best practice were not being followed consistently, or where cleaning records were not completed fully.

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 how services manage infection control and visiting arrangements. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection prevention and control measures the provider had 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 18 January 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 24 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 accessing testing for people using the service and staff.
- We were assured that the provider was making sure infection outbreaks can be effectively prevented or managed.
- The provider was facilitating visits for people living in the home in accordance with the current guidance.
- We were assured that the provider was admitting people safely to the service.

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.
- We were somewhat assured that the provider was promoting safety through the layout and hygiene practices of the premises. For example, the flooring in one bathroom needed replacing to ensure effective cleaning. This was completed by the provider shortly after our inspection.
- We were somewhat assured that the provider was using PPE effectively and safely. The provider did not have safe disposal methods in place. The provider rectified this following our inspection. We have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.