

Askham Village Community Limited

Askham Court

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

Askham Court is residential care home that provides accommodation and care, with nursing, for up to 12 adults. People receive rehabilitation for head and spinal injuries. At the time of the inspection there were 12 people living in the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

All visitors were required to book their visits in advance and follow the providers infection control procedures. This included a temperature check and a rapid test for COVID-19. There was information and guidance about COVID-19 and infection control practices displayed throughout the home.

The service took part in the national COVID-19 testing programme for care homes. Individual risk assessments were completed for staff and people. Staff followed the providers robust infection prevention controls.

Staff promoted good social distancing; furniture had been rearranged to support safe distances. Staff were allocated to different parts of the home to reduce their footprint; this was known as zoning and is good infection control practice.

The provider had good supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE). All staff received training in infection control, good hand washing technique and the correct use and disposal of PPE. Competency assessments were completed to ensure good practices were maintained.

The manager completed daily monitoring and visual checks to ensure best practice. There was an infection control lead to support with any staff needs and to complete infection control audits. The provider had an outbreak management plan in place and ensured regular sharing of the most up to date information about COVID-19.

The service looked clean and free from clutter. Appropriate cleaning products were used. Cleaning schedules ensured frequently touched areas were sanitised.

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 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 18 March 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 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.