

Community Integrated Care Newgate Lane

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

Newgate Lane is part of a national organisation called Community Integrated Care which is a social care charity. It is a care home providing care and support to four people with a learning disability. At the time of the inspection it was fully occupied.

We found the following examples of good practice.

We observed systems and processes in place, in line with guidance, to ensure visitors to the home did not introduce and spread Covid-19. All visitors, including professionals, were subject to a range of screening procedures, including showing evidence of Covid-19 vaccination and a negative lateral flow test before entry into the home was allowed.

Visitors were required to complete a COVID-19 test, had their temperature checked completed health questioning and wore PPE in line with current guidelines.

All staff had undertaken training in infection prevention and control (IPC) and PPE. Policies and audits relating to infection prevention control, including coronavirus were up to date. We saw that regular IPC audits had been undertaken and the home had actioned the findings of the audits.

Staff had plentiful access to PPE and wore this appropriately.

Risk assessments were in place for people who used the service which included guidance for staff to follow should the person display symptoms of COVID-19 and how to safely access the community

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

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Newgate Lane

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 14 February 2022 and was announced. We gave the service one days' 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

Safe visiting arrangements were in place. Staff and visiting professionals were asked to provide evidence of their vaccination status against COVID-19 prior to entering the home. People were supported by staff to keep in touch with those important to them through visiting or video calls. Visitors were required to complete a COVID-19 test, had their temperature checked completed health questioning and wore PPE in line with current guidelines.

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.