

# GCH (Alan Morkill House) Limited

# Beachcroft House

## 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

Beachcroft House is a care home which provides accommodation and support for up to 84 people aged 65 and over, including people living with dementia.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The risks associated with Covid-19 were considered and plans were in place to mitigate these. Staff understood the signs and symptoms that might indicate acute ill health that required immediate medical attention. The service had a separate isolation unit with access to a garden for people who would find it difficult or traumatic to self-isolate in their own room when they received a positive test result. There was a clear process in place to ensure all visits to the service were managed safely. The provider had adapted the visitors' protocol when risk factors and government guidance changed. People were supported to keep in touch with family and friends using alternative methods such as video calls when visits to the service were suspended.

The provider had systems in place to ensure stocks of personal protective equipment (PPE) were maintained. All staff received training in infection control and the correct use of PP. There was signage throughout the service to remind residents, staff and visitors of best practice guidelines. The registered manager conducted regular infection control audits of the service and observations of how PPE was used by staff to ensure high standards were maintained.

The service was taking part in 'whole service' testing in line with current government guidance to protect all residents and staff. The testing scheduled was reviewed in line with advice from local health protection teams.

# 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**

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 coronavirus, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the Infection Prevention and Control practice was safe and the service was compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices the provider has in place.

The inspection took place on 22 January 2021 and was unannounced.

# 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.