

Barchester Healthcare Homes Limited

Newington 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

Newington Court provides accommodation, residential and nursing care for up to 58 older people, some who were living with Dementia. On the day of our inspection, there were 57 people using the service.

We found the following examples of good practice:

People that were able to follow social distancing guidance were supported to have visits from their relatives through a pre booked timed system. Visits took place outside and were supported by care staff. The registered manager informed us after the inspection that they offered support with video calling for people to maintain links with relatives who could not visit.

The registered manager provided personal protective equipment (PPE) to visitors and residents.

Staff and people were supported with regular testing for COVID-19

Staff were supported with regular breaks. The provider had arranged for a counselling service which was available to staff as they needed it.

There were risk assessments in place for staff or people who fell into high risk groups. The registered manager had planned how to manage an outbreak of COVID-19 in the home, including zoning of rooms and areas.

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 the service were following safe infection prevention and control procedures to keep people safe.

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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.

This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place. 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.

This inspection took place on 22 October 2020 and was announced. 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.

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's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.

We have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.