

Great Oak Tree Healthcare Limited Chestnuts Residential Home

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

Chestnuts Residential Home is a 'care home'. People in care homes receive accommodation and nursing or personal care as single package under one contractual agreement. CQC regulates both the premises and the care provided, and both were looked at during this inspection. The home is registered to accommodate up to 13 older people in one adapted building. Nursing care is not provided by staff in the home. This type of care is provided by the community nursing service. At the time of this inspection there were 12 people living in the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Measures were in place to prevent the spread of infection by visitors to the service. Visitors were required to answer questions about their health to screen for Covid-19 symptoms and their temperature was taken on arrival. A sealed door with a large glass panel had been installed at the front of the property to enable safer window visits.

People were supported to understand the measures that were in place regarding infection prevention and control. There were posters offering reassurance about the use of PPE.

People were supported to stay in touch with their loved ones in ways that were meaningful to them. Staff understood the impact the isolation could have on people and sought to support people's emotional wellbeing. Particular care was taken to support people who needed to quarantine in their room as part of the home's admission process. Senior staff liaised with other agencies to reduce risks when quarantining was not possible due to people's mental health.

Staff were committed to keeping people safe. They had undertaken additional training and understood the importance of wearing appropriate PPE. There were sufficient stocks available including masks, gloves, aprons and hand sanitiser. Sanitisation and PPE stations were placed around the building and this enabled easy access.

During our inspection the senior team reviewed where staff members took their breaks to reduce the risk of transmission of infection within the home.

Additional cleaning measures were in place in line with good practice guidance. The home was clean during our visit and decorative work was ongoing to support effective cleaning.

Infection prevention and control audits took place and action plans were developed to follow up on any required actions. This ensured the registered manager had effective oversight of infection control measures. Staff had the opportunity to discuss IPC at every supervision and this enabled them to clarify queries and make suggestions.

Regular COVID testing was carried out at the service for both staff and people living there, and contingency plans were in place in the event of any outbreak of Covid-19 or other emergency.

Further information is in the detailed findings below.

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 16 February 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.