

GCH (Alan Morkill House) Limited

Alan Morkill 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

Alan Morkill House is residential care home for up to 49 people aged 65 or over, including those living with dementia. The accommodation is over three floors in an accessible, modern building. At the time of our inspection, there were 49 people living in the home.

We found the following examples of good practice:

- The service had made good use of the spacious layout of the building, enabling people to continue to be sociable during meals and activities while maintaining social distancing.
- The service had used different methods, such as video calling and more individual time with staff, to ensure people did not feel lonely or isolated.
- Staff meticulously followed the home's PPE and infection control procedures, which were also clearly on display for visitors.

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 was 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 26 August 2020 and was announced. The service was invited 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 promoting safety through the layout and hygiene practices of the premises.