

Lifeways Community Care Limited

Sixth Avenue

Inspection report

53 Sixth Avenue
Blyth
Northumberland
NE24 2ST

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22 January 2021

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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

Sixth Avenue is a care home that is registered to provide accommodation and personal care for a maximum of 4 people with a learning disability. At the time of the inspection 4 people were living at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- Sufficient stocks of personal protective equipment (PPE) were available. Staff had undertaken training and were aware of how to put on and take off PPE appropriately.
- The service had identified a member of staff to work as an infection control champion. Systems were in place to ensure infection control audits were completed to ensure safe infection control practices were followed by staff.
- Enhanced cleaning schedules were in place to ensure regularly touched surfaces were regularly cleaned. People were supported by staff to follow social distancing guidance.
- People were supported to maintain contact with their friends and family. This included people having garden visits and the use of technology to support virtual visits. There had been some essential visits to the home for maintenance work. Systems were in place to risk assess any essential visitor which included temperature checks and completing track and trace paperwork.

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?

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.

This 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.