

Aims Care Limited

# Leighton House Private Nursing Home

## Inspection report

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## Ratings

Overall rating for this service	Inspected but not rated
Is the service safe?	<b>Inspected but not rated</b>

# Summary of findings

## Overall summary

Leighton House is a residential care home providing nursing and personal care for up to 27 people aged 65 and over. Some people were living with dementia. There were 25 people living at the service at the time of the inspection.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Clearly communicated measures were in place to reduce the risk of visitors spreading infection. All visitors were screened for symptoms of COVID-19 before being allowed to enter the home.

Staff had received regular training about infection prevention and control including specific training about personal protective equipment (PPE) and how to use it correctly. The frequency of infection prevention and control training had increased in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

People living at the service had individual COVID-19 risk assessments which were regularly reviewed. This was to help identify factors which might make them particularly vulnerable and how these could be addressed.

The layout of communal areas had been adapted to help with social distancing. For instance, tables and chairs in the dining area and lounge had been spaced out where possible.

Cleaning had increased during the COVID-19 pandemic and frequently touched surfaces such as light switches and lift buttons were cleaned regularly throughout the day to reduce the risk of infection. There were hand sanitizer dispensers readily available around the service.

## 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 COVID-19 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 March 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.