

GT Care (Wakefield) Ltd

The Acorns

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

The Acorns is a residential care home for up to five adults with learning disabilities. Care is provided in a house within a residential area. Some of the bedrooms are accessed by stairs and there is a rear enclosed garden.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Prominent and clear infection prevention control (IPC) signs reminded everyone at the point of entry and throughout the home about procedures for infection control.

The home was accessing regular testing, which had assisted them in identifying an outbreak of COVID-19.

Risks in relation to visitors had been assessed and action taken to minimise risks. Visitors were provided with PPE, asked to complete a health questionnaire and temperature check taken on arrival.

Staff were seen wearing PPE correctly and management carried out checks to ensure this was maintained.

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 care homes with outbreaks of coronavirus, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) 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 25 January 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 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.

We identified some environmental issues at the time of the inspection, which the provider took prompt action to address.

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