

Wellmun Care Limited

Two Gates House

Inspection report

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Overall rating for this service	Inspected but not rated
Is the service safe?	Inspected but not rated

Summary of findings

Overall summary

Two Gates is a care home registered to provide accommodation and personal care for older people and dementia. At the time of the inspection 33 people were living there.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider maintained good levels of personal protective equipment (PPE) and staff were observed wearing PPE correctly.

The service was clean and effective systems were in place.

There was a booking in system for visits from family and friends, this helped monitor the number of people at the home. The registered manager had alternative methods to keep in contact with family and friends if they could not visit.

The provider stated there had been no impact on the care people received due to workforce challenges in the sector and when needed agency staff provided support to ensure staffing levels were appropriate.

The five questions we ask about services and what we found

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Is the service safe?	Inspected but not rated
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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.

We received information of concern about regarding visiting arrangements at this service. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection prevention and control measures the provider has in place. We also asked the provider about any staffing pressures the service was experiencing and whether this was having an impact on the service.

This inspection took place on the 8 February 2022 and was unannounced.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

Staffing

• The provider told us they had measures in place to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 related staff pressures

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.

Visiting in care homes

• The registered manager was facilitating visits within the home as well as providing alternative methods if needed.

From 11 November 2021 registered persons must make sure all care home workers and other professionals visiting the service are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless they have an exemption or there is an emergency.

• The Government has announced its intention to change the legal requirement for vaccination in care homes, but the service was meeting the current requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19.