

SMN Investment Limited

St Michaels Nursing Home

Inspection report

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Ratings

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| 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

St Michaels Nursing Home provides accommodation for up to 39 older people who require nursing or personal care, including some people with dementia. Accommodation is provided within one adapted building set over two floors. At this inspection there were 33 people receiving care at the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Following their registration and ownership of the service in December 2021. The provider had introduced revised comprehensive arrangements and related procedures, in line with nationally recognised guidance and the law, for the prevention and control of infection at the service. This included, to ensure safe admissions, visiting, testing and isolation arrangements for COVID19.

Relevant equipment, facilities and accessible information was provided, to support safe entry, social distancing, hand hygiene and use of personal protective equipment. Individual risk assessments were undertaken, to ensure appropriate guidance and support for people and staff who may be clinically vulnerable.

The provider had identified and commenced a comprehensive service improvement plan. A phased programme for the total upgrade, refurbishment, repair and renewal of the premises was in progress. This included total laundry refurbishment and dedicated environmental provision for effective cohorting and zoning, when needed. Timescales for monitoring and completion were identified.

Replacement bedding and revised cleaning schedules for the environment and care equipment were also introduced. Along with related staff instruction and ongoing management monitoring measures, to ensure environmental and equipment cleanliness and hygiene ongoing.

We also asked the provider about any staffing pressures the service was experiencing and whether this was having an impact on 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?

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.

We received information of concern about infection prevention and control measures 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 visit took place on 17 January 2022 and was unannounced. Unlike our standard approach to inspection, in order to minimise time spent on site, we used technology to review some of the provider's management records on 18 January 2022.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

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 were assured the provider was facilitating visits for people living in the home in accordance with the current guidance.
- We were somewhat assured that the provider was promoting safety through the layout and hygiene practices of the premises. Revised cleaning schedules and related staff instruction had been introduced. Environmental improvements were in progress, with identified timescales for the total upgrade, refurbishment, repair and renewal of the premises and identified facilities. However, this was not yet demonstrated as fully completed.

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

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 service was meeting the requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19.

Staffing and recruitment

- The provider told us they had measures in place to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 related staff pressures. At this inspection we saw there were enough staff on duty, to provide people's care.

