

The Joseph Cox Charity

# Mary & Joseph House

## Inspection report

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## Ratings

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

# Summary of findings

## Overall summary

Mary & Joseph House provides high quality accommodation and personal care to adult males with enduring mental health needs. Accommodation is provided from 11 self-contained flats and 30 single bedrooms. At the time of this inspection, 37 people used the service.

We found the following examples of good practice:

There was an excellent range of in-house activities and opportunities available to people while they followed the COVID-19 lockdown rules.

The open, inclusive and supportive nature of the service meant that promoting equality and diversity and respecting people's human rights was a golden thread that ran through every aspect of the service.

The entrance to the home was well managed. The area was spacious and ample PPE and hand-cleansing fluids were provided. The reception staff were well versed in the protocol and diligent in ensuring sure COVID-19 best practice infection control and prevention rules were followed so that residents were protected.

The service introduced a staff uniform which is laundered on site at the required high temperature. The residents were involved in making this decision.

Visitors to home needed to complete a COVID-19 test with a negative result before entrance, this was done at Mary and Joseph House on the day of the visit.

## The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

### **Is the service safe?**

We were assured that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines.

**Inspected but not rated**

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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.

This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place. As part of CQC's response to the coronavirus pandemic we are conducting a thematic review of infection control and prevention measures in care homes.

This inspection took place on 3 February 2021 and was announced. The service was selected to take part in this thematic review which is seeking to identify examples of good practice in infection prevention and control.

# 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's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.
- 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.
- We were assured that the provider's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.