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# Ashton Lodge Residential Home

## 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

Ashton Lodge is a care home providing personal care and support for up to 27 older adults and people who have mental health or physical disability support needs. At the time of inspection there were 21 people using the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection took place to reduce the risk infection spread. This included high touch areas such as door handles and hand rails. Checklists were used to record and monitor cleaning tasks.
- There was plenty of personal protective equipment (PPE) including masks, gloves, aprons and hand sanitiser available. Staff had received training in infection prevention and control. Posters were on display about good hand hygiene. These measures helped keep people and staff safe.
- PPE was kept in and near people's rooms for staff to easily access when they were supporting people. PPE was disposed of in clinical waste bins which helped reduce the risk of cross contamination.
- A regular programme of testing for COVID-19 was in place for staff and people who lived in the service. This included weekly testing for all staff along with twice weekly rapid lateral flow tests. This meant swift action could be taken if any positive results were received.
- Infection prevention and control audits took place which ensured the registered manager had oversight of all aspects of infection control. Policies, procedures and risk assessments related to COVID-19 were up to date which supported staff keep people safe.
- The registered manager had undertaken a review of 2020 to consider and reflect upon changes implemented in the area of infection prevention and control. This showed how staff and management had responded to the challenges of the pandemic in order to help protect people and keep them safe.
- In addition to the good practice in place, the registered was going to review the staff changing area and uniform policy to reduce the risk of cross contamination. We saw not all staff wore their uniform properly. Some wore jewellery and were not 'bare below the elbows'.
- The laundry area was clean and organised although space was limited. The provider planned to look at options to extend laundry space in order to keep clean and dirty linen as separate as possible. This would further reduce the risk of infection spread.

You can read the report from our last comprehensive inspection, by selecting the 'all reports' link for Ashton Lodge on our website at [www.cqc.org.uk](http://www.cqc.org.uk).

## 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.

We received information of concern about infection control and prevention measures at this service. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 25 January 2021 and was announced ten minutes before entering the building. This allowed us to discuss risk factors related to COVID-19 before the inspection commenced.

# 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.