

Larchwood Care Homes (South) Limited

Great Horkesley Manor

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

We found the following examples of good practice:

- The service was clean and hygienic. The unit had not been used previously and was planned to open for people who were tested positive for COVID-19. The unit was separate to the main house with its own entrance and exit for staff and professionals to use
- Any person who became COVID19 negative would be moved to another area of the main home to ensure that risks of re infection were minimised
- Food would be cooked within the main house and brought to the unit by one member of staff and would be left in a "airlock" between the main house and the unit. Staff delivering the food would be required to change PPE when delivering food. The registered manager told us this had been agreed with all kitchen staff who were aware of this need.
- The environment was in the process of being completed when we visited including new beds and cleaning equipment specifically for the unit. The scheme has its own entrance and exit. There are separate facilities for use by staff working in this area, all of which are contained within this area. The registered manager told us environmental risk assessments, including fire, would be updated prior to people coming into the unit
- There was enough Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and current and any new staff would have training in Infection control and correct wear of PPE according to national guidance.
- The registered manager told us the service would be accepting of professional visitors to the service with robust infection control procedures in place.
- Risks to staff in relation to their health, safety and well-being had been thoroughly assessed. The registered manager told us when the unit opens individual risk assessments will be carried out for each person who was admitted.
- The provider had developed robust policies, procedures and guidance for the location which the registered manager.

We were assured that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines as a designated care setting.

Further information is in the detailed findings below.

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 the service were following safe infection prevention and control procedures to keep people safe.

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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 review of infection control and prevention measures in care homes.

The service had been identified for use by the Local Authority as a designated care setting in response to the Winter Plan for people discharged from hospital with a positive Covid-19 status. This inspection was to ensure that the service was compliant with infection control and prevention measures.

This inspection took place on 05 November 2020 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 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.