

St Andrews (MPS) Limited

# St Andrews Nursing Home

## Inspection report

Church Bank  
Stanley  
County Durham  
DH9 0DU

Tel: 01207290398  
Website: [www.mpscaregroup.co.uk/care-homes/st-andrews-durham/](http://www.mpscaregroup.co.uk/care-homes/st-andrews-durham/)

Date of inspection visit:  
16 March 2021

Date of publication:  
20 April 2021

## Ratings

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

# Summary of findings

## Overall summary

St Andrews Nursing Home is a residential home providing accommodation with nursing and personal care mainly to older people and people living with a dementia. It can accommodate up to 45 people in one purpose-built building. There were 32 people using the service when we visited.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Systems were in place to allow safe visiting, including screening and testing visitors to reduce any potential infection risk, before they entered the building. The home had a purpose built visiting pod that included amplification to ensure people on either side of the screen could hear each other clearly.

Social distancing was encouraged, and changes had been made to communal areas to promote this.

There was a robust activities programme and people were engaged in a variety of solo and group activities. We saw people had been supported through the use of social media to keep in touch with relatives. On the day of our visit, we saw people in a "bubble" enjoying a game of dominoes.

Staff wore PPE correctly. Training in infection prevention and control measures and the appropriate use of PPE had taken place. The home had an infection control lead in place who liaised with other leads within the provider's national group to share learning and developments.

Systems were in place to admit people safely into the home and we saw risk assessments in place for testing and visiting as part of the provider's COVID-19 response.

A regular programme of COVID-19 testing was in place for people and the staff team.

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?**

Further information is in the detailed findings below.

**Inspected but not rated**

# St Andrews Nursing Home

## **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.

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

This inspection took place on 16 March 2021 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.