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St Marks Nursing Home

Inspection report

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Overall summary

We carried out an unannounced comprehensive inspection of this service on 30 July 2014. A breach of legal requirements was found. After the comprehensive inspection, the provider wrote to us to say what they would do to meet legal requirements in relation to the breach of regulation relating to the requirement relating to workers.

We undertook this focused inspection to check that they had followed their plan and to confirm that they now met the legal requirements. This report only covers our

findings in relation to those requirements. You can read the report from our last comprehensive inspection, by selecting the 'all reports' link for St Marks Nursing Home Care Home on our website at www.cqc.org.uk.

We found the provider had met the assurances they had given in their action plan and were no longer in breach of the regulations. The eight nurses employed by St Marks Nursing Home had all completed a disclosure and barring service (DBS) check satisfactorily. We saw from viewing records the staff files these had been successfully completed and recorded.

Summary of findings

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 found that action had been taken to improve safety at the service. We saw there were procedures in place to check the DBS status of each staff member to make sure they continued to be suitable to work with vulnerable adults and also recorded the date for the DBS renewal.

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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, to look at the overall quality of the service, and to provide a rating for the service under the Care Act 2014.

We undertook an unannounced focused inspection of St Marks Nursing Home on the 23 April 2015. This inspection

was done to check that improvements to meet legal requirements planned by the provider had been made after our comprehensive inspection on 30 July 2014. We inspected the service against one of the five questions we ask about services: Is the service safe?

This is because the service was not meeting some legal requirements. The inspection was undertaken by an adult social care inspector. During our inspection we spoke with the registered manager and administrator. We also looked at eight staff files.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

We reviewed the action plan the provider sent to us following our comprehensive inspection in July 2014.

We found the assurances the provider had given in the action plan in order to become compliant with the regulations had been met. At our previous inspection in July 2014 we found the provider expected to re-check the DBS status of each staff member every three years to make sure they continued to be suitable to work with vulnerable adults. We saw there was a plan for these re-checks but these were overdue.

We spoke with the registered manager and the office administrator who both told us DBS checks had been submitted immediately following the inspection in July 2014. We checked all eight nursing staff files and found all DBS checks had been completed satisfactorily and filed appropriately in each person's staff file.

Additionally, one of the staff files we checked was a person who had commenced employment after July 2014. We saw evidence in the file was robust and included an application form and interview, references from previous employers, identification checks and checks with the disclosure and barring service (DBS) before they started to work at the home.