

Salutem LD BidCo IV Limited Houghton Regis Community Care Scheme

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

Houghton Regis Community Care Scheme is a 'care home' providing accommodation and personal care for up to 16 people with learning disabilities. On the day of the inspection eight people were using the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider had a designated area in the home to accommodate visitors. A process was in place to support safe visiting. This included booking appointments in advance, completion of a COVID-19 lateral flow test and responding to a health questionnaire. PPE was provided to all visitors to wear whilst at the service.

Risk assessments, mental capacity assessments and best interest decisions had been completed to support decisions relating to COVID-19 testing and vaccinations.

Staff were knowledgeable of appropriate processes in place to support safe infection prevention and control (IPC) practice.

The provider had implemented a COVID-19 information and guidance folder which was accessible to staff and those living at the home.

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.

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. The inspection was announced prior to us entering the home, so we could ensure that measures were in place to support an inspection and manage any infection control risks. We also asked the provider to send us infection prevention and control policies and audit findings.

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.