

The Disabilities Trust

Daniel Yorath House

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

Daniel Yorath House is a residential care home providing personal and nursing care to 12 people aged over 18 years at the time of the inspection. It can support up to 21 people. The service provides specialist neuro-behavioural rehabilitation for people with acquired brain injury and people live at the home for a set period of time, until they transition to their permanent home setting.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Staff and people at the home were part of a testing and immunisation programme for COVID-19. Staff had been trained in the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and were observed to be using it appropriately during the inspection. There was a plentiful supply of PPE for staff to use and stock was regularly monitored. Hand sanitiser was readily available on the premises and additional dispensers had been put on walls throughout the building.

Appropriate arrangements were in place for new admissions to the home, such as requesting confirmation of a negative COVID-19 test before each person moved into the home and following the guidance in terms of isolating once there for 14 days.

The provider had a policy in place to support visits in line with government guidance in place at the time. All visits were pre-booked, and a system was in place to carry out risk assessments and testing of visitors prior to the arranged appointment to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19. There was a designated temporary outdoor structure for visitors to meet with people. The service could accommodate indoor visits, and these were starting, but the registered manager told us people still preferred the outdoor area. People were supported to maintain relationships and contact with others through electronic devices and there was WIFI throughout the building.

The service was on the whole clean throughout, and there were procedures to ensure any infection control risks were minimised. The home was due to undergo a full refurbishment which will support good infection control practices as some areas needed painting. Additional cleaning schedules had been introduced since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Areas that were frequently touched, such as door handles and light switches, were cleaned several times a day although this was not always recorded. The full cleaning task sheets were not completed when domestic staff were not on duty, but we were assured staff were carrying out tasks in their absence.

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 COVID-19 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 27 April 2021 and was announced.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

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.
- We were assured the provider was facilitating visits for people living in the home in accordance with the current guidance.