

# Homes Together Limited

## The Gables

### Inspection report

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### Ratings

Overall rating for this service	Inspected but not rated
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Is the service safe?	Inspected but not rated
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# Summary of findings

## Overall summary

The Gables provides accommodation and personal care for younger adults who have a learning disability or autistic spectrum disorder, physical disabilities or sensory impairment. At the time of our inspection the service was full and supported eight people.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Staff followed government guidance in relation to personal protective equipment (PPE) and infection prevention and control (IPC) practices. The service had an ample supply of PPE and stock levels were monitored by the registered manager and the IPC lead.

COVID-19 testing was taking place for all staff and three people using the service. Where people lacked capacity to consent to testing, a mental capacity assessment and best interests meeting had been carried out. Staff monitored people for signs and symptoms of COVID-19, and appropriate processes were in place and followed should anyone display any symptoms of COVID-19.

Staff supported people's social and emotional wellbeing. The provider and staff kept family members up to date about the latest guidance and their relative's health via regular telephone calls and emails.

Audits were in place and used to ensure the service was providing safe care and staff were following government guidance.

All staff had undertaken training in IPC. This included putting on and taking off PPE, hand hygiene and other COVID-19 training.

## 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 the Care Quality Commission's response to care homes with outbreaks of coronavirus, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the IPC practice was safe and the service was compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 20 January 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.