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King Edward Care Home

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

King Edward Care Home provides accommodation for up to 13 older people, including people living with dementia. At the time of the inspection 13 people lived at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider had robust practices to reduce risks to people, staff and visitors from catching and spreading infection. Staff were trained on infection prevention and control. They completed frequent and thorough cleaning routines to reduce infection risks and kept the environment clean and hygienic. There was enough PPE for staff and any visitors. Staff were familiar with policies and procedures and Information about COVID-19.

People kept in touch with families by phone, emails and social media as well as visits. The provider had a new extension built to assist people's friends, family and professionals to have socially distanced visits. The room was fitted with a hand washbasin and PPE and thoroughly cleaned between visits. All visitors were asked to complete a health screening form, have their temperature checked, take a COVID-19 test, wash and sanitise hands and were provided with PPE to wear throughout their visit. People and their relatives were praising of the staff, the care they provided, cleanliness of the home and infection control practices.

Senior staff completed risk assessments on and with each person supported and each staff member. These showed their specific needs in relation to COVID-19. People supported and staff were taking part in regular COVID-19 testing and had all been vaccinated against COVID-19. Any admission was expected to follow Public Health England guidance.

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?

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We were assured the service were following safe infection prevention and control procedures to keep people safe.

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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.

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 and vaccinations 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 could be effectively prevented or managed.
- We were assured that the provider's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.