

Accomplish Group Support Limited

Kemble House

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

Kemble House is a care home that provides accommodation and care services for a maximum of 15 people with autistic spectrum conditions and complex needs.

At the time of inspection, the service accommodated seven people. The service had been developed and designed in line with the values that underpin the Registering the Right Support and other best practice guidance. These values include choice, promotion of independence and inclusion. People with learning disabilities and autism using the service can live as ordinary a life as any citizen. For example, the building is located near community facilities, such as shops and colleges and people were supported to be part of the local community.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The home had responded to peoples' choices and individual needs during the pandemic to help them carry out activities outside the home safely. For example, ensuring lateral flow testing each day before they leave the home and providing packs of masks and sanitiser to take with them.

When the provider admitted people to the home, they recognised and responded to peoples' individual needs whilst following the current guidelines. People were tested before being admitted then a period of isolation in their room before a further test at the end of the isolation period. Staff carried out regular welfare and mental health checks throughout the isolation period.

The home consisted of two floors. If there was an outbreak on a floor, the home could be run as two separate homes with staff assigned to each floor to ensure infections did not spread. A separate entrance could be used for the staff on the second floor to ensure minimal contact with the staff on the ground floor.

The staff were aware of who to contact should they have an outbreak of Covid 19 and the protocols to follow.

The provider was following the current government national guidance regarding home visiting. People had their named visitors and essential care giver. Information on the home procedures and the use of PPE was available.

The home had set up a testing station in a building attached to the main home. Visitors were tested in this area before being able to undertake a visit. Visits took part in the staff room which was the room closest to the entrance designated for visitors to minimise any transmission. There was a separate entrance at the side of the building that led to the test area. Visitors were required to use this entrance.

The home had alternative methods to support social contact for visitors who were not named. For example, video calling.

The home had sufficient supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). There were PPE stations throughout the premises. Staff had received training in infection prevention and control and how to don and doff PPE.

The provider had a system in place to ensure staff had the necessary vaccinations and had completed the necessary Covid 19 testing prior to working at the home.

The layout of the service and communal areas supported social distancing. The premises looked clean and hygienic throughout. There were cleaning stations in place and adequate ventilation.

We were assured that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines as a designated care setting.

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 how services manage infection control and visiting arrangements. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection prevention and control measures the provider had in place. We also asked the provider about any staffing pressures the service was experiencing and whether this was having an impact on the service.

This inspection took place on 13 January 2022 and was announced. We gave the service approximately 24 hours' notice of the inspection.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

Staffing

- The provider told us they had measures in place to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 related staff pressures.

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.

From 11 November 2021 registered persons must make sure all care home workers and other professionals visiting the service are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless they have an exemption or there is an emergency.

- The service was meeting the requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19.

