

The Sandwell Community Caring Trust

Pedmore 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

Pedmore House is a residential care home providing accommodation and personal care to up to 11 people with learning disabilities or a diagnosis of dementia. At the time of our inspection seven people were living at the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider was following best practice guidelines in ensuring visitors to the home did not introduce or spread COVID-19. Due to a recent outbreak, visitors were not allowed to enter the home unless this was due to exceptional circumstances. In these cases, a separate entrance was used to minimise the risk of spreading infection.

Staff were adhering to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) guidelines and extra PPE locations had been set up near to people's rooms. Where social distancing could not be maintained, staff took extra precautions through the use of PPE and handwashing to minimise the spread of infection.

The provider had ensured that all staff had received a personal COVID-19 risk assessment and conversations about their wellbeing were held regularly. A communication app had been set up for the staff to liaise regularly and to share updates.

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 at the home, people had been isolated in their rooms. Observational records were put on each bedroom door to ensure staff were aware of when each person had been seen and the reason for entering the room.

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 03 February 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.