

The Abbeyfield (Weymouth) Society Limited

Legh 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

Legh House is a 'care home'. People in care homes receive accommodation and nursing or personal care as single package under one contractual agreement. CQC regulates both the premises and the care provided, and both were looked at during this inspection. The home is registered to accommodate up to 19 older people in one adapted building. Nursing care is not provided by staff at Legh House. This is provided by the community nursing service. At the time of this inspection there were 14 people living in the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Senior staff had disseminated training to all staff, although competency was not recorded formally. The registered manager assured us they would address this and introduce a record of checks on staff competency with PPE. Following our inspection, we received an update from the registered manager outlining that all staff were commencing additional online training and that the Infection Prevention and Control validation of practice competency had been introduced for all staff.

Whilst the layout of the building, with bedrooms off one long corridor, made it difficult for people to always maintain social distancing; people were reminded of the need to maintain space in ways they understood. Cleaning measures were in place to reduce the risks posed by the environment.

The registered manager assured us that an infection control lead was being put in place in the home in line with their policy.

People were supported to understand the measures that were in place to keep them safe in ways that were meaningful to them.

Staff were committed to keeping people safe. They understood the importance of wearing appropriate PPE and ensuring all additional cleaning measures were maintained.

People were supported to maintain contact with people who mattered to them.

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 14 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.

We have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.