

# Aspris Children's Services Limited

## New House Farm

### 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

New House Farm provides support for young adults aged from 16 to 25, it has an associated school which most young people attend. At the time of our inspection seven young people lived at New House Farm, two did not attend school due to their age.

New House Farm is in a converted farm in rural land outside Preston. Accommodation is provided over two floors with sufficient toilets and bathing facilities for all the young people to have their own bathroom. There are two large lounges, a dining area and kitchen. There is a joined self-contained flat which can be accessed externally or from the main house. The home has extensive fields and vegetable gardens and keeps rabbits, goats, a sheep and a cat.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Staff acted creatively to finding ways of supporting young people, who may have complex needs, to isolate when they had tested positive for COVID-19. The service ensured the same staff team cared for young people who were isolating to minimise the potential spread of infection. They provided additional resources in the young person's room to keep them from being bored.

All areas of the home were clean and uncluttered. Staff took pride in maintaining the cleanliness of the home and followed good practice to prevent the spread of infections. Easy read posters on hand washing were placed in bathrooms to encourage the young people to follow good hand hygiene. All taps in sinks and showers were 'no touch' sensor operated.

The service had worked hard to encourage the young people to have the COVID-19 vaccination, when available to them. Staff worked jointly with the GP to inform both young people and their parents about the benefits of vaccination. They provided intensive support to young people who were scared of needles and ensured parental consent was given in all cases.

## 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 27 January 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 48 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.