

Prestwick Care Limited

# Beech Tree 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

Beech Tree House is a care home for up to 86 people. The service provides care and accommodation for older people, people living with dementia, people with nursing needs, younger people with physical disabilities and bariatric care.

The service has been identified by the Local Authority as a 'designated care setting.' A designated care setting is intended for people who have tested positive for Covid-19 and are being admitted to a care home from hospital. The provider had designated 20 beds to support people to be able to be discharged from hospital.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- The layout and facilities within the designated unit helped to minimise the risk of any spread of the virus. The designated suite was a self-contained unit. It was separate and independent to all other areas of the home, with its own entrance, laundry facilities, satellite kitchen and treatment room for the storage of medicines and other medical equipment. In addition, each bedroom had full en-suite facilities, including a shower.
- To promote people's wellbeing during their stay, each bedroom had a television. Technology was available to support people to keep in touch with their family and friends and the call system within each room enabled people to speak with staff at any time.
- A dedicated staff team had been identified to provide care and support to help reduce the risk of cross infection.

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

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?**

We were assured the service were following safe infection prevention and control procedures to ensure people received safe care and treatment.

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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.

This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place. As part of CQC's response to the coronavirus pandemic we are conducting a review of infection control and prevention measures in care homes.

The service had been identified for use by the Local Authority as a designated care setting in response to the Winter Plan for people discharged from hospital with a positive Covid-19 status. This inspection was to ensure that the service was compliant with infection control and prevention measures.

This inspection took place on 27 November 2020 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.