

Consensus Support Services Limited

Deansbrook 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

Deansbrook Farm is a residential care home providing accommodation and personal care for up to ten people with learning disabilities and autism. At the time of the inspection nine people were living at the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider had put measures in place to safely enable visitors back into the service, in line with government guidelines.

The provider had considered the impact of the pandemic on people's wellbeing. When people had been unable to continue their regular activities, staff had involved people in choosing new hobbies including bird watching, building an insect house and creating a library.

The provider completed regular infection prevention and control audits to ensure the service was following the correct procedures. This included checking the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and ensuring communal spaces were regularly cleaned and well ventilated.

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 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 13 May 2021 and was announced.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

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.