

Atlas Care Homes Limited

# Brownlee Court

## 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

Brownlee Court is a residential nursing home providing personal and nursing care to older people and people living with a dementia. It accommodates up to 116 people across two units in one purpose-built building. There were 35 people using the service when we visited.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- We were assured that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines as a designated care setting
- Systems were in place to prevent visitors from catching and spreading infections. Visitors were screened and required to follow the provider's infection prevention and control procedures.
- Staff promoted and practised safe social distancing throughout the home. Clear systems were in place to shield and isolate people should outbreaks occur.
- Staff were observed wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). Sufficient supplies of PPE were in place. Staff received regular training in infection prevention and control measures and appropriate use of PPE. People were supported to safely access the community with appropriate PPE.
- Clear systems were in place to admit people safely into the home. Staff worked collaboratively with other professionals to keep people safe as they moved into the service.
- People and staff were regularly taking part in the Covid testing programme. People, relatives and staff were kept well informed on the need for testing and any changes in infection prevention and control guidance.

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 was following safe infection prevention and control procedures to keep people safe.

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## **Detailed findings**

### Background to this inspection

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 22 October 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 have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their infection prevention and control policies to ensure they are up to date.