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Tarrant 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

Tarrant House provides accommodation and personal care for up to seven people who have a learning disability. There were seven people living at the service at the time of the inspection. The service is situated close to Perranporth on the north coast of Cornwall.

We found the following examples of good practice.

A small cabin type building had been erected in the grounds of the service and this was used to facilitate visits from relatives. Visitors to the service had their temperature checked and there was clear guidance displayed regarding the measures in place to protect people, staff and visitors from the risk of infection.

The premises appeared clean throughout. Cleaning schedules were completed on each shift to evidence all areas had been cleaned. Technology was used to support people to wash their hands thoroughly and in line with guidance.

There were sufficient supplies of PPE available to support people generally and when providing personal care. Care staff wore masks at all times. People living at Tarrant House were encouraged to wear masks when they left the service for exercise and a change of scenery.

The registered manager explained how they could support people if they became unwell. This included how staff could promote social distancing and arrangements for laundry and the use of crockery and cutlery.

Staff had completed relevant training for infection control and Covid-19 guidance. All staff took part in regular testing and records were kept to give the registered manager an overview of test results.

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 23 March 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 somewhat assured that the provider was using PPE effectively and safely. Staff supporting people were wearing approved face masks throughout the inspection. Staff working in the office did not consistently wear the appropriate PPE. We discussed this with the registered manager and this was immediately resolved. We have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.
- 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 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.