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# Avonbloom Retirement Home

## 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

Avonbloom Retirement Home is registered to provide accommodation for up to 15 older people. It is situated in the south of Blackpool, close to Blackpool airport. There are 14 single bedrooms and one double bedroom. The building has two floors with stair and lift access to the first floor. There are two communal lounges and a dining area. Car parking is available at the front of the home on a small forecourt. There are secure accessible gardens at the rear of the building. At the time of the inspection there were nine people living in the home.

We found the following examples of good practice:

The provider had established effective infection prevention and control procedures which were understood and followed by the staff. The provider had introduced a screening process for visitors when entering the building, which included health and temperature checks as well as the provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) and lateral flow device testing for COVID-19.

Admission to the home was completed in line with COVID-19 guidance. People were only admitted following a negative COVID-19 test result and supported to self-isolate for up to 14 days following admission to reduce the risk of introducing infection. People's health and well-being was carefully monitored during this time.

There were plentiful supplies of PPE and stocks were carefully monitored. Staff had been trained in infection control practices and posters were displayed throughout the home to reinforce procedures. We observed staff were using PPE appropriately. There were sufficient staff to provide continuity of support should there be a staff shortage. A regular programme of testing for COVID-19 was in place for staff and people living in the home. This meant swift action could be taken if any positive results were received.

The layout of the service and the communal areas were suitable to support social distancing. The premises had a good level of cleanliness and was hygienic throughout. Care staff were following an enhanced cleaning schedule and there was good ventilation. The atmosphere of the home was calm and peaceful, and we observed staff chatting to people about the news during our visit.

The provider had updated their infection prevention and control policies, which included a business continuity plan. The provider had regular contact with the local authority and kept abreast of any changes in policy provided by Public Health England, CQC and the Department of Health and Social Care.

## The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

### **Is the service safe?**

**Inspected but not rated**

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 coronavirus 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 21 April 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 assured the provider was preventing visitors from catching and spreading infections.
- We were assured the provider was meeting shielding and social distancing rules.
- We were assured the provider was admitting people safely to the service.
- We were assured the provider was using PPE effectively and safely.
- We were assured the provider was accessing testing for people using the service and staff.
- We were assured the provider was promoting safety through the layout and hygiene practices of the premises.
- We were assured the provider was making sure infection outbreaks can be effectively prevented or managed.
- We were assured the provider's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.