

Beechdale Care Limited

Beechdale Manor Care 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

Beechdale Manor is a residential care home providing personal and nursing care for up to 65 people. The service accommodates people in one adapted building which is set out across three floors. The ground floor accommodates people who have a higher level of mobility and less complex needs. The first floor specialises in providing care and support for people with nursing and palliative care requirements. The service supported some people who lived with dementia. At the time of our inspection there were 40 people using the service. The second floor was unoccupied at the time of our inspection.

The provider had robust policies and procedures in place to ensure staff and visitors followed effective infection control guidance, whilst considering any potential impact on people living at the service. Staff and visitors had access to personal protective equipment (PPE). Staff were observed wearing PPE in line with current guidance.

Visiting professionals were required to show a negative lateral flow test and evidence of their COVID-19 vaccination status. Visiting arrangements were clearly displayed and in accordance with the most recent Government guidance. Staff and people using the service were participating in a regular COVID-19 testing programme.

The service was clean throughout and was undergoing a full refurbishment to ensure the environment could better meet people's needs in future. Increased cleaning of high touch point measures which were in place. Social distancing was observed wherever possible and staff were updating their training in infection control and COVID-19. Guidance was displayed around the home on how to use PPE and maintain good hand hygiene.

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 how services manage infection control and visiting arrangements. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection prevention and control measures the provider had in place. We also asked the provider about any staffing pressures the service was experiencing and whether this was having an impact on the service.

This inspection took place on 10th February 2022 and was announced. We gave the service five days' notice of the inspection.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

Staffing

- The provider told us they had measures in place to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 related staff pressures

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.

From 11 November 2021 registered persons must make sure all care home workers and other professionals visiting the service are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless they have an exemption or there is an emergency.

- The Government has announced its intention to change the legal requirement for vaccination in care homes, but the service was meeting the current requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19.