Askern Medical Practice

Inspection report

The Askern Medical Centre
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This report describes our judgement of the quality of care at this service. It is based on a combination of what we found when we inspected, information from our ongoing monitoring of data about services and information given to us from the provider, patients, the public and other organisations.

Ratings

Overall rating for this location	Inspected but not rated
Are services safe?	Inspected but not rated
Are services effective?	Inspected but not rated

Overall summary

We carried out an unannounced focused inspection of Askern Medical Practice on 24 September 2021. The inspection was carried out at Mexborough Medical Practice which is the branch surgery of Askern Medical Practice.

Previous inspection reports can be found by selecting the 'all reports' link for Askern Medical Practice on our website at www.cqc.org.uk.

Why we carried out this inspection

This inspection was a focused inspection following information of concern about patient safety that was disclosed to the Care Quality Commission (CQC). The information was that nurses without prescribing qualifications had been prescribing or amending prescriptions for patients with poor mental health. Concerns had also been raised about the training and supervision of a phlebotomist.

We have the power under the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 to carry out unannounced inspections. Due to the nature of the concerns that had been raised, and the potential serious impact on patient safety, we decided to carry out an unannounced focused inspection. We only inspected the areas of concern highlighted to us.

As this was a focused inspection no ratings have been given for any of the key questions. The ratings given in the previous rated inspections remain.

How we carried out the inspection

We attended Mexborough Medical Practice. The provider granted us permission to access their clinical computer system. We only accessed what was necessary in order for us to assess the accuracy of the concerns raised. We also spoke briefly to the lead GP and the operations manager.

Our findings

- We found no evidence of nurses without prescribing qualifications prescribing or amending prescriptions.
- We found the phlebotomist had completed a course in phlebotomy and had been supervised when carrying out the procedure.

Details of our findings and the evidence supporting our decisions are set out in the evidence table.

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Population group ratings

Older people	**Not inspected**
People with long-term conditions	**Not inspected**
Families, children and young people	**Not inspected**
Working age people (including those recently retired and students)	**Not inspected**
People whose circumstances may make them vulnerable	**Not inspected**
People experiencing poor mental health (including people with dementia)	**Not inspected**

Our inspection team

Our inspection team was led by a CQC lead inspector and included a CQC National Clinical Advisor.

Background to Askern Medical Practice

Askern Medical Practice is located at:

The White Wings Centre

Spa Pool Road

Askern

Doncaster

DN6 0HZ

There is also a branch surgery:

Mexborough Medical Practice

Mexborough Integrated Healthcare Centre

Alagu Close

Off Highwoods Road

Mexborough

S64 9AE

The opening hours for Askern Medical Practice are:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8am – 6pm

Tuesday 8am – 7.30pm

Alternate Saturdays 9am – 11.30am

The opening hours for Mexborough Medical Practice are:

Monday to Friday 8am – 8pm

Alternate Saturdays 9am to 11am

In addition to being able to book appointments to attend the main and branch surgery, patients can access appointments at the providers other registered practice:

Church View Surgery (also known as Denaby Medical Practice).

Denaby Springwell Centre

Denaby Main

Doncaster

DN12 4AB

They can also attend a practice registered to a separate provider:

Conisbrough Medical Practice

Stone Castle Centre

Gardens Lane

Conisbrough

Doncaster

DN12 3JW

The provider is registered with the CQC to deliver the following regulated activities: Diagnostic and screening procedures, maternity and midwifery services, surgical procedures and treatment of disease, disorder or injury.

Askern Medical Practice is a member of NHS Doncaster Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). It delivers commissioned services under a Personal Medical Services (PMS) contract. This is a contract between general practices and NHS England for delivering services to the local community. At the time of our inspection there were approximately 7,900 patients registered with the practice.

The provider is registered as an organisation, AMP Healthcare Limited. At the time of this inspection there was no Registered Manager in place. A new manager had been recruited and was due to start their employment imminently with the intention of being the CQC Registered Manager.

The provider had a team of clinicians which included GPs, nurses, health practitioners and healthcare assistants. They also had supporting management, administrative and clerical staff.

The National General Practice Profile states that 98.1% of the practice population are of white ethnicity, and 1.9% of the practice patient population are from Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds. People from different ethnic backgrounds may have an increased risk of developing certain conditions.

Information published by Public Health England rates the level of deprivation within the practice population group as level two on a scale of one to ten. Level one represents the highest levels of deprivation and level ten the lowest.