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Allingham House Care Centre

Inspection report

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Ratings

Overall rating for this service	Inspected but not rated
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Is the service safe?	Inspected but not rated
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Summary of findings

Overall summary

Allingham House Care Centre provides accommodation, nursing and personal care for up to 86 adults living with mental health problems or dementia.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider had allocated a wing of the home's nursing unit as a designated care unit for up to seven people with Covid-19. The unit was located on the first floor and had direct access from the outside with a separate entrance, lift and staircase.

People admitted to the unit remained there until they were symptom free or well. People who then needed to move to another unit in the care home had to self-isolate again for 14 days.

Staff had access to a changing facility and staff room on the designated unit. Staff changed into their uniforms on arrival and changed out of these when they left. The provider had given staff laundry bags to carry their uniforms in, which could be placed straight into a washing machine.

The provider included agency staff in their weekly testing programme for staff.

The designated care unit had its own store of supplies such as personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning materials, linen, medicines and clinical items to prevent the need for staff to enter other areas of the care home.

We were assured that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines as a designated care setting.

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 that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines as a designated care setting.

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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.

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 targeted inspection was to ensure that the service was compliant with infection control and prevention measures.

This inspection took place on 30 November 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 were assured that the provider's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.