

Marton Care Homes Ltd

Half Acre Care Home

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

Half Acre Care Home is registered to provide accommodation for up to 32 older people who require personal care, some of whom live with dementia. The home is purpose built with single bedroom accommodation on three floors. Half Acre is close to Radcliffe and Bury town centres and easily accessible to public transport. At the time of our inspection there were 24 people living at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Government guidance and best practice surrounding visiting arrangements were complied with. People were supported to maintain contact with their loved ones; both face to face visits and remote contact was supported.

The premises were visibly clean and in good order. We saw cleaning schedules included regular cleaning of touch points around the home, such as door handles and light switches.

Staff had access to supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and had received training to ensure they used this correctly. All staff were engaged in a regular COVID-19 testing regime; this helped to detect early symptoms of COVID-19, reduce transmission and keep people safe.

Further information is in the detailed findings below.

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 the service was following safe infection prevention and control procedures to keep people safe.

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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 care homes with outbreaks of COVID-19, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) practice is safe and that services are compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices the provider has 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 4 February 2022. We gave the service 24 hours' notice of the inspection.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

Staffing

- The provider 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 were effectively prevented or managed.
- We were assured that the provider's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.

Visiting in care homes

- The provider ensured their visiting arrangements were in line with Government guidance and best practice. Visits were safely and effectively facilitated; people were supported to maintain face to face contact with their loved ones and the appropriate IPC measures and arrangements were in place to keep people safe.

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 service was meeting the requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19.