

Emerald Care Services Limited

St Pauls

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

St Pauls is a residential care home providing accommodation and personal care. It accommodates up to 2 people over the age of 18 years old with a learning disability or autistic spectrum disorder. At the time of the inspection 2 people were living at the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider was following best practice guidance in terms of ensuring visitors to the home did not introduce and spread COVID-19.

A regular programme of testing for COVID-19 was in place for staff and people who lived in the service. The service had plans in place and knew how to respond to an outbreak of infection to ensure the safety of people and staff.

The service was clean, staff carried out daily and additional tasks, such as cleaning of any regular touchpoint surfaces.

Regular infection control audits took place and actions had been followed up when required.

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 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 3 February 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 48 hours' 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.

Visiting in care homes

- People living in the home were supported to have visits in accordance with the current guidance. The provider was aware of the current guidance in place and kept people's relatives updated with any changes, including when there had been positive COVID-19 cases within the home.

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.