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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

Midtown House is a care home providing accommodation for residential care for up to 20 people, some of whom are living with dementia. At the time of the inspection there were 18 people living at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice:

All staff and essential visitors used appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

The home had sufficient supplies of appropriate PPE which was stored hygienically and kept safe.

Staff were provided with separate areas to put on and take off and dispose of PPE safely.

Staff supported people's social and emotional wellbeing. Where people required additional support, they were referred to appropriate services.

The provider explained the quality systems they had in place to check the service was providing safe care.

Deep cleaning of all areas of the home was completed and recorded.

All staff, including catering and housekeeping staff had undertaken training in infection prevention and control. This included putting on and taking off PPE, hand hygiene and other Covid-19 related training.

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 keeping people safe by correctly following safe infection prevention and control procedures.

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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 coronavirus pandemic we are looking at the preparedness of care homes in relation to infection prevention and control. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 4 February 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.