

Lotus Care (Bridge House) Limited

# Bridge House Residential 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?	<b>Inspected but not rated</b>
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# Summary of findings

## Overall summary

Bridge House Residential Home is a care home registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to provide accommodation and personal care for up to 30 people, some of whom live with dementia. At the time of this inspection there were 22 people living at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The home had developed a designated unit to support up to seven people. Admissions were to be made for people who were medically fit for discharge from hospital and required a period of isolation as well as those requiring end of life care, who are Covid-19 positive.

The unit is situated on the first floor and is accessible via a key coded door. A clear pathway had been identified allowing easy access when admitting people to the unit, whilst minimising risks to those living in the home. All bedrooms are single with an en-suite shower room. Aids and adaptations were in place to assist people, where needed.

To minimise the risk of cross infection, a designated team of staff had been identified to support the unit. Staff had access to all necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) and had completed relevant training in infection control procedures and the donning and doffing of PPE. Suitable arrangements had been made for the disposal of waste and the laundering of dirty clothing and bedding.

In partnership with the hospital discharge team, admission arrangements had been agreed so people were transferred safely between services.

Arrangements for visitors were kept under constant review in line with current guidance. Appropriate arrangements would be made for those visiting people at the end of their life. Alternative arrangements were available for people to maintain contact with family and friends.

The service continued to have support from the community nursing team as well as GP services.

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

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?**

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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.

This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place. As part of CQC's response to the coronavirus pandemic we are conducting a review of infection control and prevention measures in care homes.

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

This inspection took place on 3 February 2021 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.