

Sequence Care Limited

Somerford Place

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

We found the following examples of good practice.

- Visitors to the service were required to sign in and complete a questionnaire to help reduce the spread of Covid-19 and other viruses. Where visitors answered yes to any of the questions they were not permitted to enter the service and asked to follow government guidelines on self isolation.
- The service had access to Covid-19 testing kits and carried out regular testing of all staff and people using the service, including agency staff members.
- The service worked with regular agency staff who were given regular shifts at the service to minimise the risks of spread of infection through workforce transmission.
- Daily Infection prevention and control (IPC) audits were carried out by the manager to ensure staff maintained good IPC practices. Cleaning schedules were monitored to ensure surfaces and designated areas were cleaned to a good standard.
- The service had risk management plans in place to manage Covid-19 risks, including people and staff within the high risk groups, such as black, Asian and minority ethnic community and people with learning disabilities.
- People exempt from wearing masks had clear plans for how they should be supported by staff. This includes the full use of personal protective equipment by staff and explaining to people using different communication methods, such as object of reference and easy read leaflets to explain the coronavirus.

The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

Is the service safe?

Details are in our safe 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.

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 thematic review of infection control and prevention measures in care homes.

This inspection took place on 22 October 2020 and was announced. The service was selected to take part in this thematic review which is seeking to identify examples of good practice in infection prevention and control.

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 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 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's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.

We have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.