

Farrington Care Homes Limited

Lyme Regis Nursing Home

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

Lyme Regis Nursing Home is a nursing home providing personal and nursing care for 27 people aged 65 and over. At the time of the inspection 25 people were living at the service. The service is commissioned to provide four intermediate places, to support discharge from hospital and rehabilitation.

We found the following examples of good practice

Measures were in place to prevent the spread of infection by visitors to the service. A visiting area with a separate entrance and exit had been created to reduce the need for people to move through the main building. Visits had been suspended at the time of our visit in line with recommendations from the Director of Public Health. Any visitors, relatives, professionals or contractors were expected to have a COVID-19 lateral flow tested just prior to the visit. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was made available to them.

Staff were provided with adequate supplies of PPE and were seen to be wearing this appropriately. Regular observations of staff practice and compliance with PPE were undertaken by the registered manager or deputy manager to ensure good practice was maintained.

The registered manager kept people and families up-to-date with the current situation through regular emails and phone calls. People we spoke with understand the need for the extra precautions and said they felt safe at the service. Comments included, "They are taking good care of me. I've had my vaccine" and "I am happy and safe here".

Regular COVID testing was carried out at the service for both staff and people living there. There was an action plan in place in the event of a positive Covid-19 test. Staff completed daily checks on people's current health status to help identify if someone was showing signs of being unwell. There was a clear policy in place for new admissions to the service to ensure the risk of infection was safely managed.

The service had appropriate infection control policies and procedures in place. The registered manager had kept up to date with current guidance and communicated changes to staff promptly.

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.

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 19 February 2021 and was announced. The service was invited 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 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.