

Life Path Trust Limited

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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

2 Ellys Road is a respite care home which provides short term or emergency accommodation and personal care for up to 10 people with learning disabilities or autism spectrum disorder. Three people were staying at the home at the time of our inspection.

We found the following examples of good practice.

A robust screening process was in place for all essential visitors to the home. This included completion of a health screening questionnaire, temperature check, evidence of a recent lateral flow test and a vaccination check for visiting professionals.

Infection prevention control (IPC) signs were clearly displayed throughout the home to advise people about the correct infection control procedures.

There was a plentiful supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) available. We saw PPE being correctly used by staff. Staff had completed training in infection control and hand washing.

The home was accessing regular COVID-19 testing for staff and residents. All staff had been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

The registered manager had effective systems to ensure compliance with national policy requirements in areas including COVID-19 testing and visiting arrangements.

The registered manager had reviewed and updated cleaning schedules including weekly "deep cleans" of the home. The registered manager had also identified areas of the home which required improvement to be in line with infection prevention and control guidance. They had sourced funding for this and were working with the provider and landlord to make necessary improvements.

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 the COVID-19 pandemic we are looking at how services manage infection control and visiting arrangements. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection prevention and control measures the provider had 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 28 January 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 24 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 somewhat assured that the provider was promoting safety through the layout and hygiene practices of the premises. The registered manager had updated the cleaning processes and schedules to limit spread of infection but had identified limitations where the upkeep of the home could increase the risk of the spread of infection. This included areas of damaged flooring and chips in paintwork. The registered manager had escalated this to the provider and landlord and plans were in place to make complete the necessary redecoration. We have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.
- 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

The home supported people to have visitors and visiting arrangements were in line with national guidance.

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.