

Alderwood L.L.A. 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

Alderwood L.L.A. Limited – Irchester is a care home providing personal care for up to 6 people. At the time of Inspection 6 people were being supported by the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.
Staffing was sufficient to fully meet people's needs.

Safe arrangements were in place for visitors to the service. This included the completion of risk assessments, Covid-19 testing, hand sanitisation and wearing a mask. Most relatives chose to spend time with their relatives outside of the service.

Staff and essential care givers engaged with a programme of regular testing according to government guidance. Staff and visiting professionals were asked to provide evidence of their vaccination status against COVID-19 prior to entering the home.

We saw PPE was accessible within the home and staff used it in accordance with the most up to date guidance. Information about the correct use of PPE and handwashing guidance was accessible to staff.

The service was clean and tidy, and people contributed to the cleaning of their environment

Isolation, cohorting and zoning was used to manage the spread of infection. This meant people self-isolated in their rooms when necessary.

A regular programme of testing for COVID-19 was in place for staff and people who lived in the service. This meant swift action could be taken if anyone received a positive test result.

Policies, procedures and risk assessments related to COVID-19 were up to date which supported staff to keep people safe. All staff had completed training in relation to infection control, and received training about the correct use of PPE including donning and doffing.

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 care homes with outbreaks of COVID-19, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) practice is safe and that services are compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices the provider has 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 1 February 2022 and was unannounced.

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 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.
- We found that the providers approach to visiting aligned with the current government 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.