

# Dr Touseef Safdar

## Inspection report

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This report describes our judgement of the quality of care at this service. It is based on a combination of what we found when we inspected, information from our ongoing monitoring of data about services and information given to us from the provider, patients, the public and other organisations.

## Ratings

### Overall rating for this location

Inadequate



Are services safe?

Inspected but not rated



Are services effective?

Inspected but not rated



Are services well-led?

Inspected but not rated



# Overall summary

We carried out an unannounced focused inspection at Dr Touseef Safdar on 21 December 2021 due to concerns around the leadership, governance and management of the practice. This inspection was not rated.

The practice was inspected in June 2021 and was rated Inadequate overall. We carried out an unannounced inspection in September 2021 due to information of concern. This was an unrated inspection and enforcement action was undertaken against the provider. We carried out a further inspection in October 2021 to confirm that the practice had carried out their plan to meet the legal requirements regarding the breaches in regulation set out in the requirement notice and warning notice we issued to the provider in relation to Regulation 12 Safe Care and Treatment and Regulation 17 Good Governance. Further enforcement action was taken in October 2021.

Overall, the practice remains rated as Inadequate.

The full reports for previous inspections can be found by selecting the 'all reports' link for Dr Touseef Safdar on our website at [www.cqc.org.uk](http://www.cqc.org.uk)

## Why we carried out this inspection

This inspection was a focused inspection in response to concerning information around the governance and leadership of the practice.

## How we carried out the inspection

We were mindful of the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on our regulatory function. This meant we took account of the exceptional circumstances arising as a result of the COVID -19 pandemic when considering what type of inspection was necessary and proportionate. At this inspection we followed up on areas of concern using our focused inspection methodology.

This included:

- A site visit.
- Conducting staff interviews.
- Completing clinical searches on the practice's patient records system.
- Requesting evidence from the provider.

## We found that:

- There were gaps in systems to assess, monitor and manage risks to patient safety, including safeguarding and long term conditions.
- The practice did not have reliable systems in place for the appropriate and safe use of medicines, this included regular monitoring arrangements for patients with long term conditions.
- Staff did not always have the information they needed to deliver safe care and treatment.
- There was no systematic structured approach with effective clinical oversight of patient information including clinical data.
- The practice was unable to demonstrate it consistently acted on safety alerts.
- The practice did not have formalised systems in place to ensure staff worked within the limits of their competency or to review their performance.
- The practice did not have fully embedded assurance systems and had not proactively identified and managed risks.

# Overall summary

- Leaders could not show that they had the capacity and skills to deliver high quality, sustainable care.
- There was a lack of leadership oversight and the absence of comprehensive systems and processes to monitor the quality and effectiveness of the service and the care provided.
- There was no formal system in place to assess and monitor the governance arrangements in place.

We found two breaches of regulations. The provider must:

- Ensure that care and treatment is provided in a safe way.
- Establish effective systems and processes to ensure good governance in accordance with the fundamental standards of care.

A final version of this report, which we will publish in due course, will include full information about our regulatory response to the concerns we have described.

**Details of our findings and the evidence supporting our ratings are set out in the evidence table.**

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Chief Inspector of Primary Medical Services and Integrated Care

## Our inspection team

Our inspection team was led by a CQC lead inspector and second inspector. The team included a GP specialist advisor who completed clinical searches and records reviews without visiting the location.

## Background to Dr Touseef Safdar

Dr Touseef Safdar surgery is located in Dudley:

The Surgery

Central Clinic

Hall Street

Dudley

West Midlands

DY2 7BX

The provider is registered with CQC to deliver the Regulated Activities; diagnostic and screening procedures and treatment of disease, disorder or injury.

The practice is situated within the Black Country and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and delivers General Medical Services (GMS) to a patient population of about 3,983 patients. This is part of a contract held with NHS England.

Information published by Public Health England shows deprivation within the practice population group is in the lowest decile (one of 10). The lower the decile, the more deprived the practice population is relative to others.

According to the latest available data, the ethnic make-up of the practice area is 68% White, with a further 32% from Black, Asian, mixed or other non-white ethnic groups.

The practice is led by a single-handed GP. At the time of our inspection the lead GP was unable to carry out clinical duties however, they retain managerial responsibility for the practice. The practice employs, two long term locum GP's and two part time locum nurses. The clinical team are supported by a practice manager and five reception/ administrative staff.

Due to the enhanced infection prevention and control measures put in place since the pandemic and in line with the national guidance, most GP appointments were telephone consultations. If the GP needs to see a patient face-to-face then the patient is offered an appointment at the surgery.

Extended access is provided locally by Dudley and Netherton Primary Care Network (PCN), where late evening and weekend appointments are available. Out of hours services are provided by West Midlands Ambulance Service via NHS 111.