

The Together Trust

Pearce Lodge Care 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

Pearce Lodge is part of the Together Trust which is a registered charity. The home is registered to provide support for up to five people who have a physical and/or a learning disability. On the day of this inspection four people were living at the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

There were enough stocks of personal protective equipment (PPE). We observed staff and management were using PPE correctly and there were procedures in place to support staff with its use.

Staff had received training in the use of PPE, infection control and hand hygiene. The manager had commenced checks on staff practice to ensure safe infection, prevention and control (IPC) procedures were followed.

There were effective processes to minimise the risk to people, staff and visitors from catching and spreading COVID-19. These included regular testing of staff, people living in the service and testing of visitors to the home.

Safe visiting processes were followed and the vaccination status of all visitors to the service was checked in accordance with the current guidance.

IPC policies and procedures were kept under review. There were safe processes in place to take appropriate action during an outbreak.

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 31 January 2022 and was announced. We gave the service three days' 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 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.

Visiting in care homes

- The provider was facilitating safe visiting in line with government guidance. Visitor assessments were carried out including lateral flow test results and COVID-19 symptoms prior to entry to the home. PPE and sanitisers were available for any visitors. Visiting plans were in place for each person.

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.