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The Granleys

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

The Granleys is a care home providing accommodation, personal care and nursing care for up to 17 people with learning disabilities or mental health conditions. There were 14 people living at The Granleys at the time of the inspection.

We found the following examples of good practice

The service was clean and free of malodour. There was a cleaning schedule in place to ensure all areas of the service were cleaned.

The service had implemented personal protective equipment (PPE) stations which were situated near the main entrance and throughout the home. Visitors were supported by staff to ensure they followed safe infection control, PPE guidance and to check whether they had any symptoms of coronavirus before entering the home. This included taking the visitor's temperature and completing a test for Covid-19.

The service had a designated indoor area for visitors that was used for relatives to visit their loved ones. This area was also used by professionals who visited the service.

People were supported to receive regular testing for Covid-19. All people being admitted to the service were tested for coronavirus by the care staff on admission.

Staff were compliant with weekly testing requirements and the registered manager ensured test results were followed up when not received. When unclear results had been received, the Registered Manager and provider sought and followed advice from Public Health England.

Staff were required to change into their uniform in a designated area when they first came on shift. Staff were required to change out of their uniform after each shift. This was then washed on site to minimise the risk of the spread of infection.

Individual risk assessments had been conducted on staff which identified any vulnerabilities they may have in relation to coronavirus and any mitigating action that the provider needed to implement.

The provider and Registered Manager had developed zones within the home to minimise the risk of infection spread during any Covid-19 outbreaks. The service had developed a COVID-19 outbreak plan which detailed how they would manage any risks and outbreaks. This included areas such as ensuring people's health needs were maintained and the service had sufficient staffing levels to support people during an outbreak.

The service had appropriate infection control policies and procedures in place. These had been developed in line with current government guidance. There was signage around the home for staff and visitors on what measures were being taken to minimise the risk of spread of infection.

The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

Is the service safe?

We were assured the service were following safe infection prevention and control procedures to keep people safe.

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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 the preparedness of care homes in relation to infection prevention and control. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 21 April 2021 and was announced.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

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 were assured the provider was facilitating visits for people living in the home in accordance with the current guidance.