

Community Homes of Intensive Care and Education Limited

Stroud Lodge

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

Stroud Lodge provides accommodation and personal care to up to nine people who had a learning disability or a mental health disorder. At the time of our inspection the service was fully occupied.

We found the following examples of good practice

- The home was observed to be clean and free of malodour. There were robust cleaning schedules in place and we observed staff using sanitiser and cleaning areas of the home when we visited.
- The service had implemented a number of personal protective equipment (PPE) station's which were situated in different area's of the home. When visitors came to the home, a designated member of staff supported the visitors 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. People had their temperature taken regularly and were monitored for signs and symptoms.
- Staff were being tested weekly and residents monthly as per national guidance and in line with the governments 'whole home' testing approach.
- One person living at the home was assigned to be the Infection control champion. People were supported to understand areas of the pandemic in easy read formats and in a way in which they could understand.
- 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. This included Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) people.
- The service had appropriate infection control policies and procedures in place. These were developed in line with current government guidance.

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.

This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place. As part of CQC's response to the coronavirus pandemic we are conducting a thematic review of infection control and prevention measures in care homes.

This inspection took place on 10 February 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.