

Really Flexible Care Ltd

Penniston Barn

Inspection report

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Ratings

Overall rating for this service	Inspected but not rated
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Is the service safe?	Inspected but not rated
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Summary of findings

Overall summary

Penniston Barn is a residential care home providing personal care to 6 adults with a learning disability.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Visitors to the service had their temperature taken and wore personal protective equipment (PPE).

The service had an ample supply of PPE. All staff had received training in the correct use of PPE, and how to take it off and put it on safely.

People were supported to have contact with their families and friends either through planned visits or through video and telephone calls. The service had set up a sensory room in an outdoor building for people to meet their visitors in.

Regular COVID-19 testing for all people and staff living and working in the service was regularly carried out.

The building was clean and free from clutter. Cleaning of the service, including frequently touched surfaces, had increased to reduce the risk of transmission of infection.

Management supporting the service had developed procedures and guidance for people and staff in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Risks to people and staff in relation to their health, safety and wellbeing had been assessed.

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 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 19 March 2021 and was announced.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

S5□ 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.