

Rhodsac Community Living Ltd

Kimwick 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

Kimwick Care Home is a residential care home providing accommodation and support to up to four adults with a learning disability and/or who are autistic. On the day of the visit there were four people living in the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Safe arrangements were in place for visitors to the service including relatives and friends, professionals and others. This included a booking system, rapid LFD testing, showing evidence of vaccination, temperature checks and sign in process.

People living in the service visited their families and attended activities as part of their daily routines. The risks associated to this were assessed and the registered manager improved the recording of this in people's individual risk assessments during the inspection.

The layout of the service meant people could be supported to socially distance in the lounge and dining areas. Everyone living in the service had access to their own toilet and shower facilities which reduced the risk of infection spread.

Cleaning and disinfection of all areas of the service continued to take place to reduce the risk of cross contamination. These were recorded daily by staff. The registered manager made the recording of high touch point cleaning such as door handles and bannisters clearer during the inspection.

There was plenty of personal protective equipment (PPE) including masks, gloves, aprons and hand sanitiser available. Used PPE was disposed of safely in a separate bin.

A regular programme of testing for COVID-19 was in place for staff and people who lived in the service. This meant swift action could be taken if anyone received a positive test result.

There were no agency staff working in the service which meant fewer staff coming in and out of the building. This helped keep people safe.

The registered manager had oversight of infection prevention and control processes. Weekly audits were undertaken, as well as spot checks of staff to check hand hygiene and proper use of PPE.

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 how services manage infection control and visiting arrangements. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection prevention and control measures the provider had 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 12 January 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 24 hours' 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.
- We were assured the provider was facilitating visits for people living in the home in accordance with the current guidance.

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.