

Kimbolton Lodge Limited

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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

Kimbolton Lodge provides nursing and personal care for up to 36 people. Accommodation is provided over two floors which had been adapted to support people's needs. People had their own bedrooms and bathrooms were either en-suite or shared. Other shared communal areas included lounges, a dining room and a large garden. At the time of our inspection there were 32 people living at the care home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Prior to entering the care home, all visitors, including professionals were subject to a range of screening procedures. These included evidence of COVID-19 vaccination and a negative lateral flow test (LFT).

Communal areas were well spaced and people, with support from staff were encouraged to maintain social distancing. Clear plans were in place should people need to isolate in their bedrooms.

The registered manager had nominated infection control leads to complete regular checks on cleanliness, to also ensure staff were adhering to personal protective equipment (PPE) guidelines and to make sure there were enough supplies of PPE available to staff and visitors.

Staff were trained to use PPE correctly. The care home provided PPE for all visitors to the site, ensuring everyone was protected from the risk of cross contamination. Posters were displayed throughout the home in relation to the importance of wearing PPE. Hand sanitiser was readily available throughout the home.

People living in the care home and staff were tested regularly for COVID-19. Staff had been vaccinated against COVID-19.

The provider had carried out some internal improvements at the care home, this included new flooring within corridors and stairways, this supported the enhanced cleaning regime.

The care home looked clean and people told us they felt the home was well maintained. Two transportable air purifiers were used in all communal areas to supplement daily cleaning. Daily cleaning schedules were in place.

People had been supported to have visitors come to the care home in line with COVID-19 visiting guidance. People were supported to maintain contact with friends and family through use of telephone and video calls. This was if face to face visits were not able to go ahead. Outside visiting was also facilitated in a safe way using a summer house with a safety screen when required.

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 27 January 2021 and was unannounced.

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.

The provider was facilitating visits for people living in the home in accordance with 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 Government has announced its intention to change the legal requirement for vaccination in care homes, but the service was meeting the current requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19.