

Aaroncare Limited

Aaron Grange 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

Aaron Grange Care Home accommodates up to 68 people over two units in one adapted building. There were 38 people using the service at the time of the inspection.

We found the following examples of good practice.

There had recently been an outbreak of COVID-19 at the service with some people and staff testing positive for COVID-19. The outbreak was safely managed in line with government guidance.

Safe visiting procedures were followed. All visitors to the home were required to provide information about their current health status in relation to COVID-19, sanitise their hands and wear a face mask throughout their visit. Visitors were kept informed about visiting arrangements and staff had contacted them during the outbreak to keep them informed about the wellbeing of their relative.

Guidance was followed to make sure people were admitted to the home in a safe way. People were only admitted to the home following a negative PCR test.

Staff were provided with the most up to date infection prevention and control (IPC) guidance and they had completed IPC training which included how to safely use and remove personal protective equipment (PPE). There was a good stock of PPE available to staff and they used and disposed of it safely.

People told us they felt safe and protected from the spread of infection. Staff told us they felt safe working at the home because of the safe practices followed.

Testing for COVID-19 was carried out for people living at the home and staff in line with government guidance.

All parts of the home and equipment were kept clean and hygienic. Cleaning of high touch areas took place at intervals throughout each day and cleaning of other areas was carried out regularly in line with cleaning schedules.

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 care homes with outbreaks of COVID-19, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) practice is safe and that services are compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices the provider has 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 21 April 2022 and was announced. We gave the service several hours' notice prior to the inspection taking place.

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.

Visiting in care homes

Visits to the home took place in line with the most recent government guidance. Visitors were provided with regular updates about visiting arrangements. They were encouraged to pre-book visits to help minimise the amount of people in the premises at any one time. Visits were encouraged to take place either outside or in the person's own room and all visitors were required to wear a face mask throughout the duration of their visit.