

St Dominic's Limited

St Dominic's Nursing Home

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

St Dominic's Nursing Home is a nursing home that provides personal and nursing care for up to 91 older people. At the time of inspection there were 45 people living at the service. People were living with a range of needs associated with the frailties of old age and some people were living with dementia. The service was split over three floors, at the time of inspection the bottom floor was not in use.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The registered manager had ensured that all admissions from hospital were made safely and only following a test for COVID-19. The registered manager told us this had been their policy from the start of the pandemic, before it became government guidance.

The registered manager and staff had thought of various ways to keep people's spirits up during the pandemic. This included assigning an activity worker to cut and style people's hair in the absence of the hair-dresser.

Relative visits had just been reintroduced into the home. The registered manager was using a lounge on the empty floor to enable safe visits between people and their relatives. This lounge could be accessed through a separate entrance to the building. The registered manager had also identified an area on the bottom floor where five bedrooms could be used to isolate people if they should be diagnosed with COVID-19.

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 21 August 2020 and was announced. The service was selected to take part in this thematic review which is seeking to identify examples of good practice in infection prevention and control.

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.