

Autism East Midlands

Fairview

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

Fairview is a 'care home'. People in care homes receive accommodation and nursing or personal care as a single package under one contractual agreement. CQC regulates both the premises and the care provided, and both were looked at during this inspection. This service supports people who have a learning disability. Fairview accommodates up to six people in one building. During our inspection there were six people living at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider understood and met COVID-19 visitor vaccination requirements to lower the risk of cross infection.

All visitors were screened for symptoms of acute respiratory infection before being allowed to enter the home.

People were supported to go out into their local community in a way that mitigated the risk of catching and spreading infection.

There was prominent signage and instructions to explain what people should do to prevent catching and spreading infections, for example frequent hand washing. The information was available in a format that can be easily understood by people with a variety of communication needs.

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 9 March 2022 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?

- Improvements were needed to ensure the provider was consistently promoting safety through the layout and hygiene practices of the premises. We observed that some areas of the home were not thoroughly cleaned or hygienic. We have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.
- 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 using PPE effectively and safely.
- We were assured that the provider was admitting people safely to the service.
- We were assured that the provider was accessing testing for people using the service and staff.
- 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

The provider had a visiting policy in place. The policy was aligned to government guidance. Visitors were required to wear PPE provided and evidence a negative COVID-10 lateral flow test (LFT). This allowed people to have as many visitors as they wished in a risk assessed way.

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.