

Easy Living Care Limited

# Barnhaven Residential 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

Barnhaven Residential Care Home is a service registered to provide accommodation and personal or nursing care to up to 16 older people some of whom may be living with dementia. There were 16 people living at the service at the time of the inspection. The building comprised of two floors with two communal lounge areas and access to an enclosed garden area.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Safe arrangements were in place for people's relatives and professionals visiting the service. This included reviewing evidence of a confirmed negative lateral flow device test (LFD), recent polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test result, vaccination against COVID-19, requirements to show a COVID-19 pass and a temperature check at point of entry. All visitors were reminded of the requirement to wear the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) in line with government guidance and to ensure good hand hygiene and sanitization.

Policies, procedures and risk assessments relating to COVID-19 were up to date which enabled staff to keep people safe.

The service was clean and fresh, the staff maintained effective cleaning schedules in line with the government guidance. Staff carried out additional tasks such as the cleaning of any regular touchpoint surfaces. Regular infection control audits took place and actions had been followed up when required.

Visiting arrangements were in place to keep people and visitors safe. There was an option to use a visitors' pod designed to minimise the risk of cross infection.

The provider ensured they assessed people's individual needs, this included where people who might struggle with isolation requirement ensuring they would be appropriately supported keeping themselves and everyone else safe.

The provider ensured a meaningful program of social events was in place to support people with activities of their choice.

## 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 19 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.

