

Caram (AH) Limited

Atholl House Nursing 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

Atholl House Nursing Home is a nursing home providing personal and nursing care to 65 people at the time of the inspection, across five units, some of whom were living with dementia. The service can support up to 84 people.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- People were supported by staff who were trained in infection prevention and control (IPC) and wore Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in line with current guidance.
- The premises looked clean, hygienic and uncluttered. Chlorine based products were used for cleaning in line with current guidance. Cleaning schedules were in place and were complied with.
- Staff were only permitted to work on the unit that had been proposed as a designated setting. Staff were required to access the unit via a separate entrance and had their own staff room and changing facilities.
- Staff risk assessments had been undertaken to identify staff who were at disproportionate risk of COVID-19. Where staff were at higher risk, measures were put in place to mitigate risk. Staff allocated to the proposed designated unit were required to have had a COVID-19 vaccination prior to working at the setting to reduce risk of transmission.

We were not assured that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines as a designated care setting as the service was currently rated 'Requires Improvement' with breaches of regulation and therefore did not meet the required rating criteria.

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.

The service had been identified for use by the Local Authority as a designated care setting in response to the Winter Plan for people discharged from hospital with a positive Covid-19 status. This targeted inspection was to ensure that the service was compliant with infection control and prevention measures.

This inspection took place on 01 February 2021 and was announced.

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 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 not fully assured that the provider was meeting shielding and social distancing rules that were adequate to meet the criteria for a designated setting. At the time of inspection, people who had tested positive for COVID-19 were residing on the unit with people who had tested negative for COVID-19 and were supported by the same staff cohort. The provider gave assurances that if the unit was to be approved as a designated setting, only people who had tested positive for COVID-19 would be admitted onto the unit.

We have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.