

# Community Homes of Intensive Care and Education Limited

# Bridgman House

## 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

Bridgman House is a care home for people with mental health needs. A maximum of 12 people can be accommodated. At the time of our inspection there were seven people living in the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- There were clear measures in place at the entrance to the home to prevent the spread of infection. These included hand sanitiser, recording of people's temperature and taking details for tracing purposes. There were reminders throughout the home of how to practice good hand hygiene.
- There were cleaning schedules in place to ensure the environment was as clean as possible.
- We saw how staff reminded people to social distance inside the home.
- There were good supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). We observed staff wearing masks throughout the home. Staff had been given training in the safest ways to put on and take off PPE to minimise the risk of spreading infection.
- People's wellbeing was supported. The registered manager told us people enjoyed trying different kinds of coffee and so had bought lots of different kinds for people to try. People could also keep in contact with friends or relatives via online video links. Outside areas could be used in warmer weather.
- We saw how people were supported to go out to the shops when necessary (in line with restrictions that were in place at time of inspection).
- The layout and design of the building meant people could isolate if they became symptomatic
- On admission to the home, the registered manager told us they would follow guidance to isolate a person for the recommended length of time. They told us that there may be times where this would be difficult for a person due to their individual needs. If this was the case, then individual risk assessment and measures would be put in place to ensure the person and others in the home were safe.

## 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 coronavirus pandemic we are looking at the preparedness of care homes in relation to infection prevention and control. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 26 January 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 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.