

Larchwood Care Homes (South) Limited

Cavell House

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

Cavell House is a 'care home'. It is registered to provide nursing care and support for up to 45 older persons. The service provides long term and respite care. At the time of our inspection there were 39 people living at the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

There was an appropriate COVID-19 testing regime in-line with current government guidelines. Risk assessments for people living at the service and staff had been completed to promote their safety.

There was adequate supply of PPE available to staff throughout the home. The service was clean and tidy. Cleaning tasks were consistently completed. Areas which were regularly touched, including door handles and hand rails were regularly disinfected.

There was appropriate spacing between people in communal areas, seating had been arranged to encourage social distancing. There was a safe system in place for people's visitors. There was a booking system in place to stagger visitors and visiting times to minimise contact. All visitors were screened for symptoms, received a lateral flow test and had their temperature checked before entering the service.

There were policies and procedures for infection prevention and control (IPC), which were understood by staff. Staff had completed IPC training which included the safe use of personal protective equipment (PPE). Staff had regular competency checks for effective handwashing. Most staff were wearing appropriate PPE in-line with government guidelines. However, we saw that two staff members masks were not correctly fitted, this was immediately rectified. The acting manager gave their assurances that action would be taken to prevent a reoccurrence and that staff would have their competency checked for the donning and doffing of PPE.

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 care homes with outbreaks of coronavirus, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the Infection Prevention and Control practice was safe and the service was compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 17 March 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 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 somewhat assured that the provider was using PPE effectively and safely.
- Most staff were wearing appropriate PPE in-line with government guidelines. However, we saw that two staff members masks were not correctly fitted, this was immediately rectified. The acting manager gave their assurances that action would be taken to prevent a reoccurrence and that staff would have their competency checked for the donning and doffing of PPE.
- We have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.