

Gorseley Clough Nursing Home Limited

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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

We found the following examples of good practice.

The home had a designated unit for up to 11 people who were medically fit for discharge from hospital and required a period of isolation as well as those requiring end of life care who are Covid-19 positive. The unit had separate entrances and exits.

To minimise the risk of cross infection, the unit was supported by a designated team. Clear zoning areas had been identified with a specific area for the donning and doffing of personal protective equipment (PPE). Suitable arrangements were in place for the incineration of waste and the laundering of dirty clothing and bedding.

A clear admission and discharge processes had been implemented. The registered manager liaised closely with a multi-disciplinary team to ensure the safe transfer of people between services.

High staffing numbers were available providing flexibility in support. Where agency staff were being utilised the registered manager had a contract agreement with the agency to ensure they did not work in other homes.

Arrangements for visitors were kept under constant review in line with current guidance. Appropriate arrangements were made for those visiting people at the end of their life. Health professional visits also continued, where necessary to provide the care and treatment people required. Other appointments were carried out by telephone or video calls.

We were assured that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines as a designated care setting.

Further information is in the detailed findings below.

The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

Is the service safe?

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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.

This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection control and prevention measures the provider has in place. As part of CQC's response to the coronavirus pandemic we are conducting a review of infection control and prevention measures in care homes.

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 inspection was to ensure that the service was compliant with infection control and prevention measures.

This inspection took place on 21 October 2020 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.