

QH St Mary's Ltd

St Mary's Residential Care Home

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

St Mary's Residential Care is a home providing personal care to up to 25 people aged 65 and over. At the time of the inspection, support was provided to 25 people in one adapted building. People were living with a range of needs associated with the frailties of old age

We found the following examples of good practice.

Visiting was by arrangement and people were required to complete a due diligence checklist and instructed on the infection precautions required for visiting the home on arrival. Visiting professionals were allocated a separate room to the side of the main building (The Sacristy) to complete clinic appointments with the people living at the service. The home had utilised potential space both within the home and the garden to support social distanced visits by relatives.

There was clear signage in corridors and communal areas reminding people of the need to social distance and furniture had been arranged in accordance with this. The home had utilised the chapel to ensure that dining arrangements and activities could support social distancing guidelines.

The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

Is the service safe?

We were assured the service were following safe infection prevention and control procedures to keep people 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 thematic review of infection control and prevention measures in care homes.

This inspection took place on 28 August 2020 and was announced. The service was selected to take part in this thematic review which is seeking to identify examples of good practice in infection prevention and control.

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.