

Charing Gardens Limited

Charing 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

Charing House is a care home providing nursing and residential care for up to 88 people, some of whom are living with dementia. There were 64 people living at Charing House at the time of the inspection.

The proposed area for the designated care setting was for up to 19 people and based on the ground floor of the home. There was one person living in the proposed area at the time of the inspection who was due to move to another service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider had plans in place to identify and allocate a dedicated team of staff for the designated area. There were separate facilities for staff, such as a staff changing room and toilet.

The provider had considered the impact of the designated area with other parts of the home and how to reduce the risk of transmission, such as during the movement of trolleys across the home. There was a separate entrance and exit to the designated area which meant staff were able to avoid other residential parts of the home.

The home was participating in regular testing for COVID-19 of all people living in the service, staff and essential visitors. This was done through a combination of both rapid tests that returned results at the home and tests that were sent away for analysis.

The communal rooms in the designated area were large enough to enable people to follow social distancing guidelines.

The provider had identified areas for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) stations to be made available immediately outside and within the designated area. There were plans in place for the safe disposal of PPE and healthcare waste that avoided other residential areas.

Staff had completed infection prevention and control (IPC) training and the provider was carrying out regular spot checks to ensure staff were following current IPC guidelines.

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

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 28 January 2021 and was unannounced.

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.