

Aquarius Lodge

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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

Aquarius Lodge is a residential service providing accommodation and personal care for up to 17 people over 65 years of age, some of whom are living with dementia.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- Staff had changed their shifts to minimise the number of people in and out of the service. Staff had completed training on COVID 19 and infection control including in depth distance learning.
- Staff received training in how to use personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly. On the day of inspection staff were using PPE in line with guidance. The registered manager told us they had a good supply of PPE available at all times.
- When people had loved ones or friends they could plan window visits. Staff supported them to make video or phone calls. A summer house had been erected in the garden to provide a safe space for people to have visitors, once permitted under government guidance.

## 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 12 February 2021 and was announced.

# Is the service safe?

## Our findings

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.