

Askham Village Community Limited

Askham Grove

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

Askham Grove is a residential care home providing personal and nursing care for up to 26 people who have rehabilitation needs. Askham Grove accommodates people over two floors of a purpose-built property. At the time of the inspection 23 people were using the service.

The service took part in the national COVID-19 testing programme for care homes. Individual risk assessments were completed for staff and people. Information and guidance about COVID-19 and infection control practices were displayed throughout the home.

The manager provided clear signage and guidance about social distancing; this was supported further by rearranging furniture to provide a safer environment. The service looked clean and was free from clutter. Cleaning schedules ensured frequently touched areas were sanitised every two hours.

Visitors were required to book their visits in advance and follow the providers infection control procedures. This included a temperature check. There was a screened area provided in one room to support safe visits. The provider had good supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE).

Plans were in place to manage any potential outbreak. The home had been divided into four zones and staff were allocated to these zones at the start of their shift. This helped reduce their footprint; this was known as zoning and is good infection control practice. The infection control lead performed daily visual checks and completed infection control audits to ensure best practice was followed.

All staff received training in infection control, good hand washing technique and the correct use and disposal of PPE. Relatives were also provided with infection control training to support their knowledge and understanding. Competency assessments for staff were completed to ensure good practices were maintained.

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 23 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 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.