

Askham Village Community Limited

# Askham Hall

## 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 Hall was providing personal and nursing care to 26 people older people and people living with dementia at the time of the inspection. The service can support up to 26 people over two floors.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Staff followed the requirements in the use of PPE and had received training in infection control, taking off and putting on of their personal protective equipment and handwashing.

The service was clean and hygienic. Cleaning schedules had been reviewed and enhanced and frequent cleaning was carried out throughout the day.

Relatives had also been supported to safely visit their loved ones in exceptional circumstances in line with the national guidance. For example, when a person was approaching the end of their life. Visitors wore full PPE (personal protective equipment) throughout the duration of their visit.

## 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.

**Inspected but not rated**

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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 care homes with outbreaks of coronavirus, we are conducting reviews to ensure that the Infection Prevention and Control practice were safe and the service was compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices the provider has in place.

This inspection took place on 15 December 2020 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 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.
- We were somewhat assured that the provider was preventing visitors from catching and spreading infections. This is because, although the lead nurse told us they had a policy in place which took visitors temperature and questions about their health, the inspector did not experience this during their visit.

We have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.