

Brownlow Enterprises Limited

# Athenaeum Residential Care Home

## 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

Athenaeum Residential Care Home is a 'care home' and provides accommodation and personal care for up to 21 older people. On the day of our visit there were 19 people living in the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The provider had appropriate arrangements for visiting to help prevent the spread of Covid 19. All visitors were required to complete a risk assessment prior to entering the building. Visitors had their temperatures taken on arrival and were screened for symptoms of acute respiratory infection before being allowed to enter the home. They were supported to wear a face covering and maintain hand hygiene during their visit. The service had a garden area to facilitate safe visiting for families. However, at the time of the inspection, non-essential visiting to the home was restricted due to a local area increase in Covid 19 infection rates.

There was specific guidance available for visiting healthcare professionals and maintenance people including specific guidance for lift engineers.

The provider had appropriate arrangements to test people and staff for Covid 19 and was following government guidance on testing. There was a designated team of staff that carried out all testing on people and staff at the home. This ensured that people and staff were tested for Covid 19 in a consistent way.

The provider ensured that staff received appropriate training and support to manage Covid 19. All staff had received training on Covid 19, infection control and the use of PPE. They received guidance on supporting people with dementia to understand Covid 19. Staff wellbeing was supported when they became unwell and when they returned to work.

There were touchless sanitiser points available throughout the building and through cleaning was done daily which included the fluid station, door handles, the lift entrance and visitors' book.

Chairs in the lounge and dining areas had been arranged to ensure social distancing measures were in place.

All people admitted to the home were required to have a test before admission

The provider ensured that people using the service could maintain links with family members and friends. People were supported to keep in touch by phone and virtual technology

Further information is in the detailed findings below.

## The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

### **Is the service safe?**

Details are in our safe 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.

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 18 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.