

Little Brocklesby House Limited

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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

Little Brocklesby House is a care home which provides nursing and personal care for up to 36 people. At the time of the inspection there were 20 people living in the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- Infection control policies had been updated to reflect current national guidance. Information and guidance on infection control measures in place was available for staff and people. Additionally signage was displayed with information and guidance on COVID-19 restrictions for visitors.
- There was a strict procedure for staff entering the building. Staff used a separate external entrance, used handwashing facilities, changed clothing and donned Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) before entering the main building.
- There were sufficient PPE supplies in place to ensure safe infection prevention and control practices were undertaken. PPE stations were situated throughout the service. Staff had access to PPE and were observed wearing this in line with national guidance.
- The service was clean with no offensive odours. The housekeeping team used an in depth cleaning programme, including regular cleaning of high use touch points throughout the day. Additional cleaning took place during the evening and night to ensure communal areas were deep cleaned daily.
- The provider had ensured people were admitted into the service safely following government guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A recent outbreak of COVID-19 at the service had been managed well and the plans in place to support people had been utilised safely. The service had been zoned to reduce the risk of spread of infection.
- The service followed the current guidelines for care home testing, an enhanced testing regime was implemented during the outbreak. This was to ensure if people or staff had contracted COVID-19, measures were put in place in a timely way.
- Staff were suitably skilled in infection prevention and control (IPC). This included donning and doffing training, this is how to put on and remove PPE.
- The provider was in the process of setting up a building in the grounds of the service to facilitate visiting, this would include a screened off area to ensure social distancing. These measures once in place will mean people and their relatives can safely spend time together.

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?

We were assured that this service met good infection prevention and control guidelines.

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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 was 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 18 November 2020 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.

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