

Nazareth Lodge 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

Nazareth Lodge is located in the market town of Sturminster Newton in Dorset and provides accommodation over two floors with a lift and stair lift to access the bedrooms on the first floor. There are communal living and dining areas and a garden around the home which is accessible to people. The home can accommodate up to 24 older people. At the time of the inspection there were 20 older people living at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Measures were in place to prevent the spread of infection by visitors to the service. This included visitors undertaking a lateral flow test which gives a Covid 19 result in 30 minutes (LFT test), wearing PPE (personal protective equipment) and the use of a visiting pod to minimise the risks. All visits were scheduled so that cleaning could be completed between visits.

Staff supported people to stay in touch with their families by the use of technology such as video calls and letters. The registered manager sent out weekly bulletins to share information about activities at the home and updates about the pandemic.

Staff had received training and were following up to date guidance in infection prevention and control, to minimise risks to people. They understood the importance of wearing appropriate PPE. There were sufficient stocks available including masks, gloves, aprons and hand sanitiser. Sanitisation and PPE stations were placed around the building and this enabled easy access.

The home looked clean and hygienic. The provider had recruited an additional cleaner at the home to maintain the cleaning schedule put in place which included regular cleaning of touchpoints.

Infection prevention and control audits took place and spot checks were carried out. This ensured the registered manager had effective oversight of infection control measures. Staff had the opportunity to discuss IPC at every supervision and this enabled them to clarify queries and make suggestions.

Regular COVID testing was carried out at the service for both staff and people living there, and contingency plans were in place in the event of any outbreak of Covid-19 or other emergency.

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 24 February 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.