

# Your Health Limited

# Summer Fields

## 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

Summer Fields is a residential care home that can accommodate a maximum of 50 people. The home is registered to provide accommodation for people who require support with their personal care. Most of the people at the home lived with dementia. At the time of our inspection, 38 people lived in the home.

Prior to our visit, Wirral NHS Infection Control team had also inspected the service. They identified that some improvements to infection control standards within the home needed to be made. At the time our visit, the manager of the home had started to action these recommended improvements.

During our visit, we found the following examples of good practice.

The service had appropriate infection control policies and procedures in place. These were developed in line with current government guidance. Regular checks were in place to ensure effective infection prevention and control practices were followed

There were sufficient supplies of personal, protective equipment (PPE) in place for staff to use, with dedicated PPE stations for staff to use.

There was a system in place to ensure that all new admissions to the service had a negative Covid 19 test prior to admission. An appropriate period of isolation was adhered to after the person's admission to mitigate risks of any cross infection. Due to the current outbreak, no new admissions were being accepted.

At the time our inspection, visitation to the home was not permitted due to the outbreak, but there were appropriate procedures in place to enable safe visitation once the outbreak was over. In the meantime, people were supported to maintain contact with their loved ones via video and telephone calls.

Individual risk assessments had been conducted in consultation with people who used the service to mitigate risks to their health and well-being.

Risks to staff were also identified. This included risks of acquiring COVID-19 infection for staff from higher risk groups.

People living with the Covid 19 virus within the home, were being barrier nursed appropriately. Staff were allocated specific floors within the home to work on to mitigate cross infection. It was however difficult for social distancing and cohorting within the home to be rigidly applied due the needs of the people living there.

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.

**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 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.

Prior to our inspection, Wirral NHS Infection Control Team had visited the service and recommended some improvements be made. The manager had started to action these improvements by time of our inspection.

This inspection took place on 03 December 2020 and was unannounced.

## Is the service safe?

### Our findings

We were assured that the provider was preventing visitors from catching and spreading infections.

S5 How well are people protected by the prevention and control of infection?

- 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.