

R.M.D. Enterprises Limited

St Anthony's

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

St Anthony's is a residential care home. It is registered to provide accommodation and personal care for up to 22 people. At the time of the inspection 11 people were living at St Anthony's.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- Staff were wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) correctly. Social distancing was observed between people who were sitting in communal areas.
- The home was closed to visitors and access into the home for health or social care professionals was managed safely. People were encouraged to maintain contact with their family through video calls.
- The provider ensured there were enough staff on duty to meet people's needs safely.
- The provider had developed policies, procedures and risk assessments for managing the service in relation to COVID-19.
- When people moved into the home or returned from hospital, they were required to isolate in their rooms, for a set period of time, even if they had a negative test. This kept people safe in the event that the person developed symptoms within the initial period of the person moving in.
- Testing for staff and people was well organised and regularly done.

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 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 13 January 2021. We announced the inspection 10 minutes before we arrived at the service.

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's infection prevention and control policy was up to date.
- We were assured that the provider was promoting safety through the layout and hygiene practices of the premises.

Staff were not deployed to certain areas in the home for making sure infection outbreaks can be effectively prevented or managed. We have signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.