

MD Care Homes Limited

The Old Vicarage 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

The Old Vicarage is a residential care home for up to 19 elderly people some of who may be living with dementia. At the time of our inspection there were 17 people using the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The service were allowing limited visiting for those people who were on end of life care or for those people that it was having a detrimental impact on their wellbeing.

Any person entering the building had their temperature taken, washed their hands, completed a health questionnaire and wore full personal protective equipment (PPE).

People were supported by staff in full PPE, whether that person was COVID-19 positive or negative. This was to protect both staff and people living in the service from spreading infection.

The building was clean and free from clutter. The registered manager told us that there was frequent cleaning carried out throughout the day and that night staff carried out additional cleaning of communal areas.

Staff changed into their uniform at work and changed out of it before leaving the premises.

Whole home testing was in place for people, visitors and the staff.

The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

Is the service safe?

Inspected but not rated

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 2 February 2021 and was announced. This was because we were not responding to concerns and wanted to ensure we minimised the burden on the service as much as possible.

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.