

Athena Care (Ormskirk) Limited

Abbey Wood Lodge 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

Abbey Wood Lodge Care Home is a purpose-built care home on the outskirts of Ormskirk, Lancashire. The service can support a maximum of 60 people with residential care needs. The home is designed over three floors. The ground floor supports people with the least support needs and the upper floors supports those with higher needs. People on the first and second floors are primarily living with varying degrees of dementia. At the time of our inspection visit there were 40 people who lived at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The home had systems to ensure all visitors, including professional visitors met vaccination and testing requirements. There was an electronic system accessed by a touch screen in the entrance way which logged the visitor's COVID 19 vaccination pass, lateral flow device test result and temperature.

All areas of the home were visibly clean and tidy. A member of domestic staff was assigned to each floor. They used cleaning schedules and checklists which were checked daily by the head housekeeper and any gaps or issues addressed immediately.

Senior care staff had received training in how to take observations of resident's health. They recorded observations in electronic patient notes on small mobile devices at the point of care.

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 COVID-19 pandemic we are looking at how services manage infection control and visiting arrangements. This was a targeted inspection looking at the infection prevention and control measures the provider had in place. We also asked the provider about any staffing pressures the service was experiencing and whether this was having an impact on the service.

This inspection took place on 13 January 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 24 hours notice of the inspection.

Is the service safe?

Our findings

Staffing

- The provider told us they had measures in place to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 related staff pressures

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 were assured the provider was facilitating visits for people living in the home in accordance with the current guidance.

From 11 November 2021 registered persons must make sure all care home workers and other professionals visiting the service are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless they have an exemption or there is an emergency.

- The service was meeting the requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19.