

A.G.E. Nursing Homes Limited

The Angela Grace Care Centre

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 Angela Grace Care Centre is a nursing home providing personal care for up to 78 people. At the time of the inspection the service was supporting 75 people.

We found the following examples of good practice.

- The service was clean and tidy. Regular cleaning took place throughout the service including touchpoint areas.
- Suitable arrangements were in place to ensure that anyone moving into the service, did so safely. This included a negative COVID-19 test before moving in and isolating for a 14-day period within the service.
- Staff had access to sufficient supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) including masks, gloves, aprons and hand sanitiser. We observed staff using PPE correctly.
- Staff followed guidelines with the donning and doffing of PPE and had an area within the service where this could be done safely.
- Regular testing was completed for staff and people living at the service. This meant prompt action could be taken should anyone test positive for COVID-19.
- Safe arrangements were in place for visitors to the service including health professionals and relatives when it was safe to do so. This included LFD (lateral flow device) rapid testing, temperature checks, hand sanitisation, PPE and a questionnaire.
- Regular checks and audits around infection control were completed to ensure the registered manager had oversight of the service and could address any issues promptly if found.
- There were multiple dining and communal areas around the service for people to use. Staff had a separate room to take their breaks in. These measures assisted with social distancing and helped keep everyone safe.

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 COVID-19, 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 23 March 2021 and was unannounced.

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.