

St Philips Care Limited

Dearne Valley 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

Dearne Valley Care Centre is a 'care home.' People in care homes receive accommodation and nursing or personal care as single package under one contractual agreement. CQC regulates both the premises and the care provided, and both were looked at during this inspection.

We found the following examples of good practice.

On arrival to the home, essential visitors were asked sanitise their hands, wear a facemask and have their temperature checked. Visitors were also asked to confirm they had their COVID-19 vaccinations or evidence of exemption. This assisted in identifying visitors who may be at a higher risk of transmitting an infection to people living in the home.

The premises were very clean. Staff followed cleaning schedules to ensure all areas of the home were regularly cleaned. Enhanced cleaning was completed of frequently touched surfaces. Suitable cleaning products were used to control the spread of infection.

Staff had received training about how to keep people safe from the risk of infection and how to use personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly. The provider ensured there was enough PPE available for staff at all times. We observed staff wearing appropriate PPE.

Staff had taken steps to support people in maintaining contact and visits with family and friends. The provider was aware of updated government guidance in respect of visits to care homes during a COVID outbreak. This guidance was displayed in the entrance area of the home. Information has also been made available to peoples' relatives/advocates about the role of becoming an 'essential care giver'.

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 (IPC) practice is safe and that services are compliant with IPC measures. This was a targeted inspection looking at the IPC practices the provider has 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.