

Masterpalm Properties Limited

Brierfields

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

Brierfields is a residential care home in Failsworth, Oldham. The service is registered to provide personal care and accommodation for up to 37 people. At the time of our inspection there were 17 people living at the home.

We found the following examples of good practice.

The service had a screening process in place at the front door, for all visitors to the home. This included evidence of a recent negative lateral flow device (LFD) test and completion of a form stating they did not have COVID-19 symptoms. Professionals were asked to show evidence of their vaccination status via the NHS app or COVID pass.

The home had sufficient supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE), which was worn correctly by staff. Staff had completed training in infection control, hand washing and the safe use of PPE.

The home was accessing regular COVID-19 testing for staff and residents. Action was promptly taken when anyone tested positive. All staff and residents had been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Contact with relatives had been maintained throughout the pandemic. Following the recent COVID-19 outbreak when visiting had been prohibited, the home was once again opening its doors to families and friends, in line with current guidance.

The registered manager sought support and advice from external agencies including the local health protection team.

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 7 February 2022 and was announced. We gave the service 48 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.

Visiting in care homes

- We saw the provider was facilitating visits for people living in the home in accordance with the current guidance. The provider was aware of the current guidance in place and kept people's relatives updated with any changes, including when there had been positive COVID-19 cases within the home .

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.

