

Saxon Lodge Residential Home Limited

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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

Saxon Lodge is a residential care home, providing accommodation for people who require nursing or personal care. The service can support up to 23 people who may be living with dementia. At the time of the inspection there were 18 people living at the service.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Visiting arrangements followed government guidance. Visitors told us they would phone to arrange a time; they were asked to complete a Covid-19 test before entering the service.

Visitors spent time with their loved one in their rooms and there was no time restriction. There were additional arrangements for visitors if there was a Covid-19 outbreak within the service. This included a separate room with direct access from the outside, so visitors did not come into the service.

Plans were in place to isolate people with Covid-19 to reduce the risk of transmission. The service had supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) throughout the service that staff could access quickly.

Staff had received training in infection control to keep people safe. Staff completed regular testing for Covid-19 as per government guidance. The building was clean and odour free.

Staff supported people to maintain relationships following guidance. Two people enjoyed spending time in each other's room. When this was not possible due to social distancing guidance, a chair was placed outside the door so they could still enjoy a chat.

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 10 February 2022 and was unannounced.

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

- The provider's visiting policy followed current government guidance. Visitors we spoke with confirmed this and that they had been encouraged to visit regularly.

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 Government has announced its intention to change the legal requirement for vaccination in care homes, but the service was meeting the current requirement to ensure non-exempt staff and visiting professionals were vaccinated against COVID-19.