

Tamaris Healthcare (England) Limited

Barrington 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

Barrington Lodge is a care home providing nursing and personal care for up to 70 people aged 65 and over. At the time of inspection, there were 58 people living at the home some of whom had a dementia.

We found the following examples of good practice.

Checks were made on visitors to the service including their Covid-19 test results. Vaccination status was checked for visiting professionals.

The environment was clean and additional cleaning was taking place for surfaces that were touched frequently, such as handrails.

There was enough personal protective equipment (PPE). Staff had received training and guidance for infection prevention and control.

Staff gave positive feedback about the support they were offered during the pandemic.

Staff had supported people to choose an essential care giver, a visitor who could continue to visit during the Covid-19 outbreak. The registered manager told us they felt it was important for people's well-being and relationships that these visits continued.

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 14 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 somewhat assured that the provider was using PPE effectively and safely. Staff had received training and guidance on PPE usage, but we found some staff wearing PPE incorrectly. There were PPE stations in the home, but they did not provide adequate safe storage for PPE. The registered manager took immediate steps to address these issues.
- 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.
- The provider was following government guidance on visiting. People had been supported to choose an essential care giver, a named visitor, who was able to continue to visit during the Covid-19 outbreak.

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.

We have also signposted the provider to resources to develop their approach.

