

Care service inspection report

Abbotsford House

Care Home Service Adults

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Morrison Community Care Limited

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Summary

This report and grades represent our assessment of the quality of the areas of performance which were examined during this inspection.

Grades for this care service may change after this inspection following other regulatory activity. For example, if we have to take enforcement action to make the service improve, or if we investigate and agree with a complaint someone makes about the service.

We gave the service these grades

Quality of Care and Support 5 Very Good

Quality of Environment 6 Excellent

Quality of Staffing 6 Excellent

Quality of Management and Leadership 5 Very Good

What the service does well

People who use this service and their relatives speak very highly of this service. They describe it as being homely.

A well trained, motivated staff team is committed to delivering good person centred care.

What the service could do better

The service needs to submit required notifications to the care inspectorate. These need to be done within specified time scales.

What the service has done since the last inspection

Since the last inspection, the service has updated its on-line reporting/ recording system. The management team felt that this had improved the way any outstanding issues were picked up and therefore enhanced auditing.

Each resident's medication is now stored in secure locked cabinets within the individual's own room. This has the effect of reducing the risk of errors in medication administration and has meant that medication management is more person centred.

Conclusion

The people who use this service and their relatives, value this service very much. They speak very highly of the management and staff who deliver what they describe as a very high standard of care.

1 About the service we inspected

Abbotsford House provides residential care for a maximum of 34 older people and is situated within the Bearsden area of Glasgow.

The care home is a traditional sandstone villa which has in the past been extended to provide single room accommodation with en suite facilities. There are also twin rooms available.

The care home stands in large private well maintained grounds which are fully accessible to all service users. In addition there are three separate lounge areas and a bright airy communal dining room which looks onto an internal courtyard.

The care home's philosophy of care, as stated in the information pack, is:

'one of commitment to provide the highest standards of care within a comfortable home from home environment'.

The Care Inspectorate regulates care services in Scotland. Prior to 1 April 2011, this function was carried out by the Care Commission. Information in relation to all care services is available on our website at www.scswis.com.

This service was previously registered with the Care Commission and transferred its registration to the Care Inspectorate on 1 April 2011.

Requirements and recommendations

If we are concerned about some aspect of a service, or think it needs to do more to improve, we may make a recommendation or requirement.

- A recommendation is a statement that sets out actions the care service provider should take to improve or develop the quality of the service based on best practice or the National Care Standards.
- A requirement is a statement which sets out what is required of a care service to comply with the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 ("the Act") and secondary legislation made under the Act, or a condition of registration. Where there are breaches of Regulations, Orders or conditions, a requirement may be made. Requirements are legally enforceable at the discretion of the Care Inspectorate."

Based on the findings of this inspection this service has been awarded the following grades:

Quality of Care and Support - Grade 5 - Very Good Quality of Environment - Grade 6 - Excellent Quality of Staffing - Grade 6 - Excellent Quality of Management and Leadership - Grade 5 - Very Good

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2 How we inspected this service

The level of inspection we carried out

In this service we carried out a low intensity inspection. We carry out these inspections when we are satisfied that services are working hard to provide consistently high standards of care.

What we did during the inspection

We wrote the report following an unannounced inspection which was carried out on Tuesday 10 March between 9:30am and 6pm. The inspection continued on Thursday 12 March 2015 between 10:30am and 4pm We gave feedback to two directors, manager and compliance officer on Wednesday 18 March 2015.

During the inspection we gathered evidence from various sources, including the relevant sections of policies, procedures. We reviewed the self assessment and annual return that the service had completed and submitted to us prior to the inspection. We also looked at completed Care Standard Questionnaires (CSQ) that residents, carers and staff had completed and returned to us. Other records that we looked at included:

- Certificate of Registration
- Staffing schedule
- Record of Accidents
- Compliments and Complaints log
- Medication records
- Quality Assurance Audits
- Minutes of residents' meetings
- Minutes of relatives' meetings
- Questionnaires
- Residents participation in recruitment of staff
- Personal plans
- Three staff files
- Staff supervision records.

We used the Short Observation Framework for Inspection (SOFI2) to directly observe the experience and outcomes for people who were unable to tell us their views.

We spoke with seven residents and three visitors.

We spoke with two directors, home manager, two nurses, a senior care worker and other staff in the service.

Grading the service against quality themes and statements

We inspect and grade elements of care that we call 'quality themes'. For example, one of the quality themes we might look at is 'Quality of care and support'. Under each quality theme are 'quality statements' which describe what a service should be doing well for that theme. We grade how the service performs against the quality themes and statements.

Details of what we found are in Section 3: The inspection

Inspection Focus Areas (IFAs)

In any year we may decide on specific aspects of care to focus on during our inspections. These are extra checks we make on top of all the normal ones we make during inspection. We do this to gather information about the quality of these aspects of care on a national basis. Where we have examined an inspection focus area we will clearly identify it under the relevant quality statement.

Fire safety issues

We do not regulate fire safety. Local fire and rescue services are responsible for checking services. However, where significant fire safety issues become apparent, we will alert the relevant fire and rescue services so they may consider what action to take. You can find out more about care services' responsibilities for fire safety at www.firelawscotland.org

What the service has done to meet any recommendations we made at our last inspection

There were no recommendations from the last inspection.

The annual return

Every year all care services must complete an 'annual return' form to make sure the information we hold is up to date. We also use annual returns to decide how we will inspect the service.

Annual Return Received: Yes - Electronic

Comments on Self Assessment

Every year all care services must complete a 'self assessment' form telling us how their service is performing. We check to make sure this assessment is accurate.

We received a fully completed self assessment document from the provider. We were satisfied with the way the provider completed this and with the relevant information included for each heading that we grade services under.

The provider identified what they thought they did well, some areas for development and any changes they planned.

Taking the views of people using the care service into account

'Everybody is helpful.'

'I like the food and there is always a choice.'

'They always knock my door before they come in, they wouldn't just burst in.'

'My views are listened to.'

'I know the manager and I see the director all the time. I can speak to them both anytime.'

'They are all very good and very polite too.'

- 'I tend to go along with whatever is going on.'
- 'I enjoy the bar and entertainment nights best.'
- 'I enjoy exercises and quizzes.'

Taking carers' views into account

'Staff have interacted with my dad.'

'They treat him with utmost dignity.'

'When I visit my mum I am always treated with the greatest love and respect.'

'Staff treat my mum the way they would treat their own parents.'

'I have my own chest of drawers that I brought from home, in my room.'

'I couldn't speak more highly of the staff, they have worked so hard encouraging mum.'

'They are all very nice and will try different foods to try to encourage mum to eat.'

'Mum's room is very nice. She has her own furniture to make it feel like home.'

'Staff here communicate very well with us.'

'I know who mum's keyworker is.'

'Care here is second to none.'

'I like the staff recognition board that they have displayed. It helps us to get to know staff and their names.'

'Staff contact me if there are any changes.'

'They bring mum to the phone so that she can speak with me.'

'There is a variety of activities and if I am about, I always join in.'

'The management team listen to the views of our family and they respond promptly and helpfully.'

3 The inspection

We looked at how the service performs against the following quality themes and statements. Here are the details of what we found.

Quality Theme 1: Quality of Care and Support

Grade awarded for this theme: 5 - Very Good

Statement 1

We ensure that service users and carers participate in assessing and improving the quality of the care and support provided by the service.

Service strengths

We found that the service was excellent at involving both service users and their relatives in improving its quality within different areas.

At this inspection, we focused on minutes of meetings, support plans, surveys that the service had carried out. We had discussions with the nurse manager, compliance officer, director, staff, service users and their relatives.

We could see that views of people who use the service, had been sought and had been included in the self assessment that was submitted to the care inspectorate prior to the inspection.

We saw many different ways by which the service sought to improve the quality of care and support, environment, staffing and leadership and management from seeking people's views, taking into consideration their suggestions and implementing them.

The service had an up to date participation strategy that it worked to, ensuring service users, their relatives, staff and other stakeholders were involved in improving the quality of different aspects of the service.

These included:

- Regular residents' and relatives meetings
- Surveys
- Activities and menu planning meetings

- Suggestion boxes
- Quality assurance questionnaires
- Forum on our Website, Facebook Page or Twitter Page.

Information gathered from the above was pulled together on a six weekly basis and displayed on the notice board, in the form of 'You said - We did.'

On a more individual basis, service users and/or their relatives were involved developing their care plans, risk assessments and in reviewing these. We could see that staff worked hard to ensure that goals that people had set, were being met. Advocacy services were also used where this was required. People that we spoke with during the inspection and CSQs that were completed and returned to us prior to the inspection, confirmed that their views were sought, their suggestions acted upon and that their choices were respected.

We could see that this involvement had led to positive outcomes for the people who use the service, such as menus offered being of their choice, and people being afforded time to consider their choices without any pressure.

Areas for improvement

The service was currently maintaining an excellent standard in areas covered in this statement and should continue to do so.

Grade awarded for this statement: 6 - Excellent

Number of requirements: 0

Statement 3

We ensure that service users' health and wellbeing needs are met.

Service strengths

We found that this service's performance was very good in the areas covered by this statement. We concluded this after looking at care plans and speaking with the nurse manager, compliance officer, members of the staff team and having discussion with the people who use the service and their relatives.

All the residents and relatives that we spoke with, on the day of the inspection, spoke very highly of the care and support that they received here.

Residents appeared to be very comfortable with the staff that were supporting them.

We reviewed individual care plans and found them to contain required relevant information including names or titles that people preferred to be called by. Care delivery was in a very person centred way.

Records showed that people were assessed fully before they started using the service. This ensured that the service was prepared and could meet the needs of people who were coming in. We saw care plans that contained some very good information that guided staff about what care or support needs individuals had and how these should be delivered and met.

Risk assessments had been carried out and recorded within the care files. These were also discussed at review meetings and reviewed regularly.

We observed tea time and were satisfied that this was a pleasant and positive experience for people. Staff were assisting and encouraging those residents who required assistance or encouragement with eating. This was done in a sensitive and dignified manner. The people that we spoke with told us that the food was good. Staff had clear knowledge about special diets, food textures and food fortification that some residents required. Records of food and fluid intake were kept where this was being monitored.

Throughout the day, we observed people engaged in meaningful activity. People were involved in different activities such as chair exercises, game of skittles, and arts and craft. Those requiring encouragement got it from the activities coordinator and occupational therapy students, who were helping facilitate the different activities. Everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves.

On this inspection we also used SOFI2 to observe the experience of a group of three individuals who could not tell us their views. Staff were recognising when the individuals required extra support and took steps to always ensure they were included. This all resulted in good positive outcomes for service users. We observed a lot of smiling and fun between service users and staff.

The service had established links with healthcare professionals. We saw episodes where staff picked up things that were not right and passed them on to the right professional for guidance.

Medication was stored safely in wall mounted, locked cupboards within individual's rooms. The service retained an appropriate stock holding of medication. The service had a system for ordering and administering medicines.

Some of the comments that people made included:

'I enjoy the bar and entertainment nights best.'

'I enjoy exercises and quizzes.'

'They treat my dad with utmost dignity.'

'Staff treat my mum the way they would treat their own parents.'

Areas for improvement

We sampled medication storage and records from three different rooms. We found that the open/expiry date on an eye ointment, and some suspension bottles had not been dated. When we spoke to staff, they told us that they were aware and that they would normally mark these on the day of opening, but that this had been omitted this time round.

On the second day of the inspection we were assured by the nurse manager that this had been addressed retrospectively.

Grade awarded for this statement: 5 - Very Good

Number of recommendations: 1

Recommendations

1. The service should ensure that medication such as ointments, topical applications, and liquid suspensions with a limited shelf life once opened, should have the date when it was opened and when it is due to expire, marked on them.

National care standards for care homes for older people, standard 15.6, Keeping well - medication.

Quality Theme 2: Quality of Environment

Grade awarded for this theme: 6 - Excellent

Statement 1

We ensure that service users and carers participate in assessing and improving the quality of the environment within the service.

Service strengths

Bedrooms that we looked at, were decorated to individual taste. The people that we spoke with confirmed that they had a say in how their bedroom was decorated.

People told us that their views were also sought and considered for decorating and furnishings of communal areas and gardens too.

Service users and their relatives were surveyed on the quality of environment. Comments that they made were considered and helped to improve the quality of the environment. The service also held Health & Safety Forums that involve service users and/or their representatives.

The service strengths outlined under Quality Theme 1 - Statement 1 apply to this statement too.

Comments made included:

'Mum's room is very nice. She has her own furniture to make it feel like home.'

'I have my own chest of drawers that I brought from home, in my room.'

Areas for improvement

The service should continue consulting and involving service users and/or their relatives about improving the quality of the environment.

Grade awarded for this statement: 6 - Excellent

Number of requirements: 0

Statement 2

We make sure that the environment is safe and service users are protected.

Service strengths

We found that this service's performance was excellent in the areas covered by this statement. We concluded this after looking at; the environment, maintenance records, speaking with the nurse manager, compliance officer, members of the staff team and having discussion with the people who use the service and their relatives.

The service carried out a range of health and safety checks. Records of all the checks and maintenance records were kept.

We found the environment to be clean, fresh and in a good decorative state. A dedicated team of house keeping staff ensured this.

On the day of the inspection, we noted that some rooms that were unoccupied, were being freshly painted. We were told that this was done in preparation for any new resident moving in.

There was clear signage directing people to the different parts of the home. The gardens were enclosed and well maintained. People were safe to wander round them. The people we spoke with told us that they enjoyed these.

The organisation had policies in place for protecting people. The staff that we spoke with were all aware of these. Most of the people that we spoke with emphasised that they had chosen this service because it was homely.

Records of incidents and accidents that happened in the service, were kept. Following an accident to any individual, their risk assessment was reviewed and updated. Steps to reduce the chances of the accidents happening again were put in place.

Some of the comments people made about the environment included:

'My dad is much safer here in Abbotsford House, staff ensure his safety.'

'We chose this home for my dad because it is so homely, just like what dad had been used to.'

Areas for improvement

The service was currently maintaining an excellent standard in areas covered within this statement and should continue to do so.

Grade awarded for this statement: 6 - Excellent

Number of requirements: 0

Quality Theme 3: Quality of Staffing

Grade awarded for this theme: 6 - Excellent

Statement 1

We ensure that service users and carers participate in assessing and improving the quality of staffing in the service.

Service Strengths

Prospective staff met with service users as part of their recruitment. We saw recruitment forms completed by service users following their time spent with candidates to be interviewed. We concluded that people were involved in the recruitment of staff in a very meaningful way.

The service strengths outlined under Quality Theme 1 - Statement 1 apply to this statement too.

Areas for improvement

The service was currently maintaining an excellent standard in areas covered within this statement and should continue to do so.

Grade awarded for this statement: 6 - Excellent

Number of requirements: 0

Statement 3

We have a professional, trained and motivated workforce which operates to National Care Standards, legislation and best practice.

Service strengths

We found that this service's performance was excellent in the areas covered by this statement. We concluded this after looking at records about staff including training and supervision records. We spoke with the manager, members of the staff team and had discussion with the people who use the service and their relatives.

We noted that the service followed safer recruitment procedures when recruiting staff. References were sought and often followed up with a phone call for further clarity. The staff that we spoke with were well motivated. Team spirit was promoted here and all jobs were of equal value. Staff were aware of this and took ownership and pride in how they contributed to the service.

A key worker system was in place. On the whole people knew who their keyworker was.

Staff underwent a robust induction when they first started in the service. We saw staff training records that showed a range of training that staff had, in order that they could meet service user needs. We noted that the service had a high number of staff trained to an SVQ level that they were working at. The service was working through ensuring that all staff who require to be, were going through their registration with the Scottish Social Service Council (SSSC).

Staff that we spoke with told us that they felt supported by their line managers and the management team. Someone told us that this support was not just limited to the work setting but also extended to their personal health and wellbeing too. Staff told us that they were happy to be working here.

We saw some records of formal supervision and appraisals.

Comments made about staff included:

'I like to see a happy staff team such as this one as I am confident that a happy staff team will deliver good care.'

'I couldn't speak more highly of the staff, they have worked so hard encouraging mum.'

Areas for improvement

From the records we looked at, we could see that formal supervision took place although this was not to the frequency stated in the service's own supervision policy. We were satisfied that staff got the supervision they required to do their work efficiently and effectively.

Grade awarded for this statement: 6 - Excellent

Number of requirements: 0

Quality Theme 4: Quality of Management and Leadership

Grade awarded for this theme: 5 - Very Good

Statement 1

We ensure that service users and carers participate in assessing and improving the quality of the management and leadership of the service.

Service strengths

Service users and their relatives had platforms where they could have their say in the running of the service. Future developments of the organisation were also shared with service users, their relatives, staff and other stakeholders.

The service strengths outlined under Quality Theme 1 - Statement 1 apply to this statement too.

Areas for improvement

The service was currently maintaining an excellent service in areas covered within this statement and should continue to do so.

Grade awarded for this statement: 6 - Excellent

Number of requirements: 0

Statement 4

We use quality assurance systems and processes which involve service users, carers, staff and stakeholders to assess the quality of service we provide.

Service strengths

We found that this service's performance was very good in the areas covered by this statement. We concluded this after looking at care plans, and speaking with the nurse manager, compliance officer, directors, members of the staff team and having discussion with the people who use the service and their relatives.

The service had systems in place to assure its own quality. These included:

- Survey to give residents, relatives and staff, the opportunity to say what they thought about the service.
- Six Monthly residents' reviews where relatives or people's' representatives could contribute to the care planning.
- A complaint's procedure with clearly defined timescales by which the service must respond.
- Direct supervision and monitoring of service delivery by management team who had a presence on the floor.
- Regular staff meetings where staff met to share knowledge, good practice and also reflect on critical incidents.

The service had a dedicated compliance officer who carried out audits. Audits were also carried out by the home manager and the directors. The pharmacy that supplied the service with their medications also carried out regular medication audits in the service.

The provider had previously spoken at one of the care inspectorate conferences, where he had shared his experiences as a provider of a care service. The service had recently been involved with 'playlist for life' when they had been filmed for the HUB as an example of good practice in involving older people in activities.

The service was scrutinised by other agencies including the contracts monitoring team from the local authority and environmental health.

People knew who the manager was. They also told us that both the director and manager were very visible on the floor. This gave people a lot of confidence in the service and the management team. People said they would be comfortable taking any issues of concern they had to management as they were confident that these would be dealt with effectively.

Some comments made included:

'The management team listen to the views of our family and they respond promptly and helpfully.'

'I know the manager and I see the director all the time. I can speak to them both anytime.'

Areas for improvement

The complaint procedure that we saw still had details of the local care inspectorate office as a place to refer a complaint to. We have asked the service to update the complaints policy so that it reflects the National Enquiries Line.

During the inspection we looked at accident records going back to October 2014. We found some where it was clear the accident had resulted in either a doctor or paramedics attending or where the individual had attended hospital or accident and emergency as a result. Although the service had clear records of what steps had been taken to reduce the incident of the accident happening again, these accidents had not been notified to the care inspectorate as required. The service agreed to submit the notification retrospectively. (See recommendation 1 within Quality Theme 4 - Statement 4).

We noted that notifications about a service user's death although made, were made outwith the time scales indicated in the notification service should make. The service has agreed to ensure that notifications about individual's death are made to the care inspectorate immediately as stated in the "Records that all registered care services (except childminding) must keep and guidance on notification reporting."

Grade awarded for this statement: 5 - Very Good

Number of requirements: 0

Number of recommendations: 1

Recommendations

1. The service should ensure incidents and accidents that the Care Inspectorate should be notified about, are notified within the stated times.

National Care Standards for care homes for older people , Standard 5, Management and staffing arrangements.

4 Other information

Complaints

No complaints have been upheld, or partially upheld, since the last inspection.

Enforcements

We have taken no enforcement action against this care service since the last inspection.

Additional Information

None.

Action Plan

Failure to submit an appropriate action plan within the required timescale, including any agreed extension, where requirements and recommendations have been made, will result in the Care Inspectorate re-grading a Quality Statement within the Quality of Management and Leadership Theme (or for childminders, Quality of Staffing Theme) as unsatisfactory (1). This will result in the Quality Theme being re-graded as unsatisfactory (1).

5 Summary of grades

Quality of Care and Support - 5 - Very Good				
Statement 1	6 - Excellent			
Statement 3	5 - Very Good			
Quality of Environment - 6 - Excellent				
Statement 1	6 - Excellent			
Statement 2	6 - Excellent			
Quality of Staffing - 6 - Excellent				
Statement 1	6 - Excellent			
Statement 3	6 - Excellent			
Quality of Management and Leadership - 5 - Very Good				
Statement 1	6 - Excellent			
Statement 4	5 - Very Good			

6 Inspection and grading history

Date	Туре	Gradings	
13 Feb 2014	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and Leadership	6 - Excellent 6 - Excellent 6 - Excellent 5 - Very Good
27 Feb 2013	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and Leadership	6 - Excellent 5 - Very Good Not Assessed Not Assessed
31 Jul 2012	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and Leadership	5 - Very Good 5 - Very Good 5 - Very Good 5 - Very Good

22 Aug 2011	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and Leadership	5 - Very Good 5 - Very Good Not Assessed Not Assessed
13 Dec 2010	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and Leadership	5 - Very Good Not Assessed Not Assessed Not Assessed
1 Sep 2010	Announced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and Leadership	5 - Very Good Not Assessed Not Assessed 5 - Very Good
18 Feb 2010	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and Leadership	5 - Very Good Not Assessed 4 - Good Not Assessed
10 Jul 2009	Announced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and Leadership	5 - Very Good 5 - Very Good 4 - Good 4 - Good
4 Dec 2008	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and Leadership	4 - Good Not Assessed 3 - Adequate Not Assessed
20 Jun 2008	Announced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and Leadership	4 - Good 4 - Good 3 - Adequate 4 - Good

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