

Well Hall Residential Home Care Home Service

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About the service

This service registered with the Care Inspectorate on 1 April 2011.

Well Hall Residential Home is owned and managed by Crossreach, the social care arm of the Church of Scotland.

The service is situated within a quiet, residential area of Hamilton, close to the town centre, local amenities and public transport links. The service is operated from a purpose-built two storey building that was completed and occupied in 2011.

The service offers single room accommodation with en-suite facilities. There is a range of sitting rooms and dining rooms throughout the home. Residents and their visitors have access to a garden at the rear of the home

The service's stated aim and objectives include the following statement:

'To provide care for older people in a dignified and respectful setting. Well Hall offers a level of professional and specialist care provided by a committed care team, led by the unit manager. Well Hall offers a dedicated keyworker system and personal care plan, which enables service users to be as independent as possible, whilst providing the warmth and comfort of a safe, caring and supportive environment.'

What people told us

We spoke to several of the residents on a one to one basis and in small groups. Residents told us that they were happy with the care and the staff.

We spent time observing interactions between residents and staff. We saw that the staff approach to residents was caring, polite and respectful. Comments from residents included:

'I like living here.'

'I have a comfortable bedroom'

'The staff are kind and friendly.'

The food is fine.'

'There's not enough to do, the days can be long.'

'The TV is always on, but not always on the programmes I like.'

There is further information about our observations regarding residents' care and support detailed throughout the report.

We spoke to visiting relatives. They told us that they were generally happy with the care their relatives received. Comments included:

'Staff phone me if there is a problem with my relative's health.'

'The staff are friendly, I'm made to feel welcome when I visit.'

'The staff really know my relative and their care needs.'

'There is a smell in my relative's room.'

'Communication could be better, we don't always get regular updates.'

Self assessment

We did not ask the service to submit a self assessment.

From this inspection we graded this service as:

Quality of care and support2 - WeakQuality of environment3 - AdequateQuality of staffing3 - AdequateQuality of management and leadership2 - Weak

Quality of care and support

Findings from the inspection

The service was not operating at the level we would expect and we have graded this theme as weak.

We saw residents taking part in group and one to one activities. The home had an activities worker who arranged events and activities which residents appeared to enjoy taking part in.

We observed practice which did not support residents' choice and indicated an institutional approach to care. For example, at 7am a significant number of residents were already assisted to wash and dress by night staff. Some residents were fully dressed and returned to bed. This will be the subject of a requirement. (See requirement 1)

We were concerned about the care of a resident who needed full support with changes of position to prevent pressure ulcers. There was no evidence that the resident's position was changed regularly. There was no information in the resident's personal plan about the assessment or management of skincare issues. We saw that pressure relieving equipment was not used correctly. These issues will be the subject of a requirement. (See requirement 2)

In our inspection report dated 7 September 2016, we made a requirement regarding the management of residents' nutrition and hydration needs.

We saw that residents' weights were being recorded.

We have the following concerns:

- poor assessment and monitoring of residents nutritional risk

- minimal information in personal plans regarding the management of nutritional risks
- inconsistent management of mealtimes and the deployment of staff to support residents
- poor support for residents who need prompting to eat and drink
- all textured diets were the same. We could not corroborate if this was assessed or recommended by external healthcare professionals.

Staff training about nutritional support of residents was ongoing. We observed that training had not improved practice so far. There was minimal progress with this requirement and it will continue in this report. (See requirement 3)

In our inspection report dated 7 September 2016, we made a requirement regarding the content of residents' personal plans. We sampled a number of personal plans and found the content was inconsistent.

We continue to have the following concerns:

- incomplete personal plans for two residents admitted more than four weeks ago
- a lack of detail about the management of care and support needs
- inconsistent assessment and monitoring of risk
- poor evidence regarding the management of risks including nutrition, falls and skin integrity
- irregular evaluation of personal plans.

There was minimal progress with this requirement and it will continue in this report. (See requirement 4)

We looked at the current cycle of medication records. There was information about the medication prescribed for residents to guide staff. One resident had not received a complete course of antibiotic therapy. This will be the subject of a recommendation. (See recommendation 1)

Requirements

Number of requirements: 4

1. The provider must ensure that people who use the service have choice about the time they are supported to get up in the morning.

This is to comply with:

The Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210), Regulation 3.

Timescale: The provider must start to address this requirement on receipt of this report and work to meet this requirement by 11 August 2017.

2. The provider must take account of best practice to improve the management of skincare and minimise risks of pressure ulcer development.

This is to comply with:

The Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210), Regulation 4(1)(a).

Timescale: The provider must start to address this requirement on receipt of this report and work to meet this requirement by 11 August 2017.

- 3. The provider must implement systems to ensure the needs of service users identified at risk of malnutrition or dehydration are regularly assessed and adequately met. In order to do this, the provider must ensure the following:
- improve the system to monitor the care of service users who are at risk of malnutrition and ensure the correct care and support
- ensure personal plans include accurate, up-to-date information about nutritional and hydration needs which is regularly assessed, monitored and met
- provide staff training to ensure they have the necessary skills to identify service users at risk of malnutrition and dehydration
- review the meal time experience for residents to ensure this is managed effectively. This must include designated table/room management and closer attention to people who require prompting, supervision or direct physical assistance with eating and drinking.

This is to comply with:

The Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210), Regulation 4(1)(a)

Timescale: The provider must start to address this requirement on receipt of this report and work to meet this requirement by 11 August 2017.

- 4. The provider must ensure that residents' personal plans set out how their health, welfare and safety needs are to be met. In order to do this, the service must ensure the following:
- ensure a written plan is developed within 28 days of the date the person first receives the service. The plan must set out how the service user's health, welfare and safety needs are to be met
- demonstrate that plans accurately reflect all the current needs of individuals and include information about care and support interventions which fully reflect the care being provided
- include information about care and support that is up to date and regularly evaluated
- include information about special equipment used to support the individual
- ensure systems to assess, monitor and manage risks to residents are used and kept up-to-date to inform care planning. This includes, but is not restricted to, risk relating to falls, nutrition and skin integrity
- demonstrate a person centred approach in line with National Care Standards. This must include details about individuals' preferences in all aspects of care and support.

This is to comply with:

The Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210), Regulation 5(1).

Timescale: The provider must start to address this requirement on receipt of this report and work to meet this requirement by 11 August 2017.

Recommendations

Number of recommendations: 1

1. The provider should ensure that medication is available at the time of administration and is given as prescribed.

National Care Standards for care homes for older people. Standard 15 - Keeping well - medication.

Grade: 2 - weak

Quality of environment

Findings from the inspection

We found the service performance was adequate in the areas covered by this quality theme.

We saw that the home was clean and tidy. Staff had a good knowledge about their roles and responsibilities for keeping the home clean and safe.

Records to monitor safety in the home and the equipment used by residents were up-to-date.

We saw redecoration of the corridors and the development of themed sitting rooms. Residents, relatives and staff commented positively about this.

Residents told us how much they enjoyed getting outside. The garden area had been developed.

Staff demonstrated a good level of knowledge regarding control of infection in the home. We saw that staff used personal protective equipment correctly. There was a plentiful supply of equipment for staff to use.

We saw the quality of lighting in some corridor areas was not good enough and could impact on residents' safety by contributing towards falls. We spoke with the management team who were working to resolve this issue. We will monitor this at the next inspection.

We noted an odour in one bedroom. Visitors commented about the odour. This will be the subject of a recommendation. (See recommendation 1)

Requirements

Number of requirements: 0

Recommendations

Number of recommendations: 1

1. The provider should take appropriate action to ensure that the care home is odour free.

National Care Standards for care homes for older people. Standard 4 - Your environment.

Grade: 3 - adequate

Quality of staffing

Findings from the inspection

We found the service performance was adequate in the areas covered by this quality theme.

We saw that a schedule for staff supervision was in place and supervision sessions were taking place. This was a valuable way to support staff, discuss concerns, look at practice and discuss training and development needs.

There was a system in place to monitor the validity of the staff registration with the Scottish Social Service Council (SSSC). Registration with the SSSC helps to raise standards of practice, strengthen and support the workforce and increases the protection of people who use services.

The service was following best practice guidance regarding the safe recruitment of staff.

A training plan was in place which included mandatory and needs led training. There were some records to confirm training staff had undertaken. However, the training record system needs to be further developed to allow for tracking of mandatory training to ensure information is up-to-date. This will be the subject of a recommendation. (See recommendation 1)

We were concerned about aspects of staff practice. We identified that training did not always influence practice. However, the service had introduced a system to evaluate the impact of staff training on practice. This issue was the subject of a recommendation in the previous inspection and had not been implemented. This recommendation will continue in this report. (See recommendation 2)

Requirements

Number of requirements: 0

Recommendations

Number of recommendations: 2

1. The provider should continue to develop the system to track training undertaken, and due, to ensure all training is up to date.

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

2. The provider should continue to develop the system to formally evaluate training staff have undertaken and the impact it has on their practice. The findings should be used to inform staff training and development needs.

National Care Standard for care homes for older people.

Standard 5 - Management and staffing arrangements

Grade: 3 - adequate

Quality of management and leadership

Findings from the inspection

The service was not operating at the level we would expect and we have graded this theme as weak.

The service gathered information from audits and meetings to help assess the quality of service provision. This included the health and safety of the environment, record keeping and medicine management. However, there were no action plans formulated to address any issues identified.

We were concerned about the effectiveness of systems designed to assess and monitor the quality of the service. This included areas such as assessment and management of risk, record keeping and monitoring care reviews. This issue will be the subject of a requirement. (See requirement 1)

In our inspection report dated 7 September 2016, we made a requirement regarding the management of accidents and incidents.

We had the following ongoing concern about the management of accidents and incidents:

- incidents were not reported to the appropriate authority as Adult Support and Protection issues
- records were not fully completed
- events that resulted in injury were not followed up appropriately
- there was no analysis of patterns and trends.

This issue will be the subject of a continued requirement. (See requirement 2)

Requirements

Number of requirements: 2

- 1. The provider must ensure a satisfactory quality of service is consistently provided. To help achieve this, they must fully implement a quality assurance system which includes but is not restricted to the following:
- improving internal audits to ensure policies and procedures are followed, taking into account issues highlighted in the inspection report
- ensure an action plan is developed when the audit process highlights an issue. This must include timescales for actions to address those issues.

This is to comply with:

The Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210), Regulations 4(1)(a).

This also takes into account National Care Standards for care homes for older people, Standard 5 - Management and staffing arrangements.

Timescale: The provider must start to address this requirement on receipt of this report and work to meet this requirement by 11 August 2017.

- 2. The provider must improve the assessment and monitoring systems regarding accidents and incidents. In order to do this, the provider must ensure the following:
- that incidents which constitute an Adult Support and Protection issue are referred to the appropriate authorities
- ensure accidents and incidents are managed in line with the organisation's policies and procedures and legislation
- demonstrate that aftercare following an accident is documented to include the management of any injuries sustained
- ensure risk assessments for individual residents are up-to-date, accurate and regularly reviewed
- use the outcome of risk assessments to inform care planning
- detail in personal plans how risks are managed including details of the equipment used to minimise risk
- implement systems to fully assess patterns and trends in relation to accidents and incidents and use the information to minimise recurrences.

This is to comply with:

The Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210), Regulation 4(1)(a).

Timescale: The provider must start to address this requirement on receipt of this report and work to meet this requirement by 11 August 2017.

Recommendations

Number of recommendations: 0

Grade: 2 - weak

What the service has done to meet any requirements we made at or since the last inspection

Previous requirements

Requirement 1

The provider must ensure that residents' personal plans give clear detail on the strategies to be used in relation to managing residents' care and support. In order to do this, the service must ensure that the personal plans:

- Accurately reflect all the current needs of individuals.
- Include information about care and support interventions and are developed to fully reflect the care being provided including, but not restricted to, the management of stress and distress reactions of residents living with dementia.
- Include information about care and support that is up to date and regularly evaluated.
- Include details about individuals' preferences over all aspects of care and support.

This is to comply with:

The Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210), Regulations 5(1).

Timescale: The provider must continue to address this requirement on receipt of this report and work to meet this requirement within four months.

This requirement was made on 15 September 2016.

Action taken on previous requirement

There were issues regarding the content and accuracy of residents' personal plans. This requirement will continue and is detailed under Quality of care and support in this report.

Not met

Requirement 2

The provider must put in place and implement systems which will ensure that the nutrition and hydration needs of those service users identified as being at risk of malnutrition or dehydration are being regularly assessed and adequately met.

In order to do this, the service must ensure the following:

- There is a robust system to monitor the care of service users who are at risk of malnutrition to ensure they are being given the correct care and support.
- The information within personal plans regarding how nutritional and hydration needs are to be assessed, monitored and met is accurate, up-to-date and regularly evaluated.

- Staff have training to ensure they have the necessary skills to identify service users at risk of malnutrition and dehydration.
- A review of the meal time experience for residents is undertaken.
- Meal times are managed effectively including designated table/room management and closer attention to those service users who require prompting and supervision or direct physical assistance with eating and drinking.
- That charts used to monitor food and fluid intake are fully completed.

This is to comply with:

The Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210), Regulation 4(1)(a).

Timescale: The provider must start to address this requirement on receipt of this report and work to meet this requirement within four months.

This requirement was made on 15 September 2017.

Action taken on previous requirement

There were issues regarding the management of residents' nutritional and hydration needs. This requirement will continue and is detailed under Quality of care and support in this report.

Not met

Requirement 3

To protect the health, welfare and safety needs of residents, the provider must ensure that assessment and monitoring systems in relation to accidents and incidents are fully implemented.

In order to do this, the service must ensure the following:

- Risk assessments for individual residents are up to date, accurately completed and regularly reviewed.
- The outcome of risk assessments are fully utilised to inform care planning.
- Personal plans fully detail how risks are to be managed including details of the equipment in place to minimise risk.
- The aftercare following an accident should be recorded including the management of any injuries sustained.
- Robust and accountable systems are fully implemented in relation to accidents and incidents to assess patterns and trends to inform actions to minimise recurrences.

This is to comply with:

The Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210), Regulation 4(1)(a).

Timescale: The provider must start to address this requirement on receipt of this report and work to meet this requirement within four months.

This requirement was made on 15 September 2017.

Action taken on previous requirement

There were issues regarding the management of accidents and incidents. This requirement will continue and is detailed under Quality of management and leadership in this report.

Not met

Requirement 4

The provider must make proper provision for the health, welfare and safety needs of service users. This is with specific reference to the safe recruitment of staff working in the service. In order to do this, the service must undertake the following:

- Ensure that recruitment processes and procedures follow best practice guidance from the Scottish Government document Safer Recruitment through Better Recruitment.
- Ensure that the recruitment and interview process for specific job roles are followed including the obtaining of references and interviewing appropriate to the role the individual occupies.
- Ensure that new staff receive full induction including core training prior to working in the service.

This is to comply with:

The Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210), Regulations 4(1)a.

Timescale: The provider must start to address this requirement on receipt of this report and work to meet this requirement within four months.

This requirement was made on 15 September 2016.

Action taken on previous requirement

We looked at the recruitment files for a newly recruited member of staff. We found that best practice guidance about safe recruitment was followed. An induction programme had been completed.

Met - outwith timescales

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

Previous recommendations

Recommendation 1

The provider should ensure that the management of medication that is prescribed 'to be given as required' is managed in line with best practice guidance. In order to do this, the service should:

- Develop protocols to guide staff regarding the administration of medication that is prescribed 'to be given as required'.
- Ensure that this medication is reviewed regularly.
- Consistently complete carers' notes within medication records to indicate the outcome of medication that is prescribed 'to be given as required'.

National Care Standards for care homes for older people: Standard 6 - Support arrangements and Standard 15 - Keeping well - medication.

This recommendation was made on 15 September 2016.

Action taken on previous recommendation

We found protocols were developed to guide staff regarding the administration of medication that was prescribed 'to be given as required'. We noted that medication management had improved.

This recommendation had been implemented.

Recommendation 2

The provider should ensure that there are clear records to confirm that consent has been obtained for the use of equipment which may be seen as restraining. Staff should have access and an understanding of the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland's best practice guidance regarding restraint issues - Rights, risks and limits to freedom.

National Care Standards for care homes for older people: Standard 5 - Management and staffing arrangements and Standard 9 - Feeling safe and secure.

This recommendation was made on 15 September 2016.

Action taken on previous recommendation

There were records in place to confirm that consent had been obtained for the use of this equipment.

This recommendation had been implemented.

Recommendation 3

The provider should introduce a system to formally evaluate training staff have undertaken and the impact it has on staff practice.

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

This recommendation was made on 15 September 2016.

Action taken on previous recommendation

There was a need to develop and implement a system to formally evaluate training staff have undertaken and the impact it has on staff practice.

This recommendation had not been implemented and will continue. We will monitor progress at the next inspection. See Quality of staffing.

Recommendation 4

The provider should ensure that staff are made aware of the need to manage information about residents in a confidential manner in line with the principles of the National Care Standards and the codes of practice of the Scottish Social Services Council.

National Care Standards for care homes for older people: Standard 5 - Management and staffing arrangements and Standard 10 - Exercising your rights.

This recommendation was made on 15 September 2016.

Action taken on previous recommendation

We saw staff managed residents' documentation appropriately and in a confidential manner.

This recommendation had been implemented.

Recommendation 5

The provider should ensure that the quality of service is assessed, monitored and improved by fully implementing a robust quality assurance system which includes the following:

- Use of internal audits to check key areas to ensure that policies and procedures are being followed, this should include but not be restricted to medication management, monitoring and assessment of risks, analysis of accidents and staff training, development and practice.
- That any issues found through the audit process are highlighted and an action plan made with timescales for any actions required taken to address those issues.

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

This recommendation was made on 15 September 2016.

Action taken on previous recommendation

This recommendation has not been implemented and the issues will be the subject of a requirement. This is detailed under Quality of management and leadership in this report.

Recommendation 6

The provider should ensure that they notify the Care Inspectorate of details of any incident that is detrimental to the health and welfare of a person using a service.

The service should refer to the following guidance available on the Care Inspectorate website - Records that all registered care services (except childminding) must keep and guidance on notification reporting.

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

This recommendation was made on 15 September 2016.

Action taken on previous recommendation

This recommendation had been implemented.

Complaints

There have been no complaints upheld since the last inspection. Details of any older upheld complaints are published at www.careinspectorate.com

Enforcement

No enforcement action has been taken against this care service since the last inspection.

Inspection and grading history

Date	Туре	Gradings	
17 Jan 2017	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	Not assessed Not assessed Not assessed Not assessed
7 Sep 2016	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	3 - Adequate 3 - Adequate 3 - Adequate 3 - Adequate
8 Mar 2016	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	Not assessed Not assessed Not assessed Not assessed

Date	Туре	Gradings	
7 Oct 2015	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	3 - Adequate 3 - Adequate 4 - Good 3 - Adequate
10 Dec 2014	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	4 - Good 5 - Very good 4 - Good 4 - Good
16 Apr 2014	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	3 - Adequate 4 - Good 3 - Adequate 3 - Adequate
3 Sep 2013	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	2 - Weak 4 - Good 3 - Adequate 3 - Adequate
16 May 2013	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	2 - Weak 2 - Weak 2 - Weak 2 - Weak
17 Jan 2013	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	2 - Weak 3 - Adequate 3 - Adequate 3 - Adequate
24 Sep 2012	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	1 - Unsatisfactory 2 - Weak 2 - Weak Not assessed
20 Feb 2012	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	4 - Good 5 - Very good Not assessed Not assessed

Date	Туре	Gradings	
31 Jan 2011	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	4 - Good 3 - Adequate Not assessed Not assessed
7 Sep 2010	Announced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	4 - Good 3 - Adequate Not assessed Not assessed
15 Feb 2010	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	4 - Good 4 - Good 4 - Good 4 - Good
6 Nov 2009	Announced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	4 - Good 4 - Good 4 - Good 4 - Good
19 Jan 2009	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	4 - Good 4 - Good 4 - Good 4 - Good
28 May 2008	Announced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	4 - Good 4 - Good 4 - Good 4 - Good

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