

Fair Deal Housing Support Service

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Fair Deal

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About the service

Fair Deal registered with the care Inspectorate to provide a combined Housing Support/Care at Home service to people that have a range of support needs.

We thought that Fair Deal was very innovative and community focused in its approach and service development.

There are two distinct parts to the service. The "core support" team provide assistance with household tasks, medication and shopping while the "community connections" team help people socialise, set up a gardening group, access further education, volunteer and build friendships and networks in their neighbourhood.

Fair Deal's Social & Leisure group supports clients to take part in a range of activities, such as a News & Media group, Day Trips, "Blether" drop in cafe, Sunday Lunch Club and Art. To make sure that clients are not isolated, groups are open to anyone in the community who wishes to join.

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What people told us

During the inspection clients told us that they were happy with the service and staff:

Returned care standards questionnaires noted:

"Fair Deal have been excellent since they have started to provide support."

Comments from two questionnaires were discussed with the service who said they would contact the individuals involved to discuss points raised.

Self assessment

The service was not required to submit a self-assessment.

From this inspection we graded this service as:

Quality of care and support6 - ExcellentQuality of staffing5 - Very GoodQuality of management and leadershipnot assessed

What the service does well

During this inspection we found that Fair Deal (the service) had a very positive impact on both the client and their families lives. We found that the staff, manager and directors had clients at the centre of their work.

[&]quot;My relative enjoys going to the venue and is very happy with the service."

[&]quot;No complaints."

[&]quot;Fair Deal has been great in all the years I have had them."

From our discussions with clients and staff we found that the service achieved very good outcomes.

When we observed staff and clients together we saw friendly, supportive and person centred interactions. It was clear that staff worked well to maintain peoples health and promote social inclusion, choice and control. They did this by supporting clients to:

- Set up their own business,
- Maintain a tenancy,
- Have a say in developing and growing the service,
- Go to college,
- Use public transport,
- Volunteer at Celtic football club,
- Use technology to free up support time,
- Have a community presence and voice.

When we read support plans we found them to be person centred and outcome focused. They provided a clear picture of the client, their support needs, what was important to them, protocols to be followed and their expected outcomes. We saw that the service had very good relationships with health, housing and social care professionals, such as care managers, housing officers, community police and GPs. If a client is unwell the service will contact appropriate services and follow their advice. Daily notes were well written giving a clear picture of the support provided.

Training records and discussions with staff showed that training was given a high priority. Staff were undertaking training during the inspection. In addition to core training staff had been provided with additional courses to meet clients needs, for example:

- Management training (team leaders),
- Dementia awareness (Stirling University),
- Autism,
- Asperger's awareness
- Scottish Vocational Qualifications in Social Care

The service was planning to support older people but would only do so after staff had received dementia training.

We found that there was a programme of audits, team meetings, supervision and appraisals.

The manager and staff were aware of the need to register, when required, with the Scottish Social Service Council (SSSC) and to keep their training up to date. Fair Deal were developing systems to make sure that, when staff are registered, registrations are maintained and up-to-date.

Staff described an open management culture, saying that they felt valued and that they were encouraged to develop their knowledge and practice.

What the service could do better

The service should continue to look at innovative ways to provide a service.

Requirements

Number of requirements: 0

Recommendations

Number of recommendations: 0

Complaints

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

Inspection and grading history

Date	Туре	Gradings	
17 Jun 2016	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	5 - Very good Not assessed 5 - Very good Not assessed
7 Jul 2015	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	5 - Very good Not assessed 5 - Very good 5 - Very good
30 May 2014	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	5 - Very good Not assessed 5 - Very good 5 - Very good
31 May 2013	Unannounced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	5 - Very good Not assessed 5 - Very good 5 - Very good
31 May 2012	Unannounced	Care and support Environment	6 - Excellent Not assessed

Date	Туре	Gradings	
		Staffing Management and leadership	5 - Very good 5 - Very good
22 Oct 2010	Announced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	6 - Excellent Not assessed Not assessed Not assessed
15 Jan 2010	Announced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	6 - Excellent Not assessed 4 - Good Not assessed
17 Dec 2008	Announced	Care and support Environment Staffing Management and leadership	5 - Very good Not assessed 4 - Good 4 - Good

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