

COVID-19 Emergency Support Framework

Engagement and support call Summary Record

Sweyne Healthcare Limited

Location / Core Service address	Date
Sweyne Court Care Home Hockley Road , SS6 8EB Rayleigh	21/05/2020

Dear Sweyne Court Care Home,

The Care Quality Commission is not routinely inspecting services during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are maintaining contact with providers through existing monitoring arrangements and engagement and support calls covering four assessment areas:

- Safe Care and Treatment
- Staffing arrangements
- Protection from Abuse
- Assurance Processes, Monitoring and Risk Management

This Summary Record outlines what we found during the engagement and support call shown above, using standard sentences and an overall summary.

We have assessed that you are managing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic at the above service. The overall summary includes information about the internal and external stresses you are currently experiencing, how they are being managed, and sources of support that are available.

Emergency Support Framework calls and other monitoring activity are not inspections. Summary Records are not inspection reports. Summary Records are not published on our website.

Assessment Area 1

Safe care and treatment

1.1 Had risks related to infection prevention and control, including in relation to COVID-19, been assessed and managed?

Yes There were systems to assess and respond to risks regarding infection prevention and control, including those associated with COVID-19.

1.2 Were there sufficient quantities of the right equipment to help the provider manage the impact of COVID-19?

Yes Essential equipment, such as personal protective equipment, was available in sufficient quantities to help you manage the impact of COVID-19.

1.3 Was the environment suitable to containing an outbreak?

Yes You had taken steps to ensure the environment was as effective as possible in containing an outbreak of COVID-19.

1.4 Were systems clear and accessible to staff, service users and any visitors to the service?

Yes Systems to ensure the environment were conducive to containing an outbreak of COVID-19 were clear and accessible to people using the service.

1.5 Were medicines managed effectively?

Yes Service users' medicines were effectively managed, despite the increased pressures associated with COVID-19.

1.6 Had risk management systems been able to support the assessment of both existing and COVID-19 related risks?

Yes Systems enabled the continued management of known risks, as well as enabling the provider to respond to new and emerging risks, including those posed by COVID-19.

Assessment Area 2

Staffing arrangements

2.1 Were there enough suitable staff to provide safe care and treatment in a dignified and respectful way during the Covid-19 pandemic?

Yes There were enough suitably skilled staff to provide people with safe care in a respectful and dignified way during the Covid-19 pandemic.

2.2 Were there realistic and workable plans for managing staffing levels if the pandemic leads to shortfalls and emergencies?

Yes There were realistic and workable contingency plans for staffing shortfalls and emergencies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Assessment Area 3

Protection from abuse

3.1 Were people using the service being protected from abuse, neglect and discrimination?

Yes People were being safeguarded from abuse, harassment and discrimination.

3.2 Had the provider been able to properly manage any safeguarding incidents or concerns during the pandemic?

Yes Action had been taken to properly respond to incidents, alerts or potential safeguarding incidents at the service.

Assessment Area 4

Assurance processes, monitoring and risk management

4.1 Had the provider been able to take action to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of staff?

Yes Staff health, safety and wellbeing were protected despite the increased pressures associated with COVID-19.

4.2 Had the provider been able to implement effective systems to monitor and react to the overall quality and safety of care

Yes There were effective systems to monitor the overall quality and safety of care being provided at the service during the COVID19 pandemic.

4.3 Is the provider able to support staff to raise concerns during the pandemic?

Yes Staff were able to raise concerns and were supported to speak up during the pandemic.

4.4 Had care and treatment provided to people being sufficiently recorded during the Covid-19 pandemic?

Yes Care and treatment provided to people is being sufficiently recorded during the Covid-19 pandemic.

4.5 Had the provider been able to work effectively with system partners when care and treatment is commissioned, shared or transferred?

Yes Working arrangements and information sharing with system partners during the Covid-19 pandemic are effective.

Overall summary

Registered manager (RM) confirmed that risk assessments were in place detailing measures taken to reduce risk. All reviewed periodically. RM advised sufficient supplies of PPE available to keep staff and people safe. RM had sensibly ensured plentiful supplies of necessary infection control products. Local community providing equipment also. Relations with GP service good, weekly FaceTime and onsite visits

when required. DN's available when required and social distancing training being provided. Environment allows for social distancing - difficulties with peoples diagnosis of dementia and lack of understanding situation - however observations have been increased, isolation where appropriate. Medicines - no concerns, business as usual. No agency staff required. Testing of staff commenced 12 negative results. Staffing levels adequate day and night as day centre staff, RM and deputy are ensuring increased observations and interaction for peoples wellbeing are catered for. Community offering staff gifts and morale is ok. Contingency plans in place for staffing. Safeguard concerns are raised and managed appropriately despite pressures. People have pathways to raise concerns. Contact with family is seen as a priority and all efforts made to lift peoples spirits with technology (FaceTime/WhatsApp etc). Separate phone lines/email addresses created specifically for relatives to communicate with the home easier. End of Life honoured (wishes recorded) and family report exceptional care from staff during these challenging times. Families and peoples relationships being supported as much as possible. RM using animal therapy to reduce negative wellbeing of people and make lovely memories for people despite circumstances. RM continually updating herself with national guidance relaying it to staff daily. Working with My Home Life to share and receive information with others about how to support people well during this time. Relations with hospitals/LA/CCG/DN good - no concerns.