

PEOPLE (ADULT & HEALTH) SCRUTINY PANEL

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CARE QUALITY COMMISSION (CQC) INSPECTIONS OF CARE HOMES IN RUTLAND

Report of the Strategic Director for People

STRATEGIC AIM:	Meeting the Health and Wellbeing Needs of the Community
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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information on outcomes of CQC inspections of care homes in Rutland.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That Scrutiny Panel note the content of the report.

2.2 That Scrutiny Panel receive a quarterly report on the care home inspections

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 CQC are responsible for ensuring hospitals, care homes, dental and GP surgeries, and all other care services in England provide people with safe, effective, compassionate and high-quality care, and encouraging them to make improvements.

Currently they do this by inspecting services and publishing the results on their website to help people make better decisions about the care they receive.

Inspections look at the following areas:

- i. People's experiences of receiving care.
- ii. Staffing
- iii. Checking that the right systems and processes are in place.
- iv. Ensuring that the service is meeting national standards.

Sometimes CQC inspectors will be accompanied by clinical experts and experts by experience (people who have experience of receiving care) who will also talk to people who receive care.

3.2 Types of Inspections

CQC carry out three types of inspections.

- i. Scheduled: these are unannounced inspections that focus on a minimum of five of the national standards, and they're also tailored to the type of care that is provided at the service.
- ii. Responsive: these are unannounced inspections that are carried out where there are concerns about poor care.
- iii. Themed: these inspections focus on specific standards of care or care services.

3.3 National Standards

Services are judged against a set of national standards which are the standards that people can expect when receiving health or social care, these standards are listed below.

NAME OF STANDARD	OUTCOME IN BRIEF*
Care and welfare of people who use services	People experience effective, safe and appropriate care, treatment and support meeting their needs and protecting their rights.
Assessing and monitoring the quality of service provision	People benefit from safe, quality care because effective decisions are made and because of the management of risks to people's health, welfare and safety.
Safeguarding people who use services from abuse	People are safeguarded from abuse/risk of abuse and their human rights are respected and upheld.
Cleanliness and infection control	People experience care in a clean environment and are protected from acquiring infections.
Management of medicines	People have their medicines when they need them, and in a safe way and are given information about their medicines.
Meeting nutritional needs	People are encouraged and supported to have sufficient, nutritional and balanced food and drink and a choice of food and drink to meet their different needs.
Safety and suitability of premises	People receive care in, work in or visit safe surroundings that promote their wellbeing.
Safety, availability and suitability of equipment	Equipment used is safe, available, comfortable and suitable for people's needs.
Respecting and	People understand the care and treatment choices

involving people who use services	available. They can express their views and are involved in making decisions about their care. Their privacy, dignity and independence is respected, and their views and experiences are taken into account in how the service is delivered.
Consent to care and treatment	People give consent to their care and treatment. They understand and know how to change decisions that have been agreed previously.
Complaints	People and those acting on their behalf have their comments and complaints listened to and acted on effectively. They know they will not be discriminated against for making a complaint.
Records	People's personal records are accurate, fit for purpose, held securely and stay confidential. The same applies to other records needed to protect their safety and wellbeing.
Requirements relating to workers	People are kept safe and their health and welfare needs are met by staff fit for the job with the right qualifications, skills and experience.
Staffing	People are kept safe, and their health and welfare needs are met, because there are adequate numbers of the right staff.
Supporting workers	People are kept safe, and their health and welfare needs are met, because staff are competent and are properly trained, supervised and appraised.
Co-operating with other providers	People receive safe and co-ordinated care when they move between providers or receive care from more than one provider.

3.4 Enforcing Standards

The role of CQC is to check whether providers comply with the essential standards of quality and safety listed in 3.3

If they find that a service is not meeting the standards, they will take action.

They can require providers to deliver a plan of action or they can use enforcement powers. These powers include:

- i. issuing a warning notice requiring improvements within a short period of time.
- ii. restricting the services that the provider can offer.
- iii. stopping admissions into the care service.

- iv. issuing fixed penalty notices.
- v. suspending or cancelling the service's registration.
- vi. prosecution.

They also work with various bodies to enforce the standards. Depending on the service and the circumstances, they can work with local authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, and even the police to ensure that action is taken.

3.5 Rutland Care Home Inspection Status

Name of Home	Category	Last Inspection Report Date	Comments
Willowbrook	Care home for learning disability	Feb 13	Compliant
Wisteria House	Care home	Aug 12	Compliant
Rutland Care Village	Care home with nursing		RCV was recently inspected. Still awaiting final outcome report to be published by CQC
Wing Grange	Care home for treatment and rehabilitation	Nov 12	Compliant
Stowe Court	Care home for learning disability	Nov 12	Compliant
Oak House	Care home	May 13	Compliant
Tixover House	Care home with nursing	July 13	One area identified as requiring improvement which is standards of staffing. Officers are working with the home to support them with the required improvement.
Aberdeen House	Care home	Aug 12	Compliant
Crown House	Care home	Jan 13	Compliant
Belton House	Care home	Aug 13	Inspected earlier in the year. Some action needed in 3 areas – care and welfare of people who use services, meeting nutritional needs and assessing and monitoring the quality of service provision. The council worked with the home to develop an action plan to address the issues and CQC re-inspected in August 13 and they are now fully compliant.
Manton Hall	Care home	Jan 13	Compliant
The Lodge	Care home for	Aug 13	One area identified as

	Learning Disability		requiring improvement which is standards of providing care, treatment & support which meets people's needs. Officers are working with the home to support them with the required improvement.
Chater Lodge	Care home	Oct 12	Compliant

Currently we have either a block or spot contract with all of the homes except Stowe Court.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

RISK	IMPACT	COMMENTS
Time	Low	Where areas for improvement have been identified by CQC the authority is working with the homes on an agreed plan to support improvement
Viability	Low	The support work required can be delivered from the resources of the relevant adult social care and contract teams
Finance	Low	See comment on viability
Profile	Medium	If care homes do not meet standards this could have an impact the authority and the local community
Equality and Diversity	Low	Issues in relation to E&D are addressed in the RCC contract with the relevant homes.

Background Papers
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