

Unannounced Care Inspection Report 23 May 2019











Lakeland Community Care

Type of Service: Day Care Service

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It should be noted that this inspection report should not be regarded as a comprehensive review of all strengths and areas for improvement that exist in the service. The findings reported on are those which came to the attention of RQIA during the course of this inspection. The findings contained within this report do not exempt the service from their responsibility for maintaining compliance with legislation, standards and best practice.

1.0 What we look for



2.0 Profile of service

This is a day care setting that is registered to provide care and day time activities for up to 14 service users for people over the age of 65, who may also be frail, have a physical disability, sensory impairment, mental health need, and/or early stage dementia. The day care setting is open Tuesday and Thursday and is managed by Lakeland Community Care Limited.

3.0 Service details

Organisation/Registered Provider:	Registered Manager:
Lakeland Community Care Limited	Patrick McGurn
Decrepaible Individual:	
Responsible Individual:	
Patrick McGurn	
Person in charge at the time of inspection:	Date manager registered:
Patrick McGurn	28 October 2009
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Number of registered places:	
Number of registered places:	
Number of registered places: 14	

4.0 Inspection summary

An unannounced inspection took place on 23 May 2019 from 09.30 to 16.35.

This inspection was underpinned by the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, the Day Care Setting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 and the Day Care Settings Minimum Standards, 2012.

The inspection assessed progress with any areas for improvement identified during and since the last care inspection and to determine if the establishment was delivering safe, effective and compassionate care and if the service was well led.

As a public-sector body, RQIA have a duty to respect, protect and fulfil the rights that people have under the Human Rights Act 1998 when carrying out our functions. In our inspections of day care settings, we are committed to ensuring that the rights of people who receive services are protected. This means we will be seeking assurances from providers that they take all reasonable steps to promote people's rights. Users of day care settings have the right to expect their dignity and privacy to be respected and to have their independence and autonomy promoted. All day care settings should safeguard and promote service user choices and freedoms as they relate to the range of services being provided.

Evidence of good practice was found in relation to staff knowledge of adult safeguarding, regular evaluation of care records and the focus on service user outcomes within care reviews. Further areas of good practice were also noted in regard to communication between service users and day centre staff and other key stakeholders; the provision of compassionate care; staff training; and quality assurance.

There was evidence identified throughout the inspection process that the day centre promotes service users' human rights; this was evident in relation to the areas of consent, autonomy, equality, decision making, privacy, confidentiality and service user involvement.

One area for improvement was identified in regard to staff duty rosters.

Service users' comments are included throughout the report.

The findings of this report will provide the establishment with the necessary information to assist them to fulfil their responsibilities, enhance practice and service users' experience.

4.1 Inspection outcome

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	0	1

Details of the Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) were discussed with the manager, as part of the inspection process. The timescales for completion commence from the date of inspection.

Enforcement action did not result from the findings of this inspection.

4.2 Action/enforcement taken following the most recent care inspection dated 7 June 2018

Other than those actions detailed in the QIP no further actions were required to be taken following the most recent inspection on 7 June 2018.

5.0 How we inspect

Prior to the inspection a range of information relevant to the service was reviewed. This included the following records:

- The registration details of the day centre
- Information and correspondence received by RQIA since the last inspection
- Incident notifications which highlighted that one incident had been reported to RQIA since the last care inspection on 7 June 2018
- Unannounced care inspection report and QIP from 7 June 2018.

During the inspection, the inspector met with the manager, quality assurance manager, senior care assistant (acting) and a care assistant. Introductions were made to service users during the course of a walk around the setting; with individual interaction with eight service users.

Ten service user and/or relatives' questionnaires were provided for distribution; no questionnaires were returned to RQIA within the timeframe for inclusion in this report.

At the request of the inspector, the senior care assistant was asked to display a poster within the day centre. The poster invited staff to provide their views electronically to RQIA regarding the quality of service provision; no responses were received.

The inspector requested that the senior care assistant place a 'Have we missed you' card in a prominent position in the day centre to allow service users, relatives and staff who were not available on the day of the inspection to give feedback to RQIA regarding the quality of service provision. No responses were received.

An RQIA information leaflet 'How can I raise a concern about an independent health and social care service' was also provided to be displayed in the day care setting.

A range of documents policies and procedures relating, to the service were reviewed during the inspection and are referred to within the body of the report.

The findings of the inspection were provided to person in charge, at the conclusion of the inspection.

Five areas for improvement were identified at the last care inspection. These were reviewed and assessment of compliance recorded as met for four and not met for one.

The inspector would like to thank the person in charge, service users and staff for their support and co-operation throughout the inspection process.

6.0 The inspection

6.1 Review of areas for improvement from the most recent inspection dated 7 June 2018

The most recent inspection of the establishment was an unannounced care inspection.

The completed QIP was returned and approved by the care inspector

6.2 Review of areas for improvement from the last care inspection dated 7 June 2018

Areas for improvement from the last care inspection		
Action required to ensure Regulations (Northern Ire	e compliance with the Day Care Setting eland) 2007	Validation of compliance
Area for improvement 1 Ref: Regulation 26 (4) (a) Stated: First time	The registered person shall have in place a current written risk assessment and fire management plan which is revised and actioned when necessary or whenever the fire risk has changed.	
	Action taken as confirmed during the inspection: An updated fire risk assessment was completed on 1 May 2018 and the manager confirmed that the significant findings were addressed. While a fire risk assessment was completed on 1 May 2018, no date was set for review of this fire risk assessment. The manager agreed to address this with the fire risk assessor and update RQIA following the inspection.	Met

Area for improvement 2 Ref: Standard 29 (1) Stated: First time	The registered person shall give notice to the Regulation and Improvement Authority without delay of the occurrence of any event in the day care setting which adversely affects the wellbeing or safety of any service user. Action taken as confirmed during the inspection: The returned quality improvement plan and discussion with the manager confirmed that this area for improvement had been addressed. The incident had been submitted	Met
	to RQIA following the previous care inspection.	
Area for improvement 3 Ref: Regulation 4 (1) Stated: First time	The registered provider must submit a revised Statement of Purpose that includes all relevant information as specified in Schedule 1 of The Day Care Setting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007.	
	Action taken as confirmed during the inspection: The returned quality improvement plan, which included the revised Statement of Purpose and discussion with the manager, confirmed that this area for improvement had been addressed.	Met
Action required to ensure Minimum Standards, 201	e compliance with the Day Care Settings	Validation of compliance
·	The registered person shall ensure a record is kept of staff working each day and the capacity in which they worked.	
Stated: First time	Action taken as confirmed during the inspection: Review of a sample of staff duty rosters identified that the manager's hours of work were not recorded. This area for improvement will be stated for a second time.	Not met
Area for improvement 2 Ref: Standard 21.8 Stated: First time	The registered person should maintain a staff training record that clearly details the training provided to the staff. The record should specify: The names and signatures of those	Met
	attending the training event; The date(s) of the training; The name and qualification of the trainer or the The name and qualification of the	

trainer or the training agency; and

Content of the training programme.

Action taken as confirmed during the inspection:

The returned quality improvement plan and discussion with the manager confirmed that this area for improvement had been addressed. Review of a sample of training records evidenced that this area for improvement had been addressed.

6.3 Inspection findings

6.4 Is care safe?

Avoiding and preventing harm to patients and clients from the care, treatment and support that is intended to help them.

The inspector reviewed the day care setting's systems in place to avoid and prevent harm to service users which included a review of staffing arrangements in place within the day centre.

The senior care assistant described the staffing levels which have been assessed as necessary to provide a safe service in the setting. Assurances were provided to the inspector by the senior care assistant that sufficiently qualified, competent and experienced persons are working at all times to meet the assessed needs of the service users, taking into account the size and layout of the premises, the number of service users accommodated, fire safety requirements and the statement of purpose. A review of the staffing roster for weeks commencing 2 April 2019 until 23 May 2019 evidenced that the planned staffing levels were adhered to. The review identified that the manager's hours of work were not recorded on the staff roster. This has been identified for an area for improvement.

Discussions with the senior care assistant, staff, service users and observations during the inspection verified that staffing levels were sufficient to meet the assessed needs of service users.

Observation and discussion with staff on duty on the day of the inspection provided evidence that they were sufficiently experienced and trained to meet the assessed needs of the service users present, and were meeting those needs using the care plans and assessments to guide their approach.

The senior care assistant confirmed that an induction programme was available for newly appointed members of staff. A review of the induction programmes noted it included areas such as adult safeguarding, confidentiality, health and safety, fire safety and infection prevention and control.

A competency and capability assessment had been completed for the staff member who, on occasion, may be in charge of the centre in the absence of the manager. A review of the

competency and capability assessment confirmed that the staff member was assessed as competent to undertake their role and responsibilities. Discussion with the staff member confirmed that they were willing to undertake this role.

Staff consulted with on the day of inspection spoke positively about the training they receive and confirmed that they received sufficient training to enable them to fulfil the duties and responsibilities of their role and that training was of a good standard. Review of a sample of staff training records concluded staff had received mandatory and other training relevant to their roles and responsibilities since the previous care inspection such as infection prevention and control, first aid, food safety and moving and handling.

The day care settings governance arrangements in place to highlight and promote the identification of and management of risk were inspected. Review of accident/incident records confirmed that one incident had been recorded since the previous care inspection. Discussion with the senior care assistant and review of records evidenced that systems were in place to ensure that notifiable events were investigated and reported to RQIA or other relevant bodies appropriately.

Observation of and discussion with the senior care assistant and staff evidenced that staff were very knowledgeable regarding each service user and the support they required in order to ensure their safety. In addition, discussions evidenced that they had an understanding of the management of risk, and an ability to balance assessed risks with the wishes and human rights of individual service users.

Discussions with the senior care assistant and staff also confirmed that they were aware of their obligations in relation to raising concerns with respect to service users' wellbeing and poor practice, and were confident of an appropriate management response. The senior care assistant and staff were aware of the organisation's whistleblowing policy if they could not resolve their concerns locally but indicated that they would be unlikely to need this due to the transparent working relationships that existed within the team.

The manager confirmed that the organisation's safeguarding practices are directed by the regional Adult Safeguarding Prevention and Protection in Partnership, July 2015 and its associated Operational Procedures, September 2016. Staff had received adult safeguarding training. Discussion with the senior care assistant and staff further established that they were aware of their roles and responsibilities in relation to reporting adult safeguarding concerns, maintaining factual records and there was a clear pathway for staff to follow in relation to referring safeguarding concerns to appropriate professionals.

The manager confirmed that arrangements were in place in relation to the completion of the service's annual adult safeguarding position report.

An inspection of the environment was undertaken and confirmed that it was appropriately warm, had suitable lighting and furniture and no mal odour was noted. Discussion with the senior care assistant and observation of the environment confirmed that furniture, aids and appliances were fit for purpose for the needs of the service users. Infection prevention and control measures were in place, which included the availability of supplies of liquid soap and hand towels mounted on the walls, foot pedal operated bins and seven step hand hygiene notices which were positioned at wash hand basins. Staff also had effective access to gloves and aprons as required. No obvious health and safety hazards were identified and fire exits were clear and free from obstruction.

The day centre's fire safety precaution records were reviewed. Discussion with staff confirmed they were aware of the fire evacuation procedure. An updated fire risk assessment was completed on 1 May 2018 and the manager confirmed that the significant findings were addressed. While a fire risk assessment was completed on 1 May 2018, no date was set for review of this fire risk assessment. The manager agreed to address this with the fire risk assessor and update RQIA following the inspection. Fire exits were observed to be clear of clutter and obstruction. Records examined identified that a number of safety checks were undertaken including: fire extinguishers, emergency lighting and weekly fire alarm tests.

The manager advised there were arrangements in place to ensure that staff are registered with the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC). Care staff spoken with advised that they were registered with the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC). Information regarding registration details and renewal dates were maintained and available to the inspector.

Staff confirmed that they felt care was safe in this setting. They described how they observe service users, noting any change in dependency, ability or behaviour and proactively take appropriate measures to promote/ensure the safety and wellbeing of the service user.

Discussion with service users and staff evidenced that they felt the care was safe. The following is a sample of comments made:

Service users' comments:

- "Great staff and there is enough staff to look after me when I am here."
- "Staff have told us what to if there was a fire in the centre. We have had fire drills here also."
- "Great place to come. I can move freely around the centre and have choice in all that I do."

Staff comments:

- ".Staffing levels meet the service users' needs."
- "I am fully aware of the importance of human rights and we at all times promote the clients human rights."
- "I got an induction to the centre and that included the service users' needs."

Areas of good practice

There were examples of good practice found throughout the inspection in relation to knowledge of adult safeguarding, staff training, the environment and infection prevention and control.

Areas for improvement

One area for improvement was stated for a second time in regard to the staff duty roster.

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	0	1

6.5 Is care effective?

The right care, at the right time in the right place with the best outcome.

The inspector reviewed the day care setting's arrangements for appropriately responding to and meeting the needs of people who use the service.

Information relating to the nature and range of services provided was outlined in the Statement of Purpose. Observations throughout the inspection confirmed that the day care setting was providing care in accordance with their Statement of Purpose.

The inspector reviewed elements of three service users' care files. The inspection of the care records found they were maintained in line with the legislation, the assessments of need, risk assessments, care plans and records of health and well-being of the service users were current and had been reviewed. Staff discussion confirmed they use these records to guide their practice and therefore recognised the importance of keeping records current and relevant.

Care records also reflected the multi-professional input into the service users' health and social care needs. A record was kept of each service user's involvement and progress at the centre and entries were made in proportion to the frequency of attendance of the individual. Dates and signatures were present in all of the files examined.

The senior care assistant advised that service users typically had access to a care review on an annual basis or more frequently if required; involving their HSCT representatives and records viewed verified this. The care review records reviewed provided positive feedback from service users and their representatives with regards to the day care service.

Discussions with the senior care assistant and staff concluded that effective communication systems were in use within the staff team to ensure that staff receive information relevant to the care and support of service users.

Discussion with the staff and service users assured the staff in this setting had responded to service users' wishes, feelings, opinion and concerns with the aim of ensuring service users were experiencing the most effective day care in this setting. Discussions between service users and staff were observed on the day of the inspection, staff encouraged service users to discuss their preferences and staff engaged them in developing their cognitive, physical and social skills through discussion and activities.

Discussion with staff during a walk around the setting evidenced awareness of the need for person centred interventions which facilitate engagement with service users and promote effective communication. They also identified service users whose independence and opportunities in the setting needed to be promoted and supported. Observations of care showed staff were vigilant in responding to nonverbal cues as well as verbal communications and interventions were proactive and timely.

Discussion with service users and staff evidenced that they felt the care was effective. The following is a sample of comments made:

Service users' comments:

- "The care is the best you will find. I have no complaints but I am aware how to make a complaint as staff have told us."
- "The staff here are excellent. They listen to and respect my views and preferences. We get to choose what we do in the centre."
- "The care is very good. The dinner is excellent and I get four courses every day. We get a choice of meals."

Staff comments:

- "Each service user has a risk assessment and care plan in place. These are updated if any changes occur."
- "Service users are offered choice in everything that they do here; meals, activities and outings."

Areas of good practice

There were examples of good practice found throughout the inspection in relation to the regular evaluation of care records, the communication between service users and day care staff and other key stakeholders.

Areas for improvement

No areas for improvement were identified in this domain during the inspection.

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	0	0

6.6 Is care compassionate?

Patients and clients are treated with dignity and respect and should be fully involved in decisions affecting their treatment, care and support.

The inspection sought to assess the day care setting's ability to treat service users with dignity, equality and respect and to fully involve service users in decisions affecting their care and support. Service users were informed regarding the RQIA inspector visiting the day care setting and staff encouraged them to engage with the inspector.

Discussion with staff found they were informed regarding the ethos of the day care setting which promoted choice and ensured service users had access to a friendly, caring and stimulating atmosphere. Staff also discussed how they support and encourage service users to remain active and independent in the setting by ensuring they are able to access activities that they can engage in and the space they use facilitates their independence.

Service users were enabled and supported by staff to engage and participate in meaningful activities. They discussed the range of activities they could take part in such as armchair exercises, boccia, knitting, crafts, games and bingo.

An observation of the lunch time meal confirmed that service users were given a choice in regards to where they preferred to dine, food and fluid choices and the level of help and

support requested. Condiments were available for service users' use if required. Staff treated service users with dignity and respect affording adequate time for service users to make decisions and choices and offered reassurance and assistance appropriately. The food appeared nutritious and appetising. Staff wore appropriate aprons when serving the lunch time meal. Staff interactions with service users were observed to be compassionate, caring and timely.

Discussions with staff established that they were aware of their responsibilities and requirements to ensure service user confidentiality and consent. They recognised that giving and obtaining consent is a process, not a one off event.

Discussions with staff and observation of care during the inspection showed that the promotion of values such as choice, dignity and respect were embedded in the culture and ethos of the day centre. Staff interactions with service users were observed to be cheerful, compassionate, caring and timely, with staff providing clear information, using appropriate language, demonstrating active listening skills, checking understanding and service users' expectations.

The inspector observed on numerous occasions, staff offering service users' choice regarding the activity they wished to do or where they wished to go. Staff were noted to be busy attending to the needs of service users and they took time to listen and reassure services users as needed. It was apparent that service users were familiar with staff as they appeared relaxed and comfortable in their surroundings and interactions. There was genuine warmth in the engagement by staff with service users and staff spoken with were knowledgeable regarding service users likes, dislikes and individual preferences.

The senior care assistant confirmed that service user meetings are generally held quarterly. A review of minutes of meetings since the last inspection verified this. A review of a sample of minutes for meetings in November 2018, January and March 2019 evidenced service user feedback being sought in regards to access to care records, meals, activities and outings. The minutes also reflected information provided to service users with regard to health and safety.

Staff described the value they place on ensuring that service users are supported in an individualised manner in which their preferences and wishes are taken into account.

Discussions with service users confirmed that their views and opinions are taken into account in all matters affecting them. Service users advised they were consulted at service user meetings, care reviews and informally through daily discussions with staff.

Discussion with service users and staff evidenced that they felt the care was compassionate. The following is a sample of comments made:

Service users' comments:

- "Staff always welcome you in the morning. We get homemade scones and a cup of tea on arrival. Great staff."
- "I am always offered choice and staff listen to my views always. I am treated with the greatest kindness and respect."

Staff comments:

• "Service users have regular meetings and give their opinions on the running of the centre and what they would like to do. They are listened to."

• "Everyone is treated equally here and treated with the greatest of respect. Human rights are promoted."

Areas of good practice

There were examples of good practice found throughout the inspection in relation to the culture and ethos of the day care setting, listening to and valuing service users and taking account of the views of service users.

Areas for improvement

No areas for improvement were identified in this domain during the inspection.

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	0	0

6.7 Is the service well led?

Effective leadership, management and governance which creates a culture focused on the needs and experience of service users in order to deliver safe, effective and compassionate care.

The inspector sought to assess the day centre's leadership, management and governance arrangements to meet the assessed needs of service users.

There was a clear organisational structure and this information was outlined in the day care settings Statement of Purpose. Staff demonstrated awareness of their roles, responsibilities and accountability. Discussion with the senior care assistant confirmed that they had a good understanding of their role and responsibilities under the legislation.

The registration certificate was up to date and displayed appropriately. A certificate of public liability insurance was current and displayed.

The senior care assistant and staff advised there were a range of policies and procedures in place to guide and inform staff and were easily accessible within the day care setting's staff office.

Service users are advised of what they can do if they are not happy with the service within the Statement of Purpose and Service User Guide. Information was displayed on the notice board in the day centre with regard to how to make a complaint and the role and contact details of the Patient and Client Council.

A complaints and compliments record was maintained in the day centre. Review of the complaints record evidenced that no complaints had been recorded since the previous care inspection. Discussion with service users confirmed they would speak to the staff or the manager if they were dissatisfied or were concerned about their day care experience. Discussion with staff confirmed that they knew how to receive and deal with complaints and ensure that the manager was made aware of any complaints. The complaints procedure was displayed in areas throughout the day centre. Samples of compliments were available for review and evidenced a high level of satisfaction with the service provided.

Discussions with the manager confirmed that systems were in place to monitor staff performance and ensure that staff received support and guidance. This included the availability of continuous update training alongside supervision/appraisal processes, an open door policy for discussions with the management team and observation of staff practice. A review of a sample of records verified that staff received three monthly supervision sessions or more often and that annual appraisal is undertaken. Staff members viewed supervision as a useful part of their accountability feedback system and of their individual development.

The inspector discussed the monitoring arrangements under regulation 28 of The Day Care Setting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007. The records viewed showed that visits were undertaken monthly. A sample of reports evidenced consultation with service users and their representatives including a review of the conduct of the day centre.

The inspector discussed arrangements in place that relate to the equality of opportunity for service users and the importance of the staff being aware of equality legislation whilst recognising and responding to the diverse needs of service users. The senior care assistant confirmed that this was addressed with staff through their induction, training, supervision and appraisal process. In addition, the senior care assistant confirmed that the day care setting had not received any complaints with respect to equality issues from service users and/or their representatives.

The inspector noted that the day care setting collects equality information in relation to service users, during the referral and assessment process. The senior care assistant confirmed that this data is used for the purpose of developing person centred care plans and risk assessments.

Some of the areas of equality awareness identified during the inspection include:

- effective communication
- service user involvement
- advocacy
- equity of care and support
- individualised person centred care
- individualised risk assessment
- disability awareness

Discussion with service users and staff evidenced that they felt the service was well led. The following is a sample of comments made:

Service users' comments:

- "This is a well-run service. I am coming here a very long time and truly love coming."
- "I see the manager very regularly and he always asks my views."
- "Good centre. No suggestions for improvement."

Staff comments:

- "We are small rural centre and a small team. There is very good teamwork and we all
 work hard to ensure service users have a good day in the centre."
- "I would feel confident approaching the senior staff and would also feel confident that my issues would be addressed."

Areas of good practice

There were examples of good practice found throughout the inspection in relation to governance arrangements, quality improvement, staff supervision and maintaining good working relationships.

Areas for improvement

No areas for improvement were identified in this domain during the inspection.

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of areas for improvement	0	0

7.0 Quality improvement plan

Areas for improvement identified during this inspection are detailed in the QIP. Details of the QIP were discussed with Patrick McGurn, manager, as part of the inspection process. The timescales commence from the date of inspection.

The registered provider/manager should note that if the action outlined in the QIP is not taken to comply with regulations and standards this may lead to further enforcement action including possible prosecution for offences. It is the responsibility of the registered provider to ensure that all areas for improvement identified within the QIP are addressed within the specified timescales.

Matters to be addressed as a result of this inspection are set in the context of the current registration of the day care setting. The registration is not transferable so that in the event of any future application to alter, extend or to sell the premises RQIA would apply standards current at the time of that application.

7.1 Areas for improvement

Areas for improvement have been identified where action is required to ensure compliance with the Day Care Setting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 and the Day Care Settings Minimum Standards, 2012.

7.2 Actions to be taken by the service

The QIP should be completed and detail the actions taken to address the areas for improvement identified. The registered provider should confirm that these actions have been completed and return the completed QIP via Web Portal for assessment by the inspector.

Quality Improvement Plan Action required to ensure compliance with the Day Care Settings Minimum Standards, 2012		
Area for improvement 1	The registered person shall ensure a record is kept of staff working	
Area for improvement i	each day and the capacity in which they worked.	
Ref: Standard 23.7	day and the dapadity in which they worked.	
Not. Standard 25.7	Ref: 6.4	
Stated: Second time	1.c. 0.4	
	Response by registered person detailing the actions taken:	
To be completed by: Immediate and ongoing	Staff rotas are available on a monthly basis and are amended in cases of change to this rota.	

^{*}Please ensure this document is completed in full and returned via Web Portal*

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