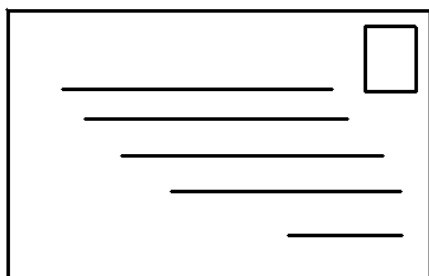


What we think about

The Laurels

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About the Care Quality Commission



We are an organisation called the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

Our job is to check if every care service is:

- **Safe**
- **Effective** (meaning it gives good results)
- **Caring**
- **Responsive** (meaning it meets people's needs)
- **Well-led** (meaning it is managed well).

We then give the service ratings (or scores) of:

- **Outstanding** (meaning really good)
- **Good**
- **Requires improvement** (meaning it needs to get better)
- **Inadequate** (meaning it is poor).

About this service



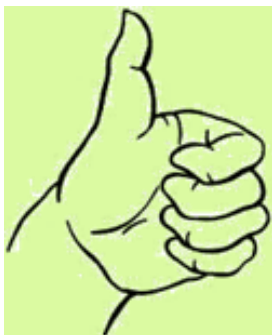
The Laurels is a care home which provides care for up to six people with mental health needs or learning disabilities. When we visited, five residents were living there.



We checked this service on:

7 August 2019

What we think about this service



Across all the areas we checked, we think this service is **good**

1. Is the service safe?



For the question, 'Is the service safe?', we think the service is **good**

Staff knew how to keep people safe from harm.

Staff knew how to give people their medicine safely.

2. Is the service effective?



For the question, 'Is the service effective?', we think the service is **good**

We saw that people were asked if they agreed with decisions about their care.

Staff talked to doctors to make sure people got medical help when they needed it.

3. Is the service caring?



For the question, 'Is the service caring?', we think the service is **good**



Staff gave people enough privacy.



People were able to choose where to go if they wanted to be on their own.

4. Is the service responsive?



For the question, 'Is the service responsive?', we think the service is **good**

People were able to choose what activities they wanted to do.

People were always helped to keep in touch with their families.

5. Is the service well-led?



For the question, 'Is the service well-led?', we think the service **requires improvement**

Staff had meetings every month to talk about how things at the service could improve. But checks did not make sure the home was always clean or safety features were fitted and working.

Staff are supported to learn and receive training.

What happens next?



We have not asked this service to make any changes, but we will go back to check this again in the future.

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