

Berryden Mills Care Home Service

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Service provided by:

Service provider number:

Archway (Respite Care & Housing) Ltd SP20

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Inspection report

About the service

Berryden Mills is registered as a care home and can provide a service to a maximum of eight adults with a learning disability.

The service is situated on the top floor of an apartment block in Aberdeen, close to shops, parks, and a main bus route. The building has a secure entry system with further security measures in place for access to the care home.

There were two people living in the care home at the time of the inspection.

The care home is due to close. The provider is in consultation with relatives and social work to find suitable alternative accommodation.

About the inspection

This was a follow up inspection which took place on 07 August 2025. The inspection was carried out by one inspector from the Care Inspectorate. To prepare for the inspection we reviewed information about this service. This included previous inspection findings, registration information, information submitted by the service and intelligence gathered since the last inspection. In making our evaluations of the service we:

- spoke with two people using the service
- spoke with three staff and management
- · observed practice and daily life
- · reviewed documents.

Key messages

• People were safer, with the addition of window restrictors to prevent accidental falls from a height.

What the service has done to meet any requirements we made at or since the last inspection

Requirements

Requirement 1

By 1 July 2025, the provider must ensure that people experience care in a safe environment.

To do this the provider, must at a minimum:

- a) Ensure any accessible windows that are large enough for a person to fall out of are restricted to a maximum opening of 100 millimetres or less, as per the Care Inspectorate guidance, Care Homes for Adults the design guide (2022). Section 7.4 windows.
- b) Ensure that the windows are subject to regular monitoring so that they remain compliant and safe.

This is to comply with regulations 4(1)(a) and (d) and 10(2)(d) of the Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210).

This requirement was made on 10 June 2025.

Action taken on previous requirement

The provider had worked with the landlord to arrange for windows to be restricted. People could still open windows, but these could not be opened farther than 100 millimetres. Staff regularly checked the window restrictors to ensure they remained in good working order. Staff had access to the key to unlock the window restrictors, and knew this should only be done in an emergency. People were safer in their home environment.

Met - within timescales

Complaints

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

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