

Healthwatch Liverpool Enter and View Report Greenacres Pighue Lane Wavertree, Liverpool L13 1DG

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Section 1: Introduction

Healthwatch Liverpool has powers to carry out what we describe as 'Enter and View' visits in order to assist us in the role as an independent local champion for patients' rights concerning health and social care services (see the Appendix for more information about this). These visits are carried out by small teams of trained members of Healthwatch staff and volunteers to observe a health and social care service at work, for example at a GP practice, a care home, or a hospital. Healthwatch only visits services that are publicly funded, e.g. through the NHS or via local authorities.

During an Enter and View visit Healthwatch talks to people using the service, whether patients or residents, and their relatives where appropriate. We also speak to staff to find out where they think the service is working well, and where it could be improved. Feedback and observations are collated in a report, which is sent to the provider of the service, as well as to regulators such as the Care Quality Commission (CQC), the local authority, and NHS commissioners appropriate. If there are recommendations in the report, the service provider is asked for a response, which we later publish online alongside the Enter and View report.

Section 2: Basic Details about the Enter and View

Name of the service visited: Greenacres

Address: Pighue Lane Wavertree, Liverpool L13 1DG

The Date of the Enter and View Visit: **25th May 2016** The Time of the Enter and View Visit: **9:30pm - 11:30pm**

The names of the members of the Healthwatch Enter and View Team that undertook the visit were:

Kasia Janiga	- Healthwatch Information and Project Officer
Laura Yallop	- Healthwatch Support

This visit was unannounced, a date and time had not been agreed with the manager at Greenacres beforehand.

Healthwatch Liverpool would like to thank the Greenacres manager for facilitating the visit and for taking the time to talk to us.

Section 3: General profile of the service that was entered and viewed

Greenacres Care Home has 41 bedrooms with en-suite toilets and can house a maximum of 42 residents in total (there is one double room for couples). It provides general care for people over 65 years of age.

Greenacres Care Home is owned by Greenacres Nursing Home Limited.

Section 4: The reason for the Enter and View Visit

Healthwatch Liverpool conducted an Enter and View visit at this home on the 14th September 2015 and made a number of recommendations. This follow up visit was to observe any changes made, and to speak with the manager. This report provides the recommendations made in the previous report, the initial response made by the Greenacres Care Home, and further observations and the outline of discussions held during this visit.

Section 5: Recommendations from the original report, initial response from the Care Home, and observations/information received

5a) Recommendation from report dated 14th September 2015 That incontinence pads are tidied away and not left on display in communal areas.

Response to 14th September 2015 report

The incontinence pads are not normally left out in view and we do have a pad room for this purpose; the staff had prepared the trolley and been distracted and put it away after you left. We will endeavour to ensure it is not left unattended again.

Observation/from discussion 25th May 2016

At the time of our follow up visit incontinence pads we out of sight and put away.

5b) Recommendation from report dated 14th September 2015

That staff deals with the origins of the smell of urine that was noticeable in some parts of the home, and informs Healthwatch what plans will be put in place to monitor this.

Response to 14th September 2015 report

We were disappointed you encountered a malodour around parts of the home as we have a stringent cleaning regime. We have taken advice from our product supplier as purchased Magic which eliminates odours.

Observation/from discussions on the 25th May 2016

The team observed a smell in one of the sitting rooms where some residents were sitting, when we mentioned this to staff they began checking residents to see if one needed personal care. No other smells were observed around the home.

5c) Recommendation from report dated 14th September 2015

That the home considers putting some form of ramp onto the raised door frames within the two conservatories to avoid trip hazards and ensure all residents have equal access to the gardens when using mobility aids.

Response to 14th September 2015 report

We have spoken to the owners regarding the ramp into the garden. They have promised to look into this, as they are concerned the ramp would create a trip hazard itself for people who don't use walking aids; all of our residents who have balance issues are supervised by staff should they want to access the garden to ensure their safety.

Observation/from discussion 25th May 2016

At the time of our visit this hadn't been taken any further. Healthwatch would like a further update from the home as to their plans.

Information on threshold ramps can be found on the Disabled Living website (part of the Shaw Trust) at

http://asksara.dlf.org.uk/questionadvice.php?question_id=169§ion_id=261

Section 6: Feedback from residents, relatives and staff

During this visit the team took a look at all communal areas and discussed the previous report with the manager of the home. Although we did not speak with any residents or other staff on this occasion we left a number of forms with the manager who has asked staff, residents and family members to complete.

What did you think of the service?	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Unacceptable
Appointments/waiting times					
Cleanliness	\checkmark				
Safety	\checkmark				
Treated with respect and dignity	\checkmark				
Listened to	\checkmark				
Information given					
Involved in decisions about your care	\checkmark				
Continuity of staffing	\checkmark				
Meals	\checkmark				
Activities and recreation	\checkmark				

Form 1 - Completed by a Resident

Form 2 - Completed by a Friend

What did you think of the service?	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Unacceptable
Appointments/waiting times					
Cleanliness	\checkmark				
Safety	\checkmark				
Treated with respect and dignity	\checkmark				
Listened to	\checkmark				
Information given	\checkmark				
Involved in decisions about your care					
Continuity of staffing	\checkmark				
Meals	\checkmark				
Activities and recreation	\checkmark				

Comments: I visit my uncle regularly he is very happy and content. The meals are lovely his room is clean and the staff are always welcoming.

Form 3 - Completed by a Carer

Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Unacceptable
\checkmark				
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Form 4 - Completed by a Carer

What did you think of the service?	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Unacceptable
Appointments/waiting times					
Cleanliness	\checkmark				
Safety	\checkmark				
Treated with respect and dignity	\checkmark				
Listened to	\checkmark				
Information given	\checkmark				
Involved in decisions about your care					
Continuity of staffing	\checkmark				
Meals	\checkmark				
Activities and recreation	\checkmark				

Form 5 - Completed by a Friend

What did you think of the service?	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Unacceptable
Appointments/waiting times					
Cleanliness		\checkmark			
Safety		\checkmark			
Treated with respect and dignity	\checkmark				
Listened to					
Information given					
Involved in decisions about your care					
Continuity of staffing					
Meals					
Activities and recreation	\checkmark				

Comments: As a visitor my impression is always how friendly and helpful the staff are and that their relationship with the residents is kind, considerate and encouraging

Form 6 - Completed by a staff member

What did you think of the service?	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Unacceptable
Appointments/waiting times					
Cleanliness	\checkmark				
Safety	\checkmark				
Treated with respect and dignity	\checkmark				
Listened to	\checkmark				
Information given					
Involved in decisions about your care					
Continuity of staffing	\checkmark				
Meals	\checkmark				
Activities and recreation	\checkmark				

Comments I am a member of staff I have worked at Greenacres for 14 years it is such a pleasure to work in such a happy and friendly environment.

Form 7 - Completed by a Carer

What did you think of the service?	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Unacceptable
Appointments/waiting times		\checkmark			
Cleanliness	\checkmark				
Safety	\checkmark				
Treated with respect and dignity	\checkmark				
Listened to		\checkmark			
Information given		\checkmark			
Involved in decisions about your care					
Continuity of staffing		\checkmark			
Meals	\checkmark				
Activities and recreation	\checkmark				

Form 8 - Completed by a Carer

What did you think of the service?	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Unacceptable
Appointments/waiting times	\checkmark	\checkmark			
Cleanliness	\checkmark				
Safety	\checkmark				
Treated with respect and dignity	\checkmark				
Listened to	\checkmark				

Information given	\checkmark			
Involved in decisions about your care				
Continuity of staffing	\checkmark			
Meals	\checkmark			
Activities and recreation		\checkmark		

Form 9 - Completed by a Carer

What did you think of the service?	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Unacceptable
Appointments/waiting times		\checkmark			
Cleanliness		\checkmark			
Safety		\checkmark			
Treated with respect and dignity		\checkmark			
Listened to		\checkmark			
Information given		\checkmark			
Involved in decisions about your care		\checkmark			
Continuity of staffing		\checkmark			
Meals		\checkmark			
Activities and recreation		\checkmark			

Form 10 - Completed by a Carer

What did you think of the service?	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Unacceptable
Appointments/waiting times		\checkmark			
Cleanliness		\checkmark			
Safety		\checkmark			
Treated with respect and dignity		\checkmark			
Listened to		\checkmark			
Information given		\checkmark			
Involved in decisions about your care		\checkmark			
Continuity of staffing		\checkmark			
Meals		\checkmark			
Activities and recreation		\checkmark			

Form 11 - Completed by a Staff member

What did you think of the service?	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Unacceptable
Appointments/waiting times					
Cleanliness	\checkmark				
Safety		\checkmark			
Treated with respect and dignity	\checkmark				
Listened to		\checkmark			

Information given	\checkmark			
Involved in decisions about your care				
Continuity of staffing		\checkmark		
Meals			$\Box \checkmark$	
Activities and recreation		\checkmark		

Comments I have worked here for the past 10 years. I enjoy looing after the residents and working alongside good people. Things could be improved with more staff.

Form 12 - Completed by a Staff Member

What did you think of the service?	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Unacceptable
Appointments/waiting times					
Cleanliness	\checkmark				
Safety	\checkmark				
Treated with respect and dignity	\checkmark				
Listened to	\checkmark				
Information given	\checkmark				
Involved in decisions about your care	\checkmark				
Continuity of staffing	\checkmark				
Meals	\checkmark				
Activities and recreation	\checkmark				

Healthwatch Liverpool would like to thank the manager and staff at the home for distributing, completing and returning the forms.

Section 7: Summary/Conclusions

The team had a positive conversation with the manager who was very open to our comments. We highlighted some areas which the team felt were in need of maintenance or refurbishment, all of which were taken on board and the team looks forward to hearing these improvements have been made.

Although Healthwatch is not listing recommendations here we would welcome further communication with the manager and staff at Greenacres Care Home in the future.

Section 8: Safeguarding

There were no safeguarding concerns identified during this enter and view visit.

Section 9: Healthwatch Liverpool Contact Details

Healthwatch Liverpool

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Appendix:

Healthwatch Liverpool - Powers to Enter and View Services

Healthwatch Liverpool was established under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and came into being in April 2013. Healthwatch Liverpool works to give local residents a stronger voice to influence and challenge how health and social care services are provided. Healthwatch Liverpool enables people to share their views and concerns about local health and social care services to help build a picture of where services are doing well, and where they can be improved. Healthwatch Enter and View visits are undertaken in accordance with the remit of Healthwatch Liverpool, and assist Healthwatch Liverpool in carrying out its statutory functions under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Healthwatch Enter and View visits are not designed to be full inspections, audits or an investigation of the service, rather they are an opportunity for Healthwatch Liverpool to get a better understanding of the service by seeing it in action and by talking to staff and service users.

Healthwatch Liverpool seeks to identify and share good practice wherever possible. However, if during a visit Healthwatch Liverpool identifies any aspects of a service that it has serious concerns about, then these concerns are referred to the appropriate regulator or commissioners of the service for investigation or rectification. Any safeguarding issues identified will be referred to the Local Authority for investigation. Addressing issues of a less serious nature may be done directly with the service provider.

For more information about Healthwatch Liverpool please visit our website <u>www.healthwatchliverpool.co.uk</u> or contact us using the details at the end of this report.