# Little Sisters of The Poor Aged Care New Zealand Limited - St Joseph's

## Introduction

This report records the results of a Certification Audit of a provider of aged residential care services against the Health and Disability Services Standards (NZS8134.1:2008; NZS8134.2:2008 and NZS8134.3:2008).

The audit has been conducted by Health and Disability Auditing New Zealand Limited, an auditing agency designated under section 32 of the Health and Disability Services (Safety) Act 2001, for submission to the Ministry of Health.

The abbreviations used in this report are the same as those specified in section 10 of the Health and Disability Services (General) Standards (NZS8134.0:2008).

You can view a full copy of the standards on the Ministry of Health’s website by clicking [here](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/certification-health-care-services/health-and-disability-services-standards).

The specifics of this audit included:

**Legal entity:** Little Sisters of The Poor Aged Care New Zealand Limited

**Premises audited:** St Joseph's Home & Hospital

**Services audited:** Hospital services - Medical services; Hospital services - Geriatric services (excl. psychogeriatric); Rest home care (excluding dementia care)

**Dates of audit:** Start date: 16 May 2016 End date: 17 May 2016

**Proposed changes to current services (if any):**

**Total beds occupied across all premises included in the audit on the first day of the audit:** 31

# Executive summary of the audit

## Introduction

This section contains a summary of the auditors’ findings for this audit. The information is grouped into the six outcome areas contained within the Health and Disability Services Standards:

* consumer rights
* organisational management
* continuum of service delivery (the provision of services)
* safe and appropriate environment
* restraint minimisation and safe practice
* infection prevention and control.

As well as auditors’ written summary, indicators are included that highlight the provider’s attainment against the standards in each of the outcome areas. The following table provides a key to how the indicators are arrived at.

**Key to the indicators**

| **Indicator** | **Description** | **Definition** |
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|  | Includes commendable elements above the required levels of performance | All standards applicable to this service fully attained with some standards exceeded |
|  | No short falls | Standards applicable to this service fully attained |
|  | Some minor shortfalls but no major deficiencies and required levels of performance seem achievable without extensive extra activity | Some standards applicable to this service partially attained and of low risk |
|  | A number of shortfalls that require specific action to address | Some standards applicable to this service partially attained and of medium or high risk and/or unattained and of low risk |
|  | Major shortfalls, significant action is needed to achieve the required levels of performance | Some standards applicable to this service unattained and of moderate or high risk |

## General overview of the audit

St Joseph’s Home and Hospital is owned and operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor. The service provides care for up to 31 residents requiring hospital (geriatric and medical) and rest home level care. On the day of the audit, there were 31 residents. The service is overseen by a manager, who is a Sister and is well qualified and experienced for the role and is supported by the Local Council, comprised of two other Sisters, a nurse manager and assistant manager.

Residents, family and the GP interviewed spoke positively about the service provided.  
This certification audit was conducted against the relevant Health and Disability standards and the contract with the district health board. The audit process included a review of policies and procedures; the review of residents and staff files, observations and interviews with residents, staff and management.

This audit has identified one area requiring improvement around restraint monitoring.

## Consumer rights

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| Includes 13 standards that support an outcome where consumers receive safe services of an appropriate standard that comply with consumer rights legislation. Services are provided in a manner that is respectful of consumer rights, facilities, informed choice, minimises harm and acknowledges cultural and individual values and beliefs. |  | Standards applicable to this service fully attained. |

Staff at St Joseph’s strive to ensure that care is provided in a way that focuses on the individual, values residents' autonomy and maintains their privacy and choice. The service functions in a way that complies with the Health and Disability Commissioner’s Code of Consumers’ Rights (the Code). Cultural and spiritual needs of residents are met. Policies are implemented to support residents’ rights, communication and complaints management. Information on informed consent is included in the admission agreement and discussed with residents and relatives. Care plans accommodate the choices of residents and/or their family/whānau. Complaints and concerns have been managed and a complaints register is maintained.

## Organisational management

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| Includes 9 standards that support an outcome where consumers receive services that comply with legislation and are managed in a safe, efficient and effective manner. |  | Standards applicable to this service fully attained. |

The quality and risk management programme includes service philosophy and goals. Quality activities are conducted and these generate improvements in practice and service delivery. Meetings are held to discuss quality and risk management processes. Residents/family meetings have been held and residents and families are surveyed regularly. Health and safety policies, systems and processes are implemented to manage risk. Incidents and accidents are reported and followed through. A comprehensive education and training programme has been implemented with a current training plan in place. Appropriate employment processes are adhered to and all employees have an annual staff appraisal completed. A roster provides sufficient and appropriate coverage for the effective delivery of care and support.

## Continuum of service delivery

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| Includes 13 standards that support an outcome where consumers participate in and receive timely assessment, followed by services that are planned, coordinated, and delivered in a timely and appropriate manner, consistent with current legislation. |  | Standards applicable to this service fully attained. |

A registered nurse is responsible for the provision of care and documentation at every stage of service delivery. There is sufficient information gained through the initial support plans, specific assessments, discharge summaries, and the care plans to guide staff in the safe delivery of care to residents. The care plans are resident and goal orientated and reviewed every six months or earlier if required with input from the resident/family as appropriate. Allied health and a team approach are evident in the resident files reviewed. The general practitioner reviews residents one to three monthly.

The activities team implement the activity programme to meet the individual needs, preferences and abilities of the residents. Residents are encouraged to maintain community links. There are regular entertainers, outings and celebrations.

Medications are managed appropriately in line with accepted guidelines. The registered nurses and caregivers who administer medications have an annual competency assessment and receive annual education. Medication charts are reviewed three monthly by the general practitioner.

All meals are cooked on site. On admission, residents' food preferences, dislikes and dietary requirements are identified and accommodated. Nutritious snacks are available 24 hours.

## Safe and appropriate environment

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| Includes 8 standards that support an outcome where services are provided in a clean, safe environment that is appropriate to the age/needs of the consumer, ensure physical privacy is maintained, has adequate space and amenities to facilitate independence, is in a setting appropriate to the consumer group and meets the needs of people with disabilities. |  | Standards applicable to this service fully attained. |

Chemicals are stored safely throughout the facility. Appropriate policies and product safety charts are available. The building holds a current warrant of fitness. All resident rooms have ensuites. External areas are safe and well maintained with shade and seating available. Fixtures, fittings and flooring are appropriate and toilet/shower facilities are constructed for ease of cleaning. Cleaning and laundry services are monitored through the internal auditing system. Appropriate training, information and equipment for responding to emergencies are provided. There is an approved evacuation scheme and emergency supplies for at least three days. There is a first aider on duty at all times.

## Restraint minimisation and safe practice

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| Includes 3 standards that support outcomes where consumers receive and experience services in the least restrictive and safe manner through restraint minimisation. |  | Some standards applicable to this service partially attained and of low risk. |

St Joseph’s has restraint minimisation and safe practice policies and procedures in place. Staff receive training in restraint minimisation and challenging behaviour management. On the day of audit, there were seven residents with restraint and ten residents with an enabler. Restraint management processes are adhered.

## Infection prevention and control

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| Includes 6 standards that support an outcome which minimises the risk of infection to consumers, service providers and visitors. Infection control policies and procedures are practical, safe and appropriate for the type of service provided and reflect current accepted good practice and legislative requirements. The organisation provides relevant education on infection control to all service providers and consumers. Surveillance for infection is carried out as specified in the infection control programme. |  | Standards applicable to this service fully attained. |

Infection control management-systems are in place to minimise the risk of infection to consumers, service providers and visitors. The infection control programme implemented meets the needs of the service and provides information and resources to inform the service providers. Documentation evidences that relevant infection control education is provided to all service providers as part of their orientation and as part of the ongoing in-service education programme. The type of surveillance undertaken is appropriate to the size and complexity of the organisation. Standardised definitions are used for the identification and classification of infection events. Results of surveillance are acted upon, evaluated and reported to relevant personnel in a timely manner.

## Summary of attainment

The following table summarises the number of standards and criteria audited and the ratings they were awarded.

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| **Attainment Rating** | **Continuous Improvement**  **(CI)** | **Fully Attained**  **(FA)** | **Partially Attained Negligible Risk**  **(PA Negligible)** | **Partially Attained Low Risk**  **(PA Low)** | **Partially Attained Moderate Risk**  **(PA Moderate)** | **Partially Attained High Risk**  **(PA High)** | **Partially Attained Critical Risk**  **(PA Critical)** |
| **Standards** | 0 | 49 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Criteria** | 0 | 100 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| **Attainment Rating** | **Unattained Negligible Risk**  **(UA Negligible)** | **Unattained Low Risk**  **(UA Low)** | **Unattained Moderate Risk**  **(UA Moderate)** | **Unattained High Risk**  **(UA High)** | **Unattained Critical Risk**  **(UA Critical)** |
| **Standards** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Criteria** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

# Attainment against the Health and Disability Services Standards

The following table contains the results of all the standards assessed by the auditors at this audit. Depending on the services they provide, not all standards are relevant to all providers and not all standards are assessed at every audit.

Please note that Standard 1.3.3: Service Provision Requirements has been removed from this report, as it includes information specific to the healthcare of individual residents. Any corrective actions required relating to this standard, as a result of this audit, are retained and displayed in the next section.

For more information on the standards, please click [here](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/certification-health-care-services/health-and-disability-services-standards).

For more information on the different types of audits and what they cover please click [here](http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/services-and-support/health-care-services/services-older-people/rest-home-certification-and-audits).

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| **Standard with desired outcome** | **Attainment Rating** | **Audit Evidence** |
| Standard 1.1.1: Consumer Rights During Service Delivery  Consumers receive services in accordance with consumer rights legislation. | FA | The Health and Disability Commissioner Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights (the Code) policy and procedure is implemented. Discussions with staff (five caregivers, two registered nurses, two activities coordinators, the nurse manager and the manager) confirm their familiarity with the Code. Interviews with seven residents (two rest home and five hospital) and five families (all hospital) confirm the services being provided are in line with the Code. The Code is discussed at resident, nursing and focus meetings. |
| Standard 1.1.10: Informed Consent  Consumers and where appropriate their family/whānau of choice are provided with the information they need to make informed choices and give informed consent. | FA | The service has in place a policy for informed consent and resuscitation. Completed resuscitation forms were evident on all resident files reviewed. General consent forms were evident on files reviewed. Discussions with staff confirmed that they are familiar with the requirements to obtain informed consent for entering rooms and personal care. Enduring power of attorney evidence is sought prior to admission and is filed with the admission agreements. |
| Standard 1.1.11: Advocacy And Support  Service providers recognise and facilitate the right of consumers to advocacy/support persons of their choice. | FA | A policy describes access to advocacy services. Staff receive training on advocacy. Information about accessing advocacy services information is available in the entrance foyer. This includes advocacy contact details. The information pack provided to residents at the time of entry to the service provides residents and family/whānau with advocacy information. Advocate support is available if requested. Interview with staff and residents informed they are aware of advocacy and how to access an advocate. |
| Standard 1.1.12: Links With Family/Whānau And Other Community Resources  Consumers are able to maintain links with their family/whānau and their community. | FA | Residents are encouraged to be involved in community activities and maintain family and friends networks. On interview, all staff stated that residents are encouraged to build and maintain relationships. All residents interviewed confirmed that relative/family visiting could occur at any time. |
| Standard 1.1.13: Complaints Management  The right of the consumer to make a complaint is understood, respected, and upheld. | FA | The service has a complaints policy that describes the management of complaints process. There is a complaints form available. Information about complaints is provided on admission. Interview with residents demonstrated an understanding of the complaints process. All staff interviewed were able to describe the process around reporting complaints.  There is a complaints register. Verbal and written complaints are documented. To date, there were five complaints in 2015 and two in 2016 and all complaint documentation was reviewed. All complaints had noted investigation, timeframes, corrective actions when required and resolutions were in place if required. Results are fed back to complainants. Discussions with residents and families confirmed that any issues are addressed and they feel comfortable to bring up any concerns. |
| Standard 1.1.2: Consumer Rights During Service Delivery  Consumers are informed of their rights. | FA | There are posters of the Code on display throughout the facility and leaflets are available in the foyer of the facility. The service is able to provide information in different languages and/or in large print if requested. Information is given to next of kin or enduring power of attorney (EPOA) to read with the resident and discuss. On entry to the service, the unit manager discusses the information pack with the resident and the family/whānau. The information pack incudes a copy of the Code. |
| Standard 1.1.3: Independence, Personal Privacy, Dignity, And Respect  Consumers are treated with respect and receive services in a manner that has regard for their dignity, privacy, and independence. | FA | The service has policies that align with the requirements of the Privacy Act and Health Information Privacy Code. Staff were observed respecting resident’s privacy and could describe how they manage maintaining privacy and respect of personal property. All residents interviewed stated their needs were met.  A policy describes spiritual care. Mass is conducted daily in the chapel and sisters of the order are available at all times.  The facility has their own chapel and mass is held daily and rosary in the afternoon. Those residents who are unable to attend can watch mass on their TV screens as it is relayed throughout the facility.  Residents of other denominations have their spiritual needs met. All residents and families interviewed indicated that resident’s spiritual needs are being met when required. |
| Standard 1.1.4: Recognition Of Māori Values And Beliefs  Consumers who identify as Māori have their health and disability needs met in a manner that respects and acknowledges their individual and cultural, values and beliefs. | FA | The service has established cultural policies to help meet the cultural needs of its residents. There is a Māori health plan. Cultural needs were addressed in care plans sampled.  Cultural and spiritual practice is supported and identified needs are incorporated into the care planning process and reviewed as demonstrated in resident files sampled. Discussions with staff confirm that they are aware of the need to respond to cultural differences. |
| Standard 1.1.6: Recognition And Respect Of The Individual's Culture, Values, And Beliefs  Consumers receive culturally safe services which recognise and respect their ethnic, cultural, spiritual values, and beliefs. | FA | The service has established cultural policies aimed at helping meet the cultural needs of its residents. All residents interviewed reported that they were satisfied that their cultural and individual values were being met.  Information gathered during assessment including residents cultural beliefs and values, is used to develop a care plan, which the resident (if appropriate) and/or their family/whānau are asked to consult on. Staff receive training on cultural awareness. |
| Standard 1.1.7: Discrimination  Consumers are free from any discrimination, coercion, harassment, sexual, financial, or other exploitation. | FA | The facility has a staff code of conduct which states there will be zero tolerance against any discrimination occurring. The RNs supervise staff to ensure professional practice is maintained in the service. The abuse and neglect processes cover harassment and exploitation. All residents interviewed reported that staff respected them. Job descriptions include responsibilities of the position, ethics, advocacy and legal issues. The orientation and employee agreement provided to staff on induction includes standards of conduct. |
| Standard 1.1.8: Good Practice  Consumers receive services of an appropriate standard. | FA | The service has policies to guide practice that aligns with the health and disability services standards for residents with aged care needs. Staffing policies include pre-employment and the requirement to attend orientation and ongoing in-service training. The resident satisfaction survey reflects high levels of satisfaction with the services provided. Residents interviewed spoke very positively about the care and support provided. Staff interviewed had a sound understanding of principles of aged care and stated that they feel supported by the management team. |
| Standard 1.1.9: Communication  Service providers communicate effectively with consumers and provide an environment conducive to effective communication. | FA | Residents interviewed stated they were welcomed on entry and given time and explanation about the services and procedures. Accident/incidents, complaints procedures and the policy and process around open disclosure alerts staff to their responsibility to notify family/next of kin of any accident/incident and ensure full and frank open disclosure occurs. Eleven incidents/accidents forms were reviewed. The forms included a section to record family notification. All 11 forms indicated family were informed or if family did not wish to be informed. Relatives interviewed confirmed that they are notified of any changes in their family member’s health status. |
| Standard 1.2.1: Governance  The governing body of the organisation ensures services are planned, coordinated, and appropriate to the needs of consumers. | FA | St Joseph’s is owned and operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor. The service provides rest home and hospital level (geriatric and medical) care for up to 31 residents. On the day of the audit, there were three rest home level and 28 hospital level residents. All were under the Age Related Residential Care Contract. All rooms are dual purpose. The manager is a sister of the order and has many years’ experience in aged care management. She is supported by a relieving nurse manager (the previous nurse manager) while the nurse manager position is being actively recruited and also by the Local Council, comprised of Sisters. St Joseph’s has a business/strategic plan and a quality and risk management programme in place for the current year. The organisation has a philosophy of care, which includes a mission statement. The manager has completed in excess of eight hours of professional development in the past 12 months. |
| Standard 1.2.2: Service Management  The organisation ensures the day-to-day operation of the service is managed in an efficient and effective manner which ensures the provision of timely, appropriate, and safe services to consumers. | FA | In the absence of the manager, the assistant manager who is a member of the Religious Congregation is in charge with support from the nurse manager, registered nurses and care staff. |
| Standard 1.2.3: Quality And Risk Management Systems  The organisation has an established, documented, and maintained quality and risk management system that reflects continuous quality improvement principles. | FA | There is a business/strategic plan that includes quality goals and risk management plans. Interviews with staff confirmed that quality data is discussed at monthly registered nurse and all nurse meetings. The manager and registered nurses advised that they are responsible for providing oversight of the quality programme. The quality and risk management programme is designed to monitor contractual and standards compliance. The service's policies are reviewed at least every two years. Policies include InterRAI assessment requirements. Staff have access to manuals. Resident/relative meetings are held monthly and issues raised at these meetings are managed as complaints. Restraint and enabler use is reported within the focus and nursing meetings.  Data is collected in relation to a variety of quality activities and an internal audit schedule has been completed. Areas of non-compliance identified through quality activities are actioned for improvement. The service has a health and safety management system. There are implemented risk management, and health and safety policies and procedures in place including accident and hazard management. Residents are surveyed to gather feedback on the service provided and the outcomes are communicated to residents, staff and families. The 2015 survey indicated a high level of satisfaction. |
| Standard 1.2.4: Adverse Event Reporting  All adverse, unplanned, or untoward events are systematically recorded by the service and reported to affected consumers and where appropriate their family/whānau of choice in an open manner. | FA | There is an accidents and incidents reporting policy. The nurse manager investigates accidents and near misses and analysis of incident trends occurs. There is a discussion of incidents/accidents at monthly focus meetings including actions to minimise recurrence. A registered nurse conducts clinical follow-up of residents. Eleven incident forms sampled (from May 2016) demonstrated that appropriate clinical follow-up and investigation occurred following incidents. Discussions with the manager confirmed that there is an awareness of the requirement to notify relevant authorities in relation to essential notifications. Appropriate notification was made to Worksafe and the DHB regarding two incidents in 2015. |
| Standard 1.2.7: Human Resource Management  Human resource management processes are conducted in accordance with good employment practice and meet the requirements of legislation. | FA | There are human resource management policies in place. The recruitment and staff selection process requires that relevant checks are completed to validate the individual’s qualifications, experience and veracity. A copy of practising certificates is kept. Seven staff files were reviewed (two registered nurses, an activities coordinator, a cook and three caregivers) and there is evidence that reference checks were completed before employment is offered. The service has a comprehensive orientation programme in place that provides new staff with relevant information for safe work practice. The in-service education programme for 2016 is being implemented. The registered nurses are able to attend external training, including sessions provided by the local DHB. Annual staff appraisals were evident in all staff files reviewed. |
| Standard 1.2.8: Service Provider Availability  Consumers receive timely, appropriate, and safe service from suitably qualified/skilled and/or experienced service providers. | FA | Policy includes staff rationale and skill mix. Sufficient staff are rostered on to manage the care requirements of the residents. In addition to the nurse manager (a registered nurse who works full time), there is one registered nurse on at any one time and often two. The registered nurse on each shift is aware that extra staff can be called on for increased resident requirements. Sisters of the order provide significant voluntary support to staff. Interviews with staff, residents and family members identify that staffing is adequate to meet the needs of residents. |
| Standard 1.2.9: Consumer Information Management Systems  Consumer information is uniquely identifiable, accurately recorded, current, confidential, and accessible when required. | FA | Resident files are appropriate to the service type. Residents entering the service have all relevant initial information recorded within 24 hours of entry into the resident’s individual record. Residents' files are protected from unauthorised access by being locked away in the nurses’ stations. Informed consent to display photographs is obtained from residents/family/whānau on admission. Other residents or members of the public cannot view sensitive resident information. Entries in records are legible, dated and signed by the relevant caregiver or registered nurse. |
| Standard 1.3.1: Entry To Services  Consumers' entry into services is facilitated in a competent, equitable, timely, and respectful manner, when their need for services has been identified. | FA | There are policies and procedures to safely guide service provision and entry to services including a comprehensive admission policy.  The service has a well-developed information pack available for residents/families at entry. The admission agreements reviewed meet the requirements of the ARCC. Exclusions from the service are included in the admission agreement. Six admission agreements viewed were signed and dated. |
| Standard 1.3.10: Transition, Exit, Discharge, Or Transfer  Consumers experience a planned and coordinated transition, exit, discharge, or transfer from services. | FA | Policy describes guidelines for death, discharge, transfer, documentation and follow-up. A record of transfer documentation is kept on the resident’s file. All relevant information is documented and communicated to the receiving health provider or service. A transfer form accompanies residents to receiving facilities and communication with family is made. |
| Standard 1.3.12: Medicine Management  Consumers receive medicines in a safe and timely manner that complies with current legislative requirements and safe practice guidelines. | FA | There are comprehensive policies and procedures in place for all aspects of medication management, including self-administration. There were no residents self-administering on the day of audit.  The facility uses a blister pack system. Medications are checked on arrival and any pharmacy errors recorded and fed back to the supplying pharmacy. Registered nurses or caregivers who have passed their medication competency administer medications. Medication competencies are updated annually and staff attend annual education. Standing orders meet guidelines. The medication fridge temperature is checked weekly. Eye drops are dated once opened.  Staff sign for the administration of medications on medication sheets held with the medicine charts. Medication administration signing sheets correspond with prescribed medication on the medication chart.  Twelve medication charts were reviewed. All charts were legible, up-to-date and reviewed at least three monthly by the GP. There was photo ID on each medication chart and allergy status was recorded. ‘As required’ medications had prescribed indications for use. |
| Standard 1.3.13: Nutrition, Safe Food, And Fluid Management  A consumer's individual food, fluids and nutritional needs are met where this service is a component of service delivery. | FA | The service employs one chef and one kitchen hand Monday to Friday and one cook and one kitchen hand at the weekend. All have current food safety certificates. The weekday chef oversees the procurement of the food and management of the kitchen. There is a well-equipped kitchen and all meals are cooked onsite. Meals are served from bain-maries in the dining rooms. Special equipment such as lipped plates is available. On the day of audit, meals were hot and well presented. There is a kitchen manual and a range of policies and procedures to safely manage the kitchen and meal services. Audits are implemented to monitor performance. Two resident food satisfaction surveys are completed monthly. Kitchen fridge, food and freezer temperatures were monitored and recorded weekly. These were all within safe limits. The residents have a nutritional profile developed on admission that identifies dietary requirements and likes and dislikes. This is reviewed six monthly as part of the care plan review. Changes to residents’ dietary needs are communicated to the kitchen. Special diets, and likes and dislikes were noted in a kitchen folder. An external dietitian has audited and approved the menus. Residents and families interviewed were very happy with the meals provided. |
| Standard 1.3.2: Declining Referral/Entry To Services  Where referral/entry to the service is declined, the immediate risk to the consumer and/or their family/whānau is managed by the organisation, where appropriate. | FA | The service records the reason for declining service entry to residents should this occur and communicates this to residents/family. The reasons for declining entry would be if the service is unable to provide the assessed level of care or there are no beds available. Potential residents would be referred back to the referring agency. |
| Standard 1.3.4: Assessment  Consumers' needs, support requirements, and preferences are gathered and recorded in a timely manner. | FA | InterRAI assessments, risk assessments and long-term care plans were comprehensively completed for all resident files reviewed. InterRAI assessments and risk assessments are completed on admission and reviewed six monthly as part of the care plan review. All InterRAI assessments sighted informed the care plans. Additional assessments for management of behaviour and wound care were appropriately completed according to need. |
| Standard 1.3.5: Planning  Consumers' service delivery plans are consumer focused, integrated, and promote continuity of service delivery. | FA | Care plans reviewed were comprehensive and evidenced multidisciplinary involvement in the care of the resident. All care plans were resident centred and documented support needs to achieve the resident/relative goals. Residents and family state they are involved in the care planning process.  Short-term care plans were in use for changes in health status and were evaluated on a regular basis and signed off as resolved or transferred to the long-term care plan if an ongoing problem. There was evidence of service integration with documented input from a range of specialist care professionals including the podiatrist, geriatrician, gerontology nurse practitioner and hospice nurse. |
| Standard 1.3.6: Service Delivery/Interventions  Consumers receive adequate and appropriate services in order to meet their assessed needs and desired outcomes. | FA | All care plans reviewed included documentation that meets the needs of the residents and care plans had been updated as residents` needs changed. When a resident’s condition changes the RN initiates a GP consultation. Caregivers interviewed confirmed that changes in care are documented on short-term care plans and are communicated at handover. Family members interviewed confirm they are notified of any changes in their relative’s health status. Family and residents state care delivery and support by staff is consistent with their expectations.  Care staff interviewed state there are adequate clinical supplies and equipment provided including continence and wound care supplies.  Wound assessment, wound management and evaluation forms are in place for all wounds. Wound management and monitoring occurred as planned. There are currently three wounds (one superficial skin tear, one abrasion and one full thickness skin tear with a haematoma). All have appropriate care documented and provided. Access to specialist advice and support is available as needed through Auckland District Health Board. There is a new wound care initiative in place where wounds are categorised, tallied and graphed each month. This will make it easier to identify trends.  Monitoring forms are in use as applicable for weight, observations and wounds. Behaviour charts were in use for any residents that exhibit challenging behaviours. |
| Standard 1.3.7: Planned Activities  Where specified as part of the service delivery plan for a consumer, activity requirements are appropriate to their needs, age, culture, and the setting of the service. | FA | One activities coordinator works 20 hours a week. A Sister of the Order ably assists her whenever needed. The activities coordinator is a registered occupational therapist but she does not hold a current practising certificate. On the days of audit, residents in all areas were observed being actively involved in a variety of activities including mass, sit dancing and a scenic drive outing in the minivan. Those who prefer to stay in their room have a one-on-one visit for reading, hand massage and music.  There is a weekly newsletter for family and residents, and this includes the weekly activities programme and a large print copy is on noticeboards.  There are van outings twice weekly, one is a scenic drive and the other is to a particular place or exhibit. There are regular entertainers visiting the facility and there is a hall where entertainment or movies are held. Every Thursday morning volunteers come and assist residents to make scones and have a morning tea in the activities room. Special events like birthdays, Easter, Mother’s Day and Anzac Day are celebrated.  Residents have an activity assessment completed over the first few weeks following admission that describes the residents past hobbies and present interests, career and family. Resident files reviewed identified that the individual activity plan is based on this assessment. The residents' activity care plans have de-escalating techniques for residents with behaviour that might challenge over the 24 hours. Activity plans are evaluated six monthly at the same time as the long-term care plan |
| Standard 1.3.8: Evaluation  Consumers' service delivery plans are evaluated in a comprehensive and timely manner. | FA | Four care plans reviewed had been evaluated by the registered nurses six monthly or when changes to care occurs. Two residents (one rest home and one hospital) had not been at the service six months. Short-term care plans for short-term needs were evaluated and signed off as resolved, or were added to the long-term care plan as an ongoing problem. Activities plans are in place for each resident and these are evaluated at the same time as the care plans. The multidisciplinary review involves the RN, GP and resident/family if they wish to attend. There is at least a three monthly review by the medical practitioner with residents who are in the rest home and one monthly for hospital residents. The family members interviewed confirmed they are informed of any changes to the care plan. |
| Standard 1.3.9: Referral To Other Health And Disability Services (Internal And External)  Consumer support for access or referral to other health and/or disability service providers is appropriately facilitated, or provided to meet consumer choice/needs. | FA | Referral to other health and disability services is evident in the resident files reviewed. The service facilitates access to other medical and non-medical services. Referral documentation is maintained on resident files. There was evidence where one resident had been referred to the hospice and another to the podiatrist. Discussion with the RN identified that the service has access to a wide range of support either through the GP, specialists and contracted allied health services. |
| Standard 1.4.1: Management Of Waste And Hazardous Substances  Consumers, visitors, and service providers are protected from harm as a result of exposure to waste, infectious or hazardous substances, generated during service delivery. | FA | There are clear policies regarding chemical safety and waste disposal. Management of waste and hazardous substances is covered during orientation and staff have attended chemical safety training. All chemicals were clearly labelled with manufacturer’s labels and stored in locked areas. Safety data sheets and product sheets are available. Sharps containers are available and meet the hazardous substances regulations for containers. A hazard register identifies hazardous substances and staff indicated a clear understanding of processes and protocols. Gloves, aprons, and goggles are available for staff. The maintenance person described the safe management of hazardous material. |
| Standard 1.4.2: Facility Specifications  Consumers are provided with an appropriate, accessible physical environment and facilities that are fit for their purpose. | FA | The building holds a current warrant of fitness that expires on 8 April 2017.  Reactive and preventative maintenance occurs. Electrical equipment has been tested and tagged. Chair scales are available and have been checked and tagged. There is a planned maintenance programme in place. Hot water temperatures have been randomly monitored in resident areas and were within the acceptable range.  All communal areas, hallways and resident rooms are carpeted. All ensuites have nonslip vinyl flooring. All utility areas such as the kitchen, laundry and sluice rooms have vinyl flooring. All hallways are very wide and have safety rails, and promote safe mobility while using mobility aids. Residents were moving freely around the areas with mobility aids where required. The external areas and gardens were well maintained. There are outdoor areas with seating and shade. There is safe access to all communal areas. |
| Standard 1.4.3: Toilet, Shower, And Bathing Facilities  Consumers are provided with adequate toilet/shower/bathing facilities. Consumers are assured privacy when attending to personal hygiene requirements or receiving assistance with personal hygiene requirements. | FA | All resident rooms have ensuites. Fixtures, fittings and flooring is appropriate and toilet/shower facilities are constructed for ease of cleaning. There is ample space in all ensuites to accommodate shower chairs and hoists if appropriate. |
| Standard 1.4.4: Personal Space/Bed Areas  Consumers are provided with adequate personal space/bed areas appropriate to the consumer group and setting. | FA | Residents' rooms are spacious to allow care to be provided and for the safe use of mobility aids. Staff interviewed reported that they have more than adequate space to provide care to residents. Residents are encouraged to personalise their bedrooms as viewed on the day of audit. |
| Standard 1.4.5: Communal Areas For Entertainment, Recreation, And Dining  Consumers are provided with safe, adequate, age appropriate, and accessible areas to meet their relaxation, activity, and dining needs. | FA | Activities occur throughout the facility in the spacious communal areas, chapel and hall. The lounges are large enough so there is no impact on other residents who are not involved in activities. The arrangement of seating and space allows both individual and group activities to occur. There are smaller lounges where residents who prefer quieter activities or visitors may sit. The dining rooms are spacious and the décor is very attractive and homely. There are small kitchenettes where a cup of tea or coffee can be made. |
| Standard 1.4.6: Cleaning And Laundry Services  Consumers are provided with safe and hygienic cleaning and laundry services appropriate to the setting in which the service is being provided. | FA | All laundry is undertaken on site. The laundry is spacious and well organised and divided into a ‘dirty and clean’ area. The laundry staff member interviewed stated that she manages the workload adequately with the assistance of volunteers. The laundry staff member could describe appropriate systems for managing infectious laundry. There is a comprehensive laundry and cleaning manual. Cleaning and laundry services are monitored through the internal auditing system. The cleaners’ equipment was attended-to at all times or locked away in the laundry. Contracted staff do cleaning. There are two sluice rooms for the disposal of soiled water or waste. The sluice rooms and the laundry are locked when not in use. |
| Standard 1.4.7: Essential, Emergency, And Security Systems  Consumers receive an appropriate and timely response during emergency and security situations. | FA | There are policies and procedures on emergency and security situations including how services will be provided in health, civil defence or other emergencies. Civil defence supplies, adequate food and water, and a gas barbeque for alternative cooking are available. In the event of a power cut, there is emergency lighting that switches on and lasts for two hours  Six monthly fire evacuations are held. There is an approved fire evacuation plan. There have been no building changes. There is a first aider on duty at all times.  Residents’ rooms and communal areas have call bells.  Security policies and procedures are documented and implemented by staff. There is security lighting at night and access to the building is by call bell and intercom. |
| Standard 1.4.8: Natural Light, Ventilation, And Heating  Consumers are provided with adequate natural light, safe ventilation, and an environment that is maintained at a safe and comfortable temperature. | FA | The facility has ample natural light and ventilation. There is underfloor or skirting board heating in all areas. The facility is smoke free. |
| Standard 3.1: Infection control management  There is a managed environment, which minimises the risk of infection to consumers, service providers, and visitors. This shall be appropriate to the size and scope of the service. | FA | St Joseph’s has an established infection control programme. The infection control programme, its content and detail, is appropriate for the size, complexity and degree of risk associated with the service. It is linked into the incident reporting system. A registered nurse is the designated infection control coordinator with support from the focus and health and safety teams as the infection control team. Minutes are available for staff. Audits have been conducted and include hand hygiene and infection control practices. Education is provided for all new staff on orientation. The infection control programme has been reviewed annually. |
| Standard 3.2: Implementing the infection control programme  There are adequate human, physical, and information resources to implement the infection control programme and meet the needs of the organisation. | FA | A registered nurse at St Joseph’s is the designated infection control (IC) coordinator. For the size and complexity of the organisation, there are adequate resources to implement the infection control programme. The IC nurse and IC team has good external support from the local laboratory infection control team and IC nurse specialist at the DHB. Infection prevention and control is part of staff orientation and induction. Hand washing facilities are available throughout the facility and alcohol hand gel is freely available. |
| Standard 3.3: Policies and procedures  Documented policies and procedures for the prevention and control of infection reflect current accepted good practice and relevant legislative requirements and are readily available and are implemented in the organisation. These policies and procedures are practical, safe, and appropriate/suitable for the type of service provided. | FA | There are infection control policies and procedures appropriate to for the size and complexity of the service. The infection control manual outlines a comprehensive range of policies, standards and guidelines and includes defining roles, responsibilities and oversight, the infection control team and training and education of staff. The policies have been reviewed and updated. |
| Standard 3.4: Education  The organisation provides relevant education on infection control to all service providers, support staff, and consumers. | FA | The infection control policy states that the facility is committed to the ongoing education of staff and residents. Formal infection control education for staff has occurred. The infection control coordinator has completed online infection control updates. Visitors are advised of any outbreaks of infection and are advised not to attend until the outbreak has been resolved. Information is provided to residents and visitors that is appropriate to their needs and this is documented in medical records. |
| Standard 3.5: Surveillance  Surveillance for infection is carried out in accordance with agreed objectives, priorities, and methods that have been specified in the infection control programme. | FA | Infection surveillance is an integral part of the infection control programme and is described in the infection control manual. Monthly infection data is collected for all infections based on signs and symptoms of infection. Short-term care plans are used. Surveillance of all infections is entered onto a monthly infection summary. This data is monitored and evaluated monthly and annually. Outcomes and actions are discussed at quality meetings. If there is an emergent issue, it is acted-upon in a timely manner. Reports are easily accessible to the unit manager. There have been no outbreaks since the previous audit. |
| Standard 2.1.1: Restraint minimisation  Services demonstrate that the use of restraint is actively minimised. | FA | The service has documented systems in place to ensure the use of restraint is actively minimised. There were seven residents with restraint and ten residents with an enabler. Three enabler files sampled document that enabler use is voluntary. All necessary documentation has been completed in relation to the restraints. Staff interviews and staff records evidence guidance has been given on restraint minimisation and safe practice (RMSP), enabler usage and prevention and/or de-escalation techniques. Policies and procedures include definition of restraint and enabler that are congruent with the definition in NZS 8134.0. Staff education on RMSP/enablers has been provided. Restraint has been discussed as part of quality meetings. A registered nurse is the designated restraint coordinator. |
| Standard 2.2.1: Restraint approval and processes  Services maintain a process for determining approval of all types of restraint used, restraint processes (including policy and procedure), duration of restraint, and ongoing education on restraint use and this process is made known to service providers and others. | FA | A registered nurse is the restraint coordinator. Assessment and approval process for restraint use included the restraint coordinator, registered nurses, resident or representative and medical practitioner. |
| Standard 2.2.2: Assessment  Services shall ensure rigorous assessment of consumers is undertaken, where indicated, in relation to use of restraint. | FA | The service completes comprehensive assessments for residents who require restraint or enabler interventions. These were undertaken by suitably qualified and skilled staff, in partnership with the family/whānau, in the three restraint and three enabler files sampled. The restraint coordinator, the resident and/or their representative and a medical practitioner were involved in the assessment and consent process. In the files reviewed, assessments and consents were fully completed. |
| Standard 2.2.3: Safe Restraint Use  Services use restraint safely | PA Low | The restraint minimisation manual identifies that restraint is put in place only where it is clinically indicated and justified and approval processes are obtained/met. An assessment form/process is completed for all restraints and enablers. The files reviewed had a completed assessment form and a care plan that reflected risk. Monitoring forms that did not always include regular monitoring at the frequency determined by the risk level, were present in the files reviewed. In resident files reviewed, appropriate documentation has been completed. The service has a restraint and enablers register updated each month. |
| Standard 2.2.4: Evaluation  Services evaluate all episodes of restraint. | FA | The service has documented evaluation of restraint every three months. In the files reviewed, evaluations had been completed with the resident, family/whānau and restraint coordinator. Restraint practices are reviewed on a formal basis every month by the facility restraint coordinator at quality meetings. Evaluation timeframes are determined by policy and risk levels. |
| Standard 2.2.5: Restraint Monitoring and Quality Review  Services demonstrate the monitoring and quality review of their use of restraint. | FA | The service actively reviews restraint as part of the internal audit and reporting cycle. Reviews are completed three monthly or sooner if a need is identified. The restraint coordinator completes reviews. Any adverse outcomes are reported at the monthly focus, and health and safety meetings. |

# Specific results for criterion where corrective actions are required

Where a standard is rated partially attained (PA) or unattained (UA) specific corrective actions are recorded under the relevant criteria for the standard. The following table contains the criterion where corrective actions have been recorded.

Criterion can be linked to the relevant standard by looking at the code. For example, a Criterion 1.1.1.1: Service providers demonstrate knowledge and understanding of consumer rights and obligations, and incorporate them as part of their everyday practice relates to Standard 1.1.1: Consumer Rights During Service Delivery in Outcome 1.1: Consumer Rights.

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| **Criterion with desired outcome** | **Attainment Rating** | **Audit Evidence** | **Audit Finding** | **Corrective action required and timeframe for completion (days)** |
| Criterion 2.2.3.4  Each episode of restraint is documented in sufficient detail to provide an accurate account of the indication for use, intervention, duration, its outcome, and shall include but is not limited to: (a) Details of the reasons for initiating the restraint, including the desired outcome; (b) Details of alternative interventions (including de-escalation techniques where applicable) that were attempted or considered prior to the use of restraint; (c) Details of any advocacy/support offered, provided or facilitated; (d) The outcome of the restraint; (e) Any injury to any person as a result of the use of restraint; (f) Observations and monitoring of the consumer during the restraint; (g) Comments resulting from the evaluation of the restraint. | PA Low | Restraint use is clearly documented in resident files sampled and the frequency of required monitoring is documented. However, monitoring forms reviewed did not all demonstrate that monitoring had occurred. | Two of three restraint-monitoring forms sampled did not demonstrate consistent evidence of required monitoring. | Ensure restraint monitoring is completed and documented according to the timeframe determined and according to the risk.  90 days |

# Specific results for criterion where a continuous improvement has been recorded

As well as whole standards, individual criterion within a standard can also be rated as having a continuous improvement. A continuous improvement means that the provider can demonstrate achievement beyond the level required for full attainment. The following table contains the criterion where the provider has been rated as having made corrective actions have been recorded.

As above, criterion can be linked to the relevant standard by looking at the code. For example, a Criterion 1.1.1.1 relates to Standard 1.1.1: Consumer Rights During Service Delivery in Outcome 1.1: Consumer Rights

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