# Well Health Care Limited - Fencible Manor Rest Home

## Introduction

This report records the results of a Surveillance 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 The DAA Group 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:** Well Health Care Limited

**Premises audited:** Fencible Manor Rest Home

**Services audited:** Rest home care (excluding dementia care)

**Dates of audit:** Start date: 7 November 2017 End date: 7 November 2017

**Proposed changes to current services (if any):** None

**Total beds occupied across all premises included in the audit on the first day of the audit:** 15

# 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

Fencible Manor Rest Home provides rest home level care for up to 19 residents. The service is operated by Well Health Care Limited and managed by a nurse manager. Residents and families spoke positively about the care provided.

This unannounced surveillance audit was conducted against the Health and Disability Services Standards and the service`s contract with the district health board. The audit process included review of policies and procedures, review of residents` and staff files, observations and interviews with residents, family members, management, staff and a general practitioner.

The audit has resulted in no identified areas of improvement.

## 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. |

Open communication between staff, residents and families is promoted and was confirmed to be effective. There is access to formal interpreting services if required.

A complaints register is maintained with any complaints resolved promptly and effectively.

## 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. |

Business and quality and risk management plans include the scope, direction, objectives and values of the organisation. Monitoring of the service provided to the governing body is regular and effective. An experienced and suitably qualified person manages the facility.

The quality and risk management system includes collection and analysis of quality improvement data, identifies any trends and leads to improvements. Staff are involved, and feedback is sought from residents and families. Adverse events are documented with corrective actions implemented. Actual and potential risks, including health and safety risks, are identified. Policies and procedures support service delivery and are current and reviewed regularly.

The appointment, orientation and management of staff is based on current good practice. A systematic approach to identify and deliver ongoing training supports safe service delivery, and includes regular individual performance review. Staffing levels and skill mix meet the changing needs of residents. Residents` information is accurately recorded, securely stored and not accessible to unauthorised people.

## 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. |

Residents` needs are assessed by the multidisciplinary team on admission within the required timeframes. The nurse manager of the facility is supported by care and allied health staff and a designated general practitioner. On call arrangements for support are in place. Shift handovers and a communication book is available to guide continuity of care.

Care plans are individualised, based on a comprehensive and integrated range of clinical information. Short term care plans are developed to manage any new problems that might arise. All residents` records reviewed demonstrated that needs, goals and outcomes are identified and reviewed on a regular basis. Residents and families interviewed reported being well informed and involved in care planning and evaluation, and that the care provided is of a high standard.

The activity programme provides residents with a variety of individual and group activities and maintains the residents` links with family and the community.

Medicines are safely managed and administered by staff who are competent to do so.

The food service meets the nutritional needs of the residents with special needs catered for. Food is safely managed. Residents verified satisfaction with meals.

## 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. |

The building warrant of fitness is current and displayed publicly.

## 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. |  | Standards applicable to this service fully attained. |

The organisation has implemented policies and procedures that support the minimisation of restraint. No enablers or restraints were in use at the time of the audit. Use of enablers when used, is voluntary for the safety of residents in response to individual requests. Staff demonstrated a sound knowledge and understanding of restraint and enabler processes.

## 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. |

The infection prevention and control programme, led by the nurse manager aims to prevent and manage infections. Aged care specific infection surveillance is undertaken, data is analysed, trended, benchmarked and results reported through all level of the organisation. Follow-up action is taken as and when required.

## 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 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Criteria** | 0 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 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 1.1.13: Complaints Management  The right of the consumer to make a complaint is understood, respected, and upheld. | FA | The complaint policy and associated forms meet the requirements of Right 10 of the Code. Information on the complaint process is provided to residents and families on admission and those interviewed knew how to do so. There is also a complaints flowchart to guide staff.  The complaints register reviewed showed that one verbal complaint had been raised over the past year and that actions taken, through to an agreed resolution, was documented and completed within the timeframes. Action plans show any required follow-up and improvements have been made accordingly. The nurse manager is responsible for complaints management and follow up. All staff interviewed confirmed a sound understanding of the complaint process and what actions are required. There have been no complaints received from external sources since the previous audit. |
| Standard 1.1.9: Communication  Service providers communicate effectively with consumers and provide an environment conducive to effective communication. | FA | Residents and family members stated they were kept well informed about any changes to their/their relative`s status, were advised in a timely manner about any incidents or accidents and outcomes of regular and any urgent medical reviews. This was supported in residents` records reviewed. Staff understood the principles of open disclosure, which is supported by policies and procedures that meet the requirements of the Code.  The nurse manager and the assistant manager knew how to access interpreter services, although reported this was rarely required due to most residents being able to speak English, staff able to provide interpretation as and when needed, and the use of family members as required. |
| Standard 1.2.1: Governance  The governing body of the organisation ensures services are planned, coordinated, and appropriate to the needs of consumers. | FA | The strategic and business plans are reviewed by the owner directors annually, and outline the purpose, values, scope and direction and goals of the organisation. The documents described short and long term objectives and the associated operational plans. The nurse manager is one of two owner/directors who own this rest home. The nurse manager interviewed provided adequate information to monitor performance and any emerging risks and/or issues.  The nurse manager who holds relevant business qualifications, is a registered nurse and has been in this role for two years. The nurse manager confirms knowledge of the sector, regulatory and reporting requirements and maintains her annual practising certificate and attends relevant courses and education sessions on the aged care sector, and confirmed knowledge of the sector, regulatory and reporting requirements.  The service holds contracts with the district health board for providing rest home level care for up to 19 residents. |
| 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 | The organisation has a planned quality and risk system that reflects the principles of continuous quality improvement. This includes management of incidents and complaints, audit activities, monitoring outcomes, satisfaction surveys, and clinical incidents including any infections.  Meeting minutes reviewed confirmed regular review and analysis of quality indicators and that related information is reported and discussed at the monthly quality meetings. Staff reported their involvement in quality and risk management activities through audit activities, Relevant corrective actions are developed and implemented to address any shortfalls. Resident and family surveys are completed annually. The most recent survey showed that both residents` and families were happy with the services provided.  Policies and procedures reviewed cover all necessary aspects of the service and contractual requirements, including reference to the interRAI Long Term Care Facility (LTCF) assessment and tool and process. Policies are based on best practice and were current. The document control system ensures a systematic and regular review process, referencing of relevant sources, approval, distribution and removal of obsolete documents.  The nurse manager described the processes for the identification, monitoring, review and reporting of risks and development of mitigation strategies. The nurse manager is familiar with the Health and Safety at Work Act (2015) and has implemented requirements. |
| 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 | Staff document adverse and near miss events on a monthly incident/accident analysis form. A sample of incidents forms reviewed showed these were fully completed, incidents were investigated, action plans developed and actions followed-up in a timely manner. Adverse event data is collated, analysed and reported at the quality meeting by the nurse manager and information is fed back to staff.  The nurse manager and assistant manager and the GP described essential notification reporting requirements and obligations, including pressure injuries, notifiable infectious diseases or infection outbreaks if they occur. They advised there have been no notifications of significant events made since the last audit. |
| 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 | Human resources management policies and processes are based on good employment practice and relevant legislation. The recruitment process includes referee checks, police vetting and validation of qualifications and practising certificates (APCs) where required. All staff records reviewed confirmed the organisation`s policies are being consistently implemented and records are maintained. Staff orientation includes all necessary components relevant to the role. Staff reported that the orientation process prepared then well for their role. Staff records reviewed show documentation of completed orientation booklets.  Continuing education is planned on an annual basis, including mandatory training requirements. Care staff have either completed or commenced a New Zealand Qualification Authority education programme to meet the requirements of the provider`s agreement with the DHB. The nurse manager is the only registered nurse currently maintaining the annual competency requirements to undertake interRAI assessments. Records reviewed demonstrated completion of the required training and completion of annual performance appraisals. |
| Standard 1.2.8: Service Provider Availability  Consumers receive timely, appropriate, and safe service from suitably qualified/skilled and/or experienced service providers. | FA | There is a documented and implemented process for determining staffing levels and skill mixes to provide safe service delivery, 24 hours a day, seven days a week (24/7). The facility adjusts staffing levels to meet the changing needs of residents. An after-hours on call roster is in place, with staff reporting that good access to advice is available when needed. Care staff reported there were adequate staff available to complete the work allocated to them. Residents and family interviewed supported this. Observations and review of a four week roster cycle confirmed adequate staff cover has been provided, with staff replaced in any unplanned absence. At least one staff member on duty has a current first aid certificate. |
| 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 | The medication management policy is current and identifies all aspects of medicine management in line with the Medicines Care Guide for Residential Aged Care.  A safe system for medicine management was observed on the day of the audit. The staff observed demonstrated good knowledge and had a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities related to each stage of medicine management. All staff who administer medicines are competent to perform the function they manage.  Medications are supplied to the facility in a pre-packaged format from a contracted pharmacy. The nurse manager checks medications against the prescription. All medication sighted were within current use by dates. Clinical pharmacist input is provided six monthly and on request.  The records of temperatures for the medicine fridge is reviewed within the recommended range.  Good prescribing practices noted include the prescriber`s signature and date recorded on the commencement and discontinuation of medicines and all requirements for pro re nata (PRN) medicines are met. The required three monthly GP reviews are consistently recorded on the medicine records reviewed.  There were no residents who were self-administering medications at the time of audit. Appropriate processes are in place to ensure this is managed in a safe manner.  There is an implemented process for comprehensive analysis of any medication errors. |
| 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 food service is provided on site by an experienced cook, and is in line with recognised nutritional guidelines for older people. The menu follows summer and winter patterns and daily menus are displayed at reception and in the two dining rooms. The menu plans have been reviewed by a qualified dietitian. The cook and the owner of the facility share the role and are responsible for all aspects of food procurement, production, preparation, storage, transportation, delivery and disposal and ensures all current legislation obligations are effectively met. The owner does not cook and prepare meals. The service is working towards the required food safety plan.  Food temperatures, including for high risk items, are monitored appropriately and recorded as part of the plan. The cook and care staff have completed safe food handling training. A nutritional assessment is undertaken for each individual resident on admission to the facility and a dietary profile developed. The personal food preferences, any special diets and modified texture requirements are made know to the kitchen staff and accommodated in the daily meal plan. Special equipment, to meet resident`s nutritional needs is available.  Evidence of resident satisfaction with meals was verified by resident and family interviews, satisfaction surveys and resident meeting minutes. Residents were seen to be given sufficient time to eat their meal in an unhurried fashion and those requiring assistance had this provided by the staff in the dining room. |
| Standard 1.3.6: Service Delivery/Interventions  Consumers receive adequate and appropriate services in order to meet their assessed needs and desired outcomes. | FA | Documentation, observations and interviews verified the provision of care provided to residents was consistent with their needs, goals and the plan of care. The attention to meeting a range of resident`s individualised needs was evident. The general practitioner interviewed verified that he is contacted in a timely manner as required, that medical orders are followed, and care is provided. Care staff confirmed that care was provided as outlined in the documentation. A range of equipment and resources was available, suited to the level of care provided and in accordance with the residents` needs. |
| 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 | The activities programme is provided by care staff. The care staff implement the programme Monday to Friday.  A full social assessment and history is undertaken on admission to ascertain residents` needs, interests, abilities and social requirements. Activities assessments are regularly reviewed to help formulate an activities programme that is meaningful to the residents. The resident`s activity needs are evaluated six monthly as part of the formal six monthly care plan review.  Activities reflect residents` goals, ordinary patterns of life and include normal community activities, individual, group activities and regular events are offered. The programme is displayed on the noticeboard in the dining room. Photo boards evidence social activities and all birthdays are celebrated. A walking chain was observed in the morning in and outside the rest home. Music was played most of the day and provided a homely atmosphere throughout the home.  The feedback from staff and families about the programme was positive. Residents and families/whanau are involved in evaluating and improving the programme through resident`s meetings and satisfaction surveys. Residents` interviewed enjoyed the programme and sessions provided. A bus trip is arranged on a regular basis with a contracted company and many residents enjoy this outing into the community. Residents interviewed enjoyed the programme and resident/family participation was encouraged by staff. |
| Standard 1.3.8: Evaluation  Consumers' service delivery plans are evaluated in a comprehensive and timely manner. | FA | Resident care is evaluated on each shift and is reported in the progress records. If any change is noted, it is reported to the registered nurse.  Formal care evaluations, occur every six months in conjunction with the six monthly interRAI reassessments, or as residents` needs change. Where progress is different from expected, the service responds by initiating changes to the care plan of care. InterRAI assessments are currently fully completed for all residents. Examples of short term care plans being reviewed and progress evaluated as clinically indicated were noted for infections, wounds and residents being monitored for weight loss. When necessary, and for unresolved problems, long term care plans are updated. Residents and families interviewed provided examples of involvement in evaluation of progress and resulting changes. |
| Standard 1.4.2: Facility Specifications  Consumers are provided with an appropriate, accessible physical environment and facilities that are fit for their purpose. | FA | A current building warrant of fitness (expiry date 22 March 2018) is publicly displayed in the entrance to the facility. |
| 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 | Surveillance is appropriate to that recommended for long term care facilities and includes infections of the urinary tract, soft tissue, fungal, eye, gastro-intestinal, the upper and lower respiratory tract and skin conditions like scabies. The infection prevention and control coordinator (the nurse manager) reviews all reported infections, and these are documented. New infections and any required management plan are discussed at handover, to ensure early intervention occurs.  Monthly surveillance data is collated and analysed to identify any trends, possible causative factors and required actions. Results of the surveillance programme are shared with staff via staff meetings and at staff handovers. Graphs are produced that identify trends for the current year, and comparisons against previous years and this is reported to the quality meeting. The annual review for infection prevention and control is completed January 2017. The infection prevention and control surveillance system is adequate for the size and nature of this service. Education is provided to all staff at orientation and is ongoing. The surveillance programme is linked to the quality and risk management programme. |
| Standard 2.1.1: Restraint minimisation  Services demonstrate that the use of restraint is actively minimised. | FA | Policies and procedures meet the required needs of the restraint minimisation and safe practice standards and provide guidance for staff on the safe use of both restraints and enablers. The nurse manager is the restraint coordinator. The coordinator provides support and oversight for enabler and restraint management in the facility and demonstrated an understanding of the organisation`s policies, procedures and practice and her role and responsibilities. On the day of audit, no residents were using restraints or enablers. Staff interviewed reported education was provided and they understood the restraint/enabler process. |

# 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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# 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

If, instead of a table, these is a message “no data to display” then no continuous improvements were recorded as part of this of this audit.

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