# Heritage Lifecare Limited - Maygrove Lifecare

## 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 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:** Heritage Lifecare Limited

**Premises audited:** Maygrove Lifecare

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

**Dates of audit:** Start date: 31 January 2018 End date: 1 February 2018

**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:** 38

# 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

Maygrove Lifecare provides rest home level care for up to 44 residents. The service is operated by Heritage Lifecare Limited and managed by a facility manager. Residents and families spoke positively about the care provided.

This certification 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 records, observations and interviews with residents, family members, management, staff and a general practitioner.

No areas have been identified as requiring 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. |

The Health and Disability Commissioner`s Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers` Rights (the Code) is made available to residents. Opportunities to discuss the Code, consent and availability of advocacy services is provided at the time of admission and thereafter as required.

Services are provided that respect the choices, personal privacy, independence, individual needs and dignity of residents and staff were noted to be interacting with residents in a respectful manner.

No residents identified as Maori at the time of audit. Cultural values and beliefs are respected. Care is guided by a Maori Health Plan and related policies.

There was no evidence of abuse, neglect or discrimination and staff understood and implemented related policies if required. Professional boundaries are maintained.

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

The service has strong linkages with a range of specialist health care providers, which contributes to ensuring services are provided to residents of an appropriate standard.

A complaints register is maintained with 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, goals, values and mission statement of the organisation. Monitoring of the services 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 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 and mitigated. 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 is not accessible to unauthorised people. Up to date, legible, integrated and relevant residents` records are maintained. Archived residents’ records can be retrieved if required

## 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. |

The organisation works closely with the local Needs Assessment and Service Co-ordination Service, to ensure access to the facility is appropriate and efficiently managed. When a vacancy occurs, sufficient and relevant information is provided to potential residents/family to facilitate the admission.

Residents` needs are assessed by the registered nurse on admission within the required timeframes. The service is managed by the facility manager Monday to Friday who is supported by an experienced registered nurse. Care staff cover twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. On call arrangements for support from senior staff are in place. Shift handovers and communication sheets guide continuity of care.

Lifestyle care plans are individualised, based on an integrated range of clinical information. Short term care plans are developed to manage any new problems that may arise. All residents’ records reviewed demonstrated that identified needs, goals and outcomes are reviewed on a regular basis. Residents and families interviewed reported being kept well informed and involved in care planning and evaluation, and that care is of a high standard. Residents are referred or transferred to other health services as required, with appropriate information provided.

The activity programme is provided by an activities coordinator. A variety of individual and group activities are planned and links with the community are promoted for residents. A facility van is available for outings.

Medicines are managed according to policies and procedures based on current good practice and consistently implemented using an electronic system. Medications are administered by the registered nurse or senior care staff, all of whom have been assessed as competent to do so.

The food service meets the nutritional needs of the residents with any special needs catered for. A food safety plan and policies guide food service delivery, supported by staff with food safety qualifications. The kitchen was well organised, clean and meets food safety standards. 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 facility meets the needs of residents and was clean and well maintained. There is a current building warrant of fitness. Electrical equipment is tested as required. Communal and individual spaces are maintained at a comfortable temperature. External areas are accessible, safe and provide shade and seating.

Waste and hazardous substances are well managed. Staff use protective equipment and clothing. Chemicals, soiled linen and equipment are safely stored. Laundry is undertaken onsite and evaluated for effectiveness.

Staff are trained in emergency procedures, use of emergency equipment and supplies and attend regular fire drills. Fire evacuation procedures are regularly practised. Residents reported a timely staff response to call bells. Security is maintained.

## 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. Eight enablers were in use at the time of audit. There were no restraints in use. A comprehensive assessment, approval and monitoring process with regular reviews is described within policy. Use of enablers is voluntary for the safety of residents in response to individual requests. Staff demonstrated a sound knowledge and understanding of the 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 an experienced and appropriately trained infection control nurse, aims to prevent and manage infections. The infection control nurse reports any infections to the facility manager monthly. Specialist infection prevention and control advice is accessed from the district health board, microbiologist and the general practitioner as required. The programme is reviewed annually.

Staff demonstrated good principles and practice around infection control, which is guided by relevant policies and supported with regular education.

Aged care specific infection surveillance is undertaken, analysed, trended and benchmarked and results are reported through all levels 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 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Criteria** | 0 | 93 | 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 1.1.1: Consumer Rights During Service Delivery  Consumers receive services in accordance with consumer rights legislation. | FA | Heritage Lifecare Limited (HLL) has provided Maygrove Lifecare with policies, procedures and processes to meet its obligations in relation to the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers` Rights (the Code). Staff interviewed understood the requirements of the Code and were observed demonstrating respectful communication, encouraging independence, providing options and maintaining dignity and privacy. Training on the Code is included as part of the orientation process for all staff employed and in ongoing training, as was verified in the training records. |
| 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 registered nurse and care staff interviewed understand the principles and practice of informed consent. Informed consent policies provide relevant guidance to staff. Residents’ records showed that informed consent has been gained appropriately using the organisation`s standard informed consent form including consent to be photographed for medical records and recreational activities, indemnity/outings, infection screening if required, release of or the exchange of medical information between the GP, other health professionals and Maygrove Lifecare, permission to undergo various medical tests from time to time as documented.  Advance directives/advance care planning, establishing and documenting enduring power of attorney (EPOA) requirements and processes for residents unable to consent is defined and documented where relevant in the resident`s record. Staff demonstrated their understanding by being able to explain when this may occur.  Staff were observed to gain consent for day to day care on an ongoing basis. |
| Standard 1.1.11: Advocacy And Support  Service providers recognise and facilitate the right of consumers to advocacy/support persons of their choice. | FA | During the admission process, residents are given a copy of the Code, which also includes information on the Advocacy Service. Pamphlets related to the Advocacy Service were also in the resident information pack reviewed. Family members and residents spoken to were aware of the Advocacy Service, how to access this and their right to have support persons.  Staff are aware of how to access the Advocacy Service. |
| 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 assisted to maximise their potential to maintain their independence and to maintain links with their family and the community by attending a variety of organised outings, visits, shopping trips, activities and entertainment.  The facility has unrestricted visiting hours and encourages visits from residents` family and friends. Family members interviewed stated they felt welcome when they visited and comfortable in their dealings with staff. |
| Standard 1.1.13: Complaints Management  The right of the consumer to make a complaint is understood, respected, and upheld. | FA | The complaints and concerns 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.  The complaints register reviewed showed that two complaints have been received over the past year and that actions taken, through to an agreed resolution, are documented and completed within the timeframes. Action plans show any required follow up and improvements have been made where possible. The facility manager is responsible for complaints management and follow up. High risk complaints are managed by the National Quality Manager. 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 1.1.2: Consumer Rights During Service Delivery  Consumers are informed of their rights. | FA | Residents interviewed report being made aware of the Code and the Nationwide Health and Disability Advocacy Service (Advocacy Service) through the admission process information provided, discussion with staff and by talking to other residents. The Code is displayed in several areas together with information on advocacy services, how to make a complaint and feedback forms. |
| 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 | Residents and families confirmed that they receive services in a manner that has regard for their dignity, privacy, sexuality, spirituality and choices.  Staff interviewed understood the need to maintain privacy and were observed doing so throughout the audit (eg, when attending personal cares, ensuring resident information is held securely and privately and exchanging verbal information). Resident independence is promoted as much as possible by encouraging community activities. Each lifestyle care plan included documentation related to the resident`s abilities and strategies to maximise independence.  Records reviewed confirmed that each resident`s individual cultural, religious and social needs, values and beliefs had been identified, documented and incorporated into their lifestyle care plan.  There is a policy on abuse and neglect and staff interviewed are fully informed on how to report any suspected abuse and neglect. Education on abuse and neglect is part of the orientation programme for staff and then is provided on an annual basis, as confirmed in staff and training records. The general practitioner interviewed was also aware of obligations should the need arise. |
| 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 | Staff reported there were no residents in the service who identify as Maori. The principles of the Treaty of Waitangi are incorporated into day to day practice, as is the importance of whanau to Maori residents. There is an organisation Maori health plan developed with input from cultural advisors. Current access to resources includes, the contact details of local cultural advisers and the Waitemata DHB advisory service. Guidance on tikanga best practice is available and is supported by staff who identify as Maori in the facility. One senior caregiver identifies as Maori. Cultural needs of any residents are identified and documented in the lifestyle care plan. |
| 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 | Residents verified that they were consulted on their individual culture, values and beliefs and that staff respect these. Resident`s personal preferences, required interventions and special needs were all included in all lifestyle care plans reviewed. A resident satisfaction questionnaire includes evaluation of how well residents` cultural needs are met and this supported that individual needs are being met. Nationalities represented in the resident group are African and Dutch residents currently. |
| Standard 1.1.7: Discrimination  Consumers are free from any discrimination, coercion, harassment, sexual, financial, or other exploitation. | FA | Residents and family members interviewed stated that residents were free from any type of discrimination, harassment or exploitation and felt safe. A general practitioner interviewed also expressed satisfaction with the standard of service provided to residents.  The induction/orientation process for staff includes education related to professional boundaries and expected behaviours. The one registered nurse employed currently in the service had a record of completion of the required training on professional boundaries. Staff are provided with a Code of Conduct in both the staff orientation package and their individual employment contact reviewed. Ongoing education is also provided on an annual basis, which was confirmed in staff training records. Staff are guided by policies and procedures and, when interviewed, demonstrated a clear understanding of what would constitute inappropriate behaviour and the processes they would follow should they suspect this was occurring. |
| Standard 1.1.8: Good Practice  Consumers receive services of an appropriate standard. | FA | The service encourages and promotes good practice through referencing evidence based policies, input form external specialist services and allied health professionals, for example the gerontology nurse specialist (interviewed), wound care specialist, a dietitian, health services for older persons, and education of staff. The general practitioner confirmed the service sought prompt and appropriate medical intervention when required and were responsive to medical requests.  Staff reported they receive management support for external education and the registered nurse can access her own professional networks, such as infection control on line, to support contemporary good practice. |
| 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 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. There was also evidence of resident/family input into the care planning process. Staff understood the principles of open disclosure, which is supported by policies and procedures that meet the requirements of the Code.  Interpreter services are able to be accessed via the nationwide 24 hour interpreter services and through the Waitemata District Health Board (WDHB) when required. Currently all residents are able to speak English. The service has a monthly newsletter which is provided to residents and families. |
| 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, which are reviewed annually, outline the purpose, values, scope, direction and goals of the organisation. The documents described annual and longer-term objectives and the associated operational plans. A sample of weekly and monthly operations reports to the operations manager showed adequate information to monitor performance is reported including occupancy, general comments on movements, health and safety and compliance issues, interRAI compliance, incidents and accidents.  The service is managed by a facility manager who holds relevant qualifications and has been working in the sector for over 20 years and in this role for nine months. Responsibilities and accountabilities are defined in a job description and individual employment agreement. The facility manager confirmed knowledge of the sector, regulatory and reporting requirements and maintains currency through interaction with other health provider agencies and the organisation’s training programme.  The service holds contracts with the DHB, for rest home and respite care; 38 residents were receiving services under the rest home contract at the time of audit. |
| 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 | When the facility manager is absent, the RN carries out all the required duties under delegated authority. During absences of key clinical staff, the clinical management is overseen by another RN who is experienced in the sector and able to take responsibility for any clinical issues that may arise. Staff reported the current arrangements work well. |
| 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, a regular patient satisfaction survey, monitoring of outcomes, clinical incidents including infections, pressure injuries, skin tears, falls, unintended weight loss and behavioural issues.  Meeting minutes reviewed confirmed regular review and analysis of quality indicators and that related information is reported and discussed at the staff meeting, health and safety meetings and discipline specific meetings. Staff reported their involvement in quality and risk management activities through audit activities, and meeting attendance. Relevant corrective actions are developed and implemented to address any shortfalls. Resident and family satisfaction surveys are completed annually. The most recent survey in April 2017 showed residents are mostly satisfied with the facility and where opportunities for improvement were identified these have been addressed and reported through the residents’ meetings minutes.  Policies reviewed cover all necessary aspects of the service and contractual requirements, including reference to the interRAI Long Term Care Facility (LTCF) assessment tool and process. Policies are based on best practice and were current. The organisation’s document control system ensures a systematic and regular review process, referencing of relevant sources, approval, distribution and removal of obsolete documents.  The facility manager described the processes for the identification, monitoring, review and reporting of risks and development of mitigation strategies. The requirements with the Health and Safety at Work Act (2015) are understood by the organisation and the facility manager is responsible for implementing these. |
| 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 an accident/incident 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 to the National Quality Manager who reports to the executive team and the Board.  The facility manager described essential notification reporting requirements, including for pressure injuries. They advised there have been three notifications of significant events made to the Ministry of Health since May 2016. |
| 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 annual practising certificates (APCs), where required. A sample of 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 them well for their role. Staff records reviewed show documentation of completed orientation and a performance review after a three-month period.  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. A staff member is the internal assessor for the programme. There are sufficient trained and competent registered nurses within the organisation, who are maintaining their annual competency requirements to undertake interRAI assessments. The facility is being supported by the organisation in this regard during the employment transition between RNs. 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. The facility adjusts staffing levels to meet the changing needs of residents. An afterhours 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 members 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 1.2.9: Consumer Information Management Systems  Consumer information is uniquely identifiable, accurately recorded, current, confidential, and accessible when required. | FA | The resident`s name, date of birth, and National Health Index (NHI) number are used on labels as the unique identifier on all residents` information sighted. All necessary demographic, personal, clinical and health information was fully completed in the residents` records sampled for review. Clinical medical and nursing progress notes were current. Records were legible with the name and designation of the person making the entry identifiable.  Archived records are held securely on site and are readily retrievable. Resident`s records are held for the required period before being destroyed. No personal or private resident information was on public display during the audit. |
| 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 | Residents enter the service when their required level of care has been assessed and confirmed by the local Needs Assessment and Service Coordination (NASC) Service. Prospective residents and/or families are encouraged to visit the facility prior to admission and meet with the administrator, registered nurse or the facility manager. They are also provided with written information about the service and the admission process. The service operates a waiting list for entry. The organisation seeks updates information form NASC and/or the GP for residents accessing respite care.  Family members interviewed stated they were satisfied with the admission process and the information that had been made available to them on admission. Records reviewed contained completed demographic detail, assessments and signed admission agreements in accordance with contractual requirements. |
| Standard 1.3.10: Transition, Exit, Discharge, Or Transfer  Consumers experience a planned and coordinated transition, exit, discharge, or transfer from services. | FA | Exit, discharge or transfer is managed in a planned and co-ordinated manner, with an escort/family used as appropriate. The service uses the DHB `yellow envelope` system to facilitate transfer for residents to and from acute care services. There is open communication between all services, the resident and the family. At the time of transition between services, appropriate information, including the medication records, copy of the EPOA, advance directives or resuscitation status forms is provided for the ongoing management of the resident. All referrals are documented on the progress records. The resident and family are kept updated throughout the transfer process. |
| 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 and legislative requirements. All medication checks are completed appropriately and in a timely manner.  A safe system for medicine management using an electronic system was observed on the day of audit. The staff member 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. Processes are available for ordering medication that is not pre-packaged. These medications are checked by the registered nurse against the prescription. All medications sighted were within current use by dates. Clinical pharmacist input is provided on request.  The records of temperatures for the medicine fridge and the medication storage were within normal range.  The required three monthly GP review was consistently recorded electronically on the medication record. The prescriber and registration number were recorded. All requirements for pro re nata (PRN) medicines were met. There were no residents self-administering medications at the time of the audit. Appropriate processes are in place to ensure this is managed in a safe manner, should this be required.  Medication errors are reported to the registered nurse and recorded on an accident/incident form. The resident and/or the designated representative are advised. There is a process for analysis of any medication errors, and compliance with this was verified. There are no standing orders in place. |
| 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 a cook and kitchen hands and is in line with recognised nutritional guidelines for older people. The menu follows summer and winter patterns and has been reviewed by a qualified dietitian within the last two years. Any recommendations made at that time have been implemented. The food safety plan authorisation was displayed in the kitchen as well as the qualification and courses completed by the cook and kitchen personal.  All aspects of food procurement, production, preparation, storage, transportation, delivery and disposal comply with current legislation and guidelines. The service operates with an approved food safety plan (displayed in the kitchen). Food temperatures, including high risk items, are monitored appropriately and recorded as part of the plan. The food services manager has undertaken a safe food handling qualification, with kitchen assistants completing relevant food handling training. Certificates were framed and on display also in the kitchen.  A nutritional assessment is undertaken for each resident on admission to the facility and a dietary profile developed. The personal food preferences, any special diets and modified texture requirements are made known to 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 meals. There is sufficient staff on duty in the dining room to ensure appropriate assistance is available to residents if required. |
| 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 | If a referral is received but the prospective resident does not meet the entry criteria or there is currently no vacancy, the local NASC is advised to ensure the prospective resident and family are supported to find an appropriate care alternative. If the needs of a resident change and they are no longer suitable for the services offered, a referral for reassessment to the NASC is made and a new placement found, in consultation with the resident and whanau/family. Examples of this were discussed with the registered nurse and facility manager. There is a clause in the access agreement related to when a resident`s placement can be terminated. |
| Standard 1.3.4: Assessment  Consumers' needs, support requirements, and preferences are gathered and recorded in a timely manner. | FA | Information is documented using validated nursing assessment tools, such as pain scale, falls risk, skin integrity, nutritional screening and other tools, as a means to identify any deficits and to inform care planning. The sample of lifestyle plans reviewed had an integrated range of resident related information. All residents have current interRAI assessments completed. The registered nurse responsible for completing the interRAI assessments has recently resigned and another registered nurse employed is awaiting confirmation of some legislative documents to be reviewed. |
| Standard 1.3.5: Planning  Consumers' service delivery plans are consumer focused, integrated, and promote continuity of service delivery. | FA | Lifestyle care plans reviewed reflected the support needs of residents and the outcomes of the assessment process and other relevant clinical information. Lifestyle care plans evidenced service integration with progress notes, activities records, medical and allied health professional`s notations clearly written, informative and relevant. Any change in care required is documented and verbally passed on to relevant staff. Residents and families reported participation in the development and ongoing evaluation of the lifestyle care plans. |
| 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 identified needs, goals and the plan of care. The attention to meeting a range of resident`s individualised needs was evident. The GP interviewed, verified that medical input is sought in a timely manner, that medical orders are followed, and care is provided to a high standard. Care staff confirmed that care was provided as outlined in the documentation reviewed. A range of equipment and resources was available, suited to the rest home 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 an activities coordinator who has been in the role since April 2017. A social assessment and history is undertaken on admission to ascertain residents` needs, interests, abilities and social requirements. Activities assessments are regularly reviewed six monthly or earlier 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 lifestyle care plan review.  The planned monthly programme sighted matches the skills, likes, dislikes and interests identified in assessment data. Activities reflect residents` goals, ordinary patterns of life and include normal community activities. Individual, group activities and regular events are offered. Examples include bingo, target bowls, exercise to music, kiwi Quiz, van outings, visiting and participating with other aged care facilities with group activities.  The activities programme is discussed at the minuted residents` meetings and indicated residents` input is sought and responded to. Resident and family satisfaction surveys demonstrated satisfaction with the programme and that information is used to improve the range of activities offered. Residents interviewed confirmed they find the programme stimulating. A monthly newsletter is collated of all activities/events and photographs, along with an editor`s note. All residents and family members receive a copy. |
| 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 reported in the progress notes. If any change is noted, it is reported to the registered nurse.  Formal lifestyle care plan evaluations, occur every six months in conjunction with the six monthly interRAI reassessments or as a resident`s needs change. Evaluations are documented by the RN. Where progress is different from expected, the service responds by initiating changes to the plan of care. Examples of short term care plans were consistently reviewed for any changes and progress evaluated as clinically indicated on a daily basis and according to the degree of risk noted during the assessment process. Other plans, such as wound management plans were evaluated each time the dressing was changed. Residents and families interviewed provided examples of involvement in evaluation of progress and any resulting changes. |
| 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 | Residents are supported to access or seek referral to other health and/or disability service providers. Although the service has a resident contracted doctor/medical practice, residents may choose to use another medical practitioner. If the need for other non-urgent services are indicated or requested, the GP sends a referral to seek specialist advice/input. Copies of referrals were sighted in resident`s records, including to eye specialists, skin specialist and outpatient services at WDHB. |
| 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 | Staff follow documented processes for the management of waste and infectious and hazardous substances. Appropriate signage is displayed where necessary. An external company is contracted to supply and manage all chemicals and cleaning products and they also provide relevant training for staff. Material safety data sheets were available where chemicals are stored and staff interviewed knew what to do should any chemical spill/event occur.  There is provision and availability of protective clothing and equipment and staff were observed using this. |
| 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 10 June 2018) is publicly displayed.  Appropriate systems are in place to ensure the residents’ physical environment and facilities are fit for their purpose and maintained. The testing and tagging of electrical equipment and calibration of bio medical equipment is current as confirmed in documentation reviewed, interviews with maintenance personnel and observation of the environment. Efforts are made to ensure the environment is hazard free, that residents are safe and independence is promoted.  External areas are safely maintained and are appropriate to the resident groups and setting.  Residents confirmed they know the processes they should follow if any repairs or maintenance is required, any requests are appropriately actioned and that they are happy with the environment. |
| 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 | There are adequate numbers of accessible bathroom and toilet facilities throughout the facility. This includes an ensuite for every room and shared shower facilities. Appropriately secured and approved handrails are provided in the toilet/shower areas, and other equipment/accessories are available to promote residents’ independence. |
| 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 | Adequate personal space is provided to allow residents and staff to move around within their bedrooms safely. All bedrooms provide single accommodation. Rooms are personalised with furnishings, photos and other personal items displayed.  There is room to store mobility aids, wheel chairs and mobility scooters. Staff and residents reported the adequacy of bedrooms. |
| 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 | Communal areas are available for residents to engage in activities. The dining and lounge areas are spacious and enable easy access for residents and staff. Residents can access their own rooms for privacy, if required. Furniture is appropriate to the setting and residents’ needs. |
| 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 | Laundry is undertaken on site in a dedicated laundry by staff and by family members, if requested. Care staff and dedicated laundry staff demonstrated a sound knowledge of the laundry processes, dirty/clean flow and handling of soiled linen. Residents interviewed reported the laundry is managed well and their clothes are returned in a timely manner.  There is a small designated cleaning team who have received appropriate training. Chemicals were stored inside in a lockable cupboard and outside in a lockable shed and were in appropriately labelled containers.  Cleaning and laundry processes are monitored through, the internal audit programme, monthly external contractor checking and residents’ satisfaction surveys. |
| Standard 1.4.7: Essential, Emergency, And Security Systems  Consumers receive an appropriate and timely response during emergency and security situations. | FA | Policies and guidelines for emergency planning, preparation and response are displayed and known to staff. Disaster and civil defence planning guides direct the facility in their preparation for disasters and described the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire or other emergency. The current fire evacuation plan was approved by the New Zealand Fire Service. The facility has sprinklers throughout and fire doors which close automatically if the fire alarm is activated. The orientation programme includes fire and security training. The training programme includes annual training on security and health and safety and, six monthly fire safety and emergency management training. Staff confirmed their awareness of the emergency procedures.  Adequate supplies for use in the event of a civil defence emergency, including food, water, blankets, mobile phones and gas BBQ’s were sighted and meet the requirements for the 38 residents. A non-potable water storage tank is located in the garden and other water is stored around the complex including emergency drinking water for each resident, and there is a generator on site. Emergency lighting is regularly tested.  Call bells alert staff to residents requiring assistance. Call system audits are completed on a regular basis and residents and families reported staff respond promptly to call bells.  Appropriate security arrangements are in place. Doors and windows are locked and alarmed at a predetermined time and staff know to contact emergency services at night if they have security concerns. |
| 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 | All residents’ rooms and communal areas are heated and ventilated appropriately. Rooms have natural light, opening external windows and those on the ground floor have doors that open onto outside garden or small patio areas. Heating is provided by wall heaters in residents’ rooms and in the communal areas. Areas were warm and well ventilated throughout the audit and residents and families confirmed the facilities are maintained at a comfortable temperature. |
| 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 | The service provides a managed environment that minimises the risk of infection to residents, staff and visitors by the implementation of an appropriate infection prevention and control (IPC) programme. Infection control management is guided by a current infection control manual, developed at organisational level, with input from infection prevention and control advisors. The organisation is also a member of an infection prevention and control advisory service that provides reference material on infection control and updates resources annually. The infection control programme and manual are reviewed annually.  The registered nurse interviewed is the designated infection control nurse (ICN) whose role and responsibilities are defined in a job description. The ICN is supported by a caregiver interested in infection prevention and control. The caregiver has responsibilities for checking the first aid kits used in the van and the kitchen and for checking the pandemic box regularly. Infection control is reported at the staff/quality meeting held monthly.  The infection control manual provides guidance for staff about how long they must stay away from work if they have been unwell. Staff interviewed understood these related responsibilities. |
| 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 | The infection control nurse has appropriate skills, knowledge and qualifications for the role, and has been in this role for over ten years and has attended relevant study days, as verified in training records sighted. Expert advice is available from the microbiologist from the community laboratory and/or the GP or WDHB infection prevention and control team as needed. The ICN has access to residents` records and diagnostic results to ensure timely treatment and resolution of any infections.  The ICN confirmed the availability of resources to support the programme and any outbreak of an infection. |
| 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 | The infection prevention and control policies reflected the requirements of the infection prevention and control standard and current accepted good practice. Policies were last reviewed in 2017 and included appropriate referencing. Care delivery, cleaning, laundry and kitchen staff were observed following organisational policies such as appropriate use of hand-sanitisers, good handwashing technique and use of disposable personal protective resources, such as hats, aprons and gloves as appropriate for this rest home care setting. Handwashing and sanitiser dispensers are readily accessible around the facility. Staff interviewed verified knowledge of infection control policies and practices. |
| Standard 3.4: Education  The organisation provides relevant education on infection control to all service providers, support staff, and consumers. | FA | Priorities for staff education are outlined in the infection control programme annual plan and the education plan reviewed. Interviews, observation and documentation verified staff have received education in infection prevention and control at orientation and ongoing education sessions. Education is provided by the infection control nurse. Content of the training is documented and evaluated to ensure it is relevant, current and understood. A record of attendance is maintained. There have been no infection outbreaks since the last audit. Education for residents is usually on a one to one basis. No residents were in isolation or being barrier nursed at the time of audit. |
| 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, with infection definitions reflecting a focus on symptoms rather than laboratory results. These include urinary tract, soft tissues, fungal, eye, gastro-intestinal, the upper and lower respiratory tract and skin infections. When an infection is identified, a record is documented on the clinical record provided. The ICN reviews all reported infections and these are reported monthly to the facility manager and onto the organisation`s support office. 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. The surveillance programme audited was appropriate to the size and complexity of this rest home service. |
| Standard 2.1.1: Restraint minimisation  Services demonstrate that the use of restraint is actively minimised. | FA | Policies and procedures meet the requirements of the restraint minimisation and safe practice standards and provide guidance on the safe use of both restraints and enablers, although restraints are not used. The restraint coordinator provides support and oversight for enabler management and promoting the no restraint use in the facility and demonstrated a sound understanding of the organisation’s policies, procedures and practice and her role and responsibilities.  On the day of audit, no residents were using restraints and eight residents were using a small device described as enablers, which were not restrictive and were used voluntarily at their request. A similar process is followed for the use of enablers as would be used for restraints.  Restraint is not used. This was evident on review of the meeting minutes, files reviewed, and from interviews with staff and residents. |

# 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

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