# Heritage Lifecare (BPA) Limited - Telford Rest Home & Hospital

## Introduction

This report records the results of a Certification Audit of a provider of aged residential care services against the Ngā Paerewa Health and Disability Services Standard (NZS8134:2021).

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 0.4 of the Ngā Paerewa Health and Disability Services Standard (NZS8134:2021).

You can view a full copy of the standard 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 (BPA) Limited

**Premises audited:** Telford Rest 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: 23 January 2023 End date: 24 January 2023

**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:** 46

# 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 sections contained within the Ngā Paerewa Health and Disability Services Standard:

* ō tatou motika **│** our rights
* hunga mahi me te hanganga │ workforce and structure
* ngā huarahi ki te oranga │ pathways to wellbeing
* te aro ki te tangata me te taiao haumaru │ person-centred and safe environment
* te kaupare pokenga me te kaitiakitanga patu huakita │ infection prevention and antimicrobial stewardship
* here taratahi │ restraint and seclusion.

As well as auditors’ written summary, indicators are included that highlight the provider’s attainment against the subsection in each of the sections. 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 subsections applicable to this service fully attained with some subsections exceeded |
|  | No short falls | Subsections 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 subsections applicable to this service partially attained and of low risk |
|  | A number of shortfalls that require specific action to address | Some subsections 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 subsections applicable to this service unattained and of moderate or high risk |

## General overview of the audit

Telford Lifecare and Village is certified to provide rest home and hospital services for up to 53 residents. The service is owned and operated by Heritage Lifecare Limited.

This certification audit process was conducted against the Ngā Paerewa Health and Disability Services Standard and the contracts with Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand Taranaki. It included review of policies and procedures, review of residents’ and staff files, observations, and interviews with residents and whānau, governance representatives, staff, and a nurse practitioner. The facility is managed by an experienced manager supported by an experienced clinical services manager who has clinical oversight of the facility. Residents and family/whānau were complementary about the care provided.

Strengths of the service, resulting in a continuous improvement rating relate to the management of advanced care planning. No areas requiring improvement were identified during the audit

## Ō tatou motika │ Our rights

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| Includes 10 subsections that support an outcome where people receive safe services of an appropriate standard that comply with consumer rights legislation. Services are provided in a manner that is respectful of people’s rights, facilitates informed choice, minimises harm,  and upholds cultural and individual values and beliefs. |  | Subsections applicable to this service fully attained. |

Telford Lifecare and Village provides an environment that supports residents’ rights and culturally safe care. Staff demonstrated an understanding of residents' rights and obligations. There is a health plan that encapsulates care specifically directed at Māori, Pacific peoples, and other ethnicities. Telford Lifecare and Village works collaboratively with internal and external Māori and Pasifika supports to encourage a Māori/Pasifika world view of health in service delivery. Māori are provided with equitable and effective services based on Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the principles of mana motuhake and this was confirmed by Māori staff interviewed. Pacific peoples are provided with services that recognise their worldviews and are culturally safe.

Residents of Telford Lifecare and Village receive services in a manner that respects their dignity, privacy, and independence. The service provides services and support to people in a way that is inclusive and respects their identity and their experiences. Care plans accommodate the choices of residents and/or their family/whānau. There is evidence that residents and family are kept well informed. Residents and their family/whānau are informed of their rights according to the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights (the Code) and these are upheld. Residents are safe from abuse.

Residents and family/whānau receive information in an easy-to-understand format and feel listened to and included when making decisions about care and treatment. Open communication is practised. Interpreter services are provided as needed. Family/whānau and legal representatives are involved in decision making that complies with the law. Advance directives are followed wherever possible.

Complaints are resolved promptly and effectively in collaboration with all parties involved.

## Hunga mahi me te hanganga │ Workforce and structure

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| Includes 5 subsections that support an outcome where people receive quality services through effective governance and a supported workforce. |  | Subsections applicable to this service fully attained. |

The governing body assumes accountability for delivering a high-quality service. This includes supporting meaningful inclusion of Māori in governance groups, honouring Te Tiriti and reducing barriers to improve outcomes for Māori and people with disabilities.

Planning ensures the purpose, values, direction, scope, and goals for the organisation are defined. Performance is monitored and reviewed at planned intervals.

The quality and risk management systems are focused on improving service delivery and care. Residents and families provide regular feedback and staff are involved in quality activities. An integrated approach includes collection and analysis of quality improvement data, identifying trends that leads to improvements. Actual and potential risks are identified and mitigated.

Adverse events are documented with corrective actions implemented. The service complies with statutory and regulatory reporting obligations.

Staffing levels and skill mix meet the cultural and clinical needs of residents. Staff are appointed, orientated, and managed using current good practice. A systematic approach to identify and deliver ongoing learning supports safe and equitable service delivery.

Residents’ information is accurately recorded, securely stored and not accessible to unauthorised people.

## Ngā huarahi ki te oranga │ Pathways to wellbeing

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| Includes 8 subsections that support an outcome where people participate in the development of their pathway to wellbeing, and receive timely assessment, followed by services that are planned, coordinated, and delivered in a manner that is tailored to their needs. |  | Subsections applicable to this service fully attained. |

When residents enter Telford Lifecare and Village a person-centred and family/whānau-centred approach is adopted. Relevant information is provided to the potential resident and their family/whānau.

The service works in partnership with the residents and their family/whānau to assess, plan and evaluate care. Care plans are individualised, based on comprehensive information, and accommodate any new problems that might arise. Files reviewed demonstrated that care meets the needs of residents and their family/whānau and is evaluated on a regular and timely basis.

Residents are supported to maintain and develop their interests and participate in meaningful community and social activities suitable to their age and stage of life.

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 cultural needs catered for. Food is safely managed.

Residents are transitioned or transferred to other health services as required.

## Te aro ki te tangata me te taiao haumaru │ Person-centred and safe environment

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| Includes 2 subsections that support an outcome where Health and disability services are provided in a safe environment appropriate to the age and needs of the people receiving services that facilitates independence and meets the needs of people with disabilities. |  | Subsections 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 and biomedical equipment have been checked and assessed as required. External areas are accessible, safe and provide shade and seating, and meet the needs of people with disabilities.

Staff are trained in emergency procedures, use of emergency equipment and supplies and attend regular fire drills. Staff, residents and family/whānau understood emergency and security arrangements. Security is maintained.

## Te kaupare pokenga me te kaitiakitanga patu huakita │Infection prevention and antimicrobial stewardship

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| Includes 5 subsections that support an outcome where Health and disability service providers’ infection prevention (IP) and antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) strategies define a clear vision and purpose, with quality of care, welfare, and safety at the centre. The IP and AMS programmes are up to date and informed by evidence and are an expression of a strategy that seeks to maximise quality of care and minimise infection risk and adverse effects from antibiotic use, such as antimicrobial resistance. |  | Subsections applicable to this service fully attained. |

The governing body of Telford Lifecare and Village ensures the safety of residents and staff through a planned infection prevention (IP) and antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) programme that is appropriate to the size and complexity of the service. It is adequately resourced. An experienced and trained infection control coordinator leads the programme and is involved in procurement processes.

A suite of infection prevention and control and antimicrobial stewardship policies and procedures are in place. The directors of Heritage Lifecare and the facility-based senior care team have approved the infection control and pandemic plan. Staff demonstrated good principles and practice around infection control. Staff, residents and family/whānau were familiar with the pandemic/infectious diseases response plan.

Aged care specific infection surveillance is undertaken with follow-up action taken as required.

The environment supports prevention and transmission of infections. Waste and hazardous substances are well managed. There are safe and effective cleaning and laundry services.

## Here taratahi │ Restraint and seclusion

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| Includes 4 subsections that support outcomes where Services shall aim for a restraint and seclusion free environment, in which people’s dignity and mana are maintained. |  | Subsections applicable to this service fully attained. |

The service is a restraint free environment. This is supported by the governing body and policies and procedures. There were no residents using restraint at the time of audit. A comprehensive assessment, approval, monitoring process, with regular reviews is in place should restraint use be required in the future.

Staff interviewed demonstrated a sound knowledge and understanding of providing least restrictive practice, de-escalation techniques, alternative interventions to restraint, and restraint monitoring.

## Summary of attainment

The following table summarises the number of subsections 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)** |
| **Subsection** | 0 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Criteria** | 1 | 167 | 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)** |
| **Subsection** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Criteria** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

# Attainment against the Ngā Paerewa Health and Disability Services Standard

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

There may be subsections in this audit report with an attainment rating of ‘not applicable’ which relate to new requirements in Ngā Paerewa that the provider is working towards. The provider will be expected to meet these requirements at their next audit.

For more information on the standard, 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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| **Subsection with desired outcome** | **Attainment Rating** | **Audit Evidence** |
| Subsection 1.1: Pae ora healthy futures  Te Tiriti: Māori flourish and thrive in an environment that enables good health and wellbeing. As service providers: We work collaboratively to embrace, support, and encourage a Māori worldview of health and provide high-quality, equitable, and effective services for Māori framed by Te Tiriti o Waitangi. | FA | Heritage Lifecare Limited (HLL) has a Māori Health Plan which guides care delivery for Māori using te whare tapa whā model, and by ensuring mana motuhake is respected. The plan has been developed with input from cultural advisers and can be used for residents who identify as Māori.  Heritage Lifecare Limited has introduced a Head of Cultural Partnerships (HCP) who is part of the executive team and identifies as Māori/Pasifika. The function of the HCP is to assist with the implementation of Ngā Paerewa and inform the HLL models of care and service delivery.  This is allied to a nationwide HLL Māori Network Komiti, which consists of a group to group of Māori employees. The Komiti is in the formative stage with a mandate to further assist the organisation in relation to its Te Tiriti obligations. The Māori Network Komiti has a kaupapa Māori structure and involves people from the clinical leadership group, clinical service managers, site managers, registered nurses, and other care workers. The group provides information through the clinical governance structure to the board. The HCP is also assisting site managers in the facilities to connect to their local Māori/Pasifika/tāngata whaikaha communities. The service can access support through Te Whatu Ora Taranaki, through a local holistic health provider Tui Ora, the Pāhaki programme that provides support and guidance for the aged, and local iwi’s Te Atiawa, Ngati Mutunga, and Ngati Tama.  The staff recruitment policy reviewed in July 2021 is clear that recruitment will be non-discriminatory, and that cultural fit is one aspect of appointing staff. The service supports increasing Māori capacity by employing more Māori staff members across differing levels of the organisation and this is outlined in its strategic plan, and in policy documentation. Ethnicity data is gathered when staff are employed, and this data is analysed at a management level. Staff who identified as Māori are employed at all levels of the organisation, including in leadership and training roles. Training on Te Tiriti is part of the HLL training programme. The training is geared to assist staff to understand the key elements of service provision for Māori, Pasifika, and tāngata whaikaha, including self-determination (mana motuhake) and providing equity in care services. There were residents who identify as Māori in the facility during the audit. |
| Subsection 1.2: Ola manuia of Pacific peoples in Aotearoa  The people: Pacific peoples in Aotearoa are entitled to live and enjoy good health and wellbeing. Te Tiriti: Pacific peoples acknowledge the mana whenua of Aotearoa as tuakana and commit to supporting them to achieve tino rangatiratanga. As service providers: We provide comprehensive and equitable health and disability services underpinned by Pacific worldviews and developed in collaboration with Pacific peoples for improved health outcomes. | FA | The HLL response to Pasifika works on the same principles as Māori. A Pacific Health Plan is in place which utilises the fonofale model of care documenting care requirements for Pacific peoples to ensure culturally appropriate services. The plan has been developed with input from cultural advisers. Telford Lifecare and Village (Telford) has access to local Pasifika communities through staff employed by the service and through the Taranaki Vaimoana Pasifika community.  Heritage Lifecare Limited understand the equity issues faced by Pacific peoples and are able to access guidance from people within the organisation around appropriate care and service for Pasifika. Two members of the executive team identify as Pasifika. They can assist the Board to meet their Ngā Paerewa obligations to Pacific peoples. There are Pasifika staff employed at Telford but there were no Pasifika residents in the facility during the audit. |
| Subsection 1.3: My rights during service delivery  The People: My rights have meaningful effect through the actions and behaviours of others. Te Tiriti:Service providers recognise Māori mana motuhake (self-determination). As service providers: We provide services and support to people in a way that upholds their rights and complies with legal requirements. | FA | Staff interviewed at Telford understood the requirements of the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights (the Code) and were seen supporting residents of Telford in accordance with their wishes.  Residents and family/whānau interviewed reported being made aware of the Code and the Nationwide Health and Disability Advocacy Service (Advocacy Service) and were provided with opportunities to discuss and clarify their rights. The Code is on display and accessible in English, te reo Māori, and New Zealand sign language (NZSL). Brochures on the Nationwide advocacy service are available in English and te reo Māori. Staff knew how to access the Code in other languages should this be required. There is a resident’s independent advocate at Telford, who has meetings with the residents quarterly. An interview with the advocate verifies residents are happy. Any concerns addressed by residents are promptly attended to by management and reported back to the advocate. Concerns are generally around misunderstandings that can be addressed during discussion. The advocate is aware of the Nationwide advocacy services that are available to residents.  Telford has access to interpreter services and cultural advisors/advocates if required; they have also established relationships with Te Atiawa, Ngati Mutunga and Ngati Tama, three of the local iwi. Relationships have also been established with Tui Ora, the local Holistic Māori Health care provider and the Māori equity social work league at Te Whatu Ora Taranaki. Tui Ora runs a Pāhake programme for the over 55 years and a youth programme for younger people. Senior staff in the facility who identify as Māori or Pasifika are the facilities cultural advisors; they assist through all levels of the facilities operation to enable equitable service delivery for Māori and Pasifika. Telford recognises mana motuhake. |
| Subsection 1.4: I am treated with respect  The People: I can be who I am when I am treated with dignity and respect. Te Tiriti: Service providers commit to Māori mana motuhake. As service providers: We provide services and support to people in a way that is inclusive and respects their identity and their experiences. | FA | Telford supports residents in a way that is inclusive and respects their identity and experiences. Residents and family/whānau, including people with disabilities, confirmed that they receive services in a manner that has regard for their dignity, gender, privacy, sexual orientation, spirituality, choices, and independence.  Care staff understood what Te Tiriti o Waitangi means to their practice with te reo Māori and tikanga Māori being promoted. All staff working at Telford are educated in Te Tiriti o Waitangi and cultural safety. Staff are enabled with opportunities to speak and learn te reo Māori, with the assistance of the CSM and staff and residents who identify as Māori. Brochures are on display that inform everyone of applications (Apps) that are available to assist with learning te reo Māori. Documentation in the care plans of residents who identify as Māori, is in English and te reo Māori. Residents are assisted to have an advance care plan in place and staff were aware of how to act on residents’ advance directives to maximise independence. Residents also verified that they are supported to do what is important to them, and this was observed during the audit.  Staff were observed to maintain privacy throughout the audit. All residents have a private room. Telford responds to tāngata whaikaha needs and enables their participation in te ao Māori. Training on the aging process, diversity and inclusion includes training on support for people with disabilities. |
| Subsection 1.5: I am protected from abuse  The People: I feel safe and protected from abuse. Te Tiriti: Service providers provide culturally and clinically safe services for Māori, so they feel safe and are protected from abuse. As service providers: We ensure the people using our services are safe and protected from abuse. | FA | Employment practices at Telford include reference checking and police vetting. Policies and procedures outline safeguards in place to protect people from discrimination; coercion; harassment; physical, sexual, or other exploitation; abuse; or neglect. Workers follow a code of conduct. Staff understood the service’s policy on abuse and neglect, including what to do should there be any signs of such practice. Residents reported that their property is respected. Professional boundaries are maintained. A holistic model of health is promoted at Telford. The model encompasses an individualised approach that ensures best outcomes for all. There is a cultural diversity of staff employed. The organisation is committed to providing an environment where it is safe to ask questions about how institutional and/or systemic racism act in the facility. |
| Subsection 1.6: Effective communication occurs  The people: I feel listened to and that what I say is valued, and I feel that all information exchanged contributes to enhancing my wellbeing. Te Tiriti: Services are easy to access and navigate and give clear and relevant health messages to Māori. As service providers: We listen and respect the voices of the people who use our services and effectively communicate with them about their choices. | FA | Residents and family/whānau at Telford reported that communication was open and effective, and that they felt listened to. Information was provided in an easy-to-understand format, in English and te reo Māori. Te reo Māori was incorporated in day-to-day greetings, documentation, and signage throughout the facility.  Changes to residents’ health status were communicated to residents and their family/whānau in a timely manner. Incident reports evidenced family/whānau are informed of any events/incidents. Documentation supports family/whānau or enduring power of attorney (EPOA) contact has occurred.  Staff knew how to access interpreter services, if required. |
| Subsection 1.7: I am informed and able to make choices  The people: I know I will be asked for my views. My choices will be respected when making decisions about my wellbeing. If my choices cannot be upheld, I will be provided with information that supports me to understand why. Te Tiriti: High-quality services are provided that are easy to access and navigate. Providers give clear and relevant messages so that individuals and whānau can effectively manage their own health, keep well, and live well. As service providers: We provide people using our services or their legal representatives with the information necessary to make informed decisions in accordance with their rights and their ability to exercise independence, choice, and control. | FA | Residents at Telford and/or their legal representative are provided with the information necessary to make informed decisions. They felt empowered to actively participate in decision making. Nursing and care staff interviewed understood the principles and practice of informed consent.  Advance care planning and establishing enduring power of attorney requirements, and processes for residents unable to consent are documented, as relevant, in the resident’s record. An initiative implemented to empower residents and actively support them in decision making around advanced care planning is an area identified as one of continuous improvement.  Staff who identify as Māori assist other staff to support cultural practice. Evidence was sighted of supported decision making, being fully informed, the opportunity to choose, and cultural support when a resident had a choice of treatment options available to them. |
| Subsection 1.8: I have the right to complain  The people: I feel it is easy to make a complaint. When I complain I am taken seriously and receive a timely response. Te Tiriti: Māori and whānau are at the centre of the health and disability system, as active partners in improving the system and their care and support. As service providers: We have a fair, transparent, and equitable system in place to easily receive and resolve or escalate complaints in a manner that leads to quality improvement. | FA | A fair, transparent, and equitable system is in place to receive and resolve complaints that leads to improvements. This meets the requirements of the Code. The care home and village manager (CHVM) at Telford advised there is a process in place to manage complaints from Māori by the use of hui and/or te reo Māori as applicable. Residents and family/whānau interviewed reported that they understood their right to make a complaint and knew how to do so.  There have been two complaints received by the service in the last 12 months; one related to care services and this has been addressed, an apology was tendered, and the complaint has been resolved. The other was in relation to access to assisted dying under the End of Life Choice Act 2019, later resulting in a complaint to the Health and Disability Commissioner (HDC). The service has supplied the documentation requested by the HDC and is currently awaiting any further response.  There is also an open Coroner’s enquiry related to a choking incident in 2020. The service has supplied the documentation requested by the coroner and is currently awaiting any further response.  There have been no other complaints received by the service from other external sources since the previous audit. |
| Subsection 2.1: Governance  The people: I trust the people governing the service to have the knowledge, integrity, and ability to empower the communities they serve. Te Tiriti: Honouring Te Tiriti, Māori participate in governance in partnership, experiencing meaningful inclusion on all governance bodies and having substantive input into organisational operational policies. As service providers: Our governance body is accountable for delivering a highquality service that is responsive, inclusive, and sensitive to the cultural diversity of communities we serve. | FA | The governing body assumes accountability for delivering a high-quality service through supporting meaningful inclusion of Māori and Pasifika in governance groups, honouring Te Tiriti and being focused on improving outcomes for Māori, Pasifika, and tāngata whaikaha. HLL have a legal team who monitor changes to legislative and clinical requirements and have access to domestic and international legal advice. Directors and the executive team of HLL have undertaken the e-learning education on Te Tiriti, health equity, and cultural safety provided by the Ministry of Health (MoH).  Information garnered from these sources translates into policy and procedure. Equity for Māori, Pasifika and tāngata whaikaha is addressed through the policy documentation and enabled through choice and control over supports and the removal of barriers that prevent access to information (e.g., information in other languages for the Code of Rights, information in respect of infection prevention and control). Heritage Lifecare Limited utilise the skills of staff and senior managers and support them in making sure barriers to equitable service delivery are surmounted.  Heritage Lifecare Limited has a strategic plan in place which outlines the organisation’s structure, purpose, values, scope, direction, performance, and goals. Ethnicity data is being collected to support equity; a process is in place to utilise the data when enough data has been collected to support meaningful change. Telford has its own business plan in place for its particular services.  Governance and the senior leadership team commits to quality and risk via policy, processes and through feedback mechanisms. This includes receiving regular information from each of its care facilities. The HLL reporting structure relies on information from its strategic plan to inform facility-based business plans. Internal data collection (e.g., adverse events, complaints) are aggregated and corrective action (at facility and organisation level as applicable) actioned. Feedback is to the clinical governance group and to the board. Changes are made to business and/or the strategic plans as required.  Job/role descriptions are in place for all positions, including senior positions. These specify the requirements for the position and key performance indicators (KPIs) to assess performance. Heritage Lifecare Limited uses interview panels for senior managers. Recruiting and retaining people is a focus for HLL. They look for the ‘right people in the right place’ and aim to keep them in place for a longer period to promote stability. They also plan to use feedback from cultural advisers, including the Māori Network Komiti, to inform workforce planning, sensitive and appropriate collection and use of ethnicity data, and how it can support its ethnically diverse staff. The CHVM and CSM confirmed knowledge of the sector, regulatory and reporting requirements, and both maintain currency within the field.  Heritage Lifecare Limited support people to participate locally through resident meetings, and through satisfaction surveys. Alongside residents’ meetings there is a resident meeting chaired by the facility’s independent advocate. The meetings are held quarterly and allow residents access to independent advocacy for any concerns they may be having. There is also a staff satisfaction survey for a wider view of how residents and staff are being supported. Results of the meetings and satisfaction surveys are used to improve services but are generally positive.  The service holds contracts with Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand Taranaki for aged related residential care (ARRC) services at rest home and hospital level, long-term support-chronic health conditions (LTS-CHC), short-term care (respite), young person disabled (YPD), day care, and with the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC).  Forty-six (46) residents were receiving services at the time of audit. During the audit 24 residents were receiving rest home care, 17 hospital level care, one under the YPD contract, one (hospital level under the LTS-CHC contract, and three through ACC. No residents were receiving care under the day care or respite contract. |
| Subsection 2.2: Quality and risk  The people: I trust there are systems in place that keep me safe, are responsive, and are focused on improving my experience and outcomes of care. Te Tiriti: Service providers allocate appropriate resources to specifically address continuous quality improvement with a focus on achieving Māori health equity. As service providers: We have effective and organisation-wide governance systems in place relating to continuous quality improvement that take a risk-based approach, and these systems meet the needs of people using the services and our health care and support workers. | FA | The organisation has a planned quality and risk system that reflects the principles of continuous quality improvement. This includes the management of incidents/accidents/hazards (including the monitoring of clinical incidents such as falls, pressure injuries, infections, wounds, and medication errors), complaints, audit activities, and policies and procedures. Relevant corrective actions are developed and implemented to address any shortfalls. Progress against quality outcomes is evaluated. Quality data is communicated and discussed, and this was confirmed by staff at interview. Documentation on quality tends was sighted in the staff room area. Policies reviewed covered all necessary aspects of the service and contractual requirements and were current.  The CHVM and CSM understood the processes for the identification, documentation, monitoring, review, and reporting of risks, including health and safety risks, and development of mitigation strategies. Policies reviewed covered all necessary aspects of the service and contractual requirements and were current. A Māori health plan guides care for Māori. Staff have received substantial education/training in relation to care of Māori, Pasifika and tāngata whaikaha.  Residents and staff contribute to quality improvement through the ability to give feedback at meetings and in surveys. Residents have meetings facilitated by an independent advocate quarterly. Residents’ satisfaction surveys showed a high level of satisfaction with the services provided, residents and family/whānau interviewed also reported a very high level of satisfaction.  Staff document adverse and near miss events in line with the National Adverse Event Reporting Policy. A sample of incidents forms reviewed showed these were fully completed, incidents were investigated, action plans developed and any corrective actions followed-up in a timely manner.  The CHVM and CSM understood and have complied with essential notification reporting requirements. There have been 29 section 31 notifications completed in 2022-2023, three of the notifications related to a diversional therapist (DT) shortage; the facility was advised by the MoH that such notifications were not required, six related to registered nurse shortage, two to the changes of the facility manager and clinical manager, the remainder to resident events/care. |
| Subsection 2.3: Service management  The people: Skilled, caring health care and support workers listen to me, provide personalised care, and treat me as a whole person. Te Tiriti: The delivery of high-quality health care that is culturally responsive to the needs and aspirations of Māori is achieved through the use of health equity and quality improvement tools. As service providers: We ensure our day-to-day operation is managed to deliver effective person-centred and whānau-centred services. | FA | There is a documented and implemented process for determining staffing levels and skill mixes to provide culturally and clinically safe care, 24 hours a day, seven days a week (24/7). The service is managed by a CHVM supported by a CSM, both of whom are experienced in the care of the aged. The CHVM has worked at the facility for five months and the CSM for three months. Both the CHVM and the CSM work Monday to Friday and on-call. There are RNs on duty 24 hours per day/seven days per week (24/7) and there is a first aid certified staff member on duty 24/7.  The facility adjusts staffing levels to meet the changing needs of residents. Care staff reported there were adequate staff to complete the work allocated to them. Residents and whānau interviewed supported this.  Position descriptions reflected the role of the position and expected behaviours and values. Descriptions of roles cover responsibilities and additional functions, such as holding a restraint or infection prevention and control (IPC) portfolio.  Continuing education is planned on an annual basis and includes mandatory training requirements, including Te Tiriti o Waitangi, tikanga practices, access to equitable services, and care of Māori, Pasifika and tāngata whaikaha. Related competencies are assessed and support equitable service delivery. Care staff have access to a New Zealand Qualification Authority education programme to meet the requirements of the provider’s agreements with the Te Whatu Ora Taranaki.  Staff wellbeing policies and processes are in place and staff reported feeling well supported and safe in the workplace. Staff also have access to a confidential employee assistance programme should they require that assistance. |
| Subsection 2.4: Health care and support workers  The people: People providing my support have knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes that align with my needs. A diverse mix of people in adequate numbers meet my needs. Te Tiriti: Service providers actively recruit and retain a Māori health workforce and invest in building and maintaining their capacity and capability to deliver health care that meets the needs of Māori. As service providers: We have sufficient health care and support workers who are skilled and qualified to provide clinically and culturally safe, respectful, quality care and services. | FA | Human resources management policies and processes are based on good employment practice and relevant legislation and include recruitment, selection, orientation and staff training and development. There are job descriptions in place for all positions that includes outcomes, accountability, responsibilities, authority, and functions to be achieved in each position.  A sample of seven staff records were reviewed (the CSM, two RNs, two caregivers, one cleaner, and one administration worker). Records evidenced implementation of the recruitment process, employment contracts, reference checking, police vetting, COVID-19 vaccination status, and completed induction and orientation. Staff performance is reviewed and discussed at regular intervals; this was confirmed through documentation sighted and interviews with staff.  Qualifications are validated prior to employment and a register of annual practising certificates (APCs) is maintained for RNs, and associated health professionals (six general practitioners (GPs), the nurse practitioner (NP), 11 pharmacists, a physiotherapist, podiatrist, and a dietitian).  Ethnicity data is recorded and used in line with health information standards. Staff information is secure and accessible only to those who are authorised to use it.  Debrief for staff is outlined in policy and staff interviewed confirmed the opportunity for debrief and support is available to them. |
| Subsection 2.5: Information  The people: Service providers manage my information sensitively and in accordance with my wishes. Te Tiriti: Service providers collect, store, and use quality ethnicity data in order to achieve Māori health equity. As service provider: We ensure the collection, storage, and use of personal and health information of people using our services is accurate, sufficient, secure, accessible, and confidential. | FA | The service maintains quality records that comply with relevant legislation, health information standards and professional guidelines. Most information is held electronically, and password protected. Any paper-based records are held securely and available only to authorised users.  All necessary demographic, personal, clinical and health information was fully completed in the residents’ files sampled for review. Clinical notes were current, integrated, legible, and met current documentation standards.  Residents’ files are integrated electronic and hard copy files. Residents’ files are held securely for the required period. No personal or private resident information was on public display during the audit.  Consents are sighted for data collection. Data collected includes ethnicity data.  Telford is not responsible for National Health Index registration of people receiving services. |
| Subsection 3.1: Entry and declining entry  The people: Service providers clearly communicate access, timeframes, and costs of accessing services, so that I can choose the most appropriate service provider to meet my needs. Te Tiriti: Service providers work proactively to eliminate inequities between Māori and non-Māori by ensuring fair access to quality care. As service providers: When people enter our service, we adopt a person-centred and whānau-centred approach to their care. We focus on their needs and goals and encourage input from whānau. Where we are unable to meet these needs, adequate information about the reasons for this decision is documented and communicated to the person and whānau. | FA | Residents are welcomed into Telford when they have been assessed and confirmed by the local Needs Assessment and Service Coordination (NASC) Service as requiring the level of care Telford provides, and when they have chosen Telford to provide their services. Family/whānau members interviewed stated they were satisfied with the admission process and the information that had been made available to them on admission, including for residents who identify as Māori. Files reviewed met contractual requirements. Telford collects ethnicity data on entry and decline rates. This included specific data for entry and decline rates for Māori.  Where a prospective resident is declined entry, there are processes for communicating the decision to the person and their family/whānau.  Telford has developed meaningful partnerships with local Māori to benefit Māori individuals and their whānau. When admitted, residents have a choice over who will oversee their medical requirements. Whilst most choose the main medical provider to Telford, several residents request another provider to manage their medical needs, and this is respected. |
| Subsection 3.2: My pathway to wellbeing  The people: I work together with my service providers so they know what matters to me, and we can decide what best supports my wellbeing. Te Tiriti: Service providers work in partnership with Māori and whānau, and support their aspirations, mana motuhake, and whānau rangatiratanga. As service providers: We work in partnership with people and whānau to support wellbeing. | FA | The multidisciplinary team at Telford works in partnership with the resident and their family/whānau to support the resident’s wellbeing.  Nine residents’ files were reviewed. These files included residents who identify as Māori, who were receiving respite care under an ACC contract, receiving care under the LTS-CHC contract, had a pressure injury, or who had several co-morbidities.  Files reviewed verified a care plan is developed by an RN following a comprehensive assessment, including consideration of the person’s lived experience, cultural needs, values, and beliefs, and wider service integration, where required. Assessments are based on a range of clinical assessments and includes resident and family/whānau input (as applicable). Timeframes for the initial assessment, general practitioner (GP)/nurse practitioner (NP) assessment, initial care plan, long-term care plan, short term care plans and review/evaluation timeframes meet contractual requirements. Policies and processes are in place to ensure tāngata whaikaha and whānau participate in Telford’s service development, deliver services that give choice and control, and remove barriers that prevent access to information. This was verified by reviewing documentation, sampling residents’ records, from interviews, including with the GP/NP and from observations.  Risks identified in the assessment process are comprehensive and explicit in the care plans sighted at Telford. Management of any specific medical conditions were well documented with evidence of systematic monitoring and regular evaluation of responses to planned care. Where progress is different to that expected, changes are made to the care plan in collaboration with the resident and/or their family/whānau. Residents and family/whānau confirmed active involvement in the process, including residents with a disability. |
| Subsection 3.3: Individualised activities  The people: I participate in what matters to me in a way that I like. Te Tiriti: Service providers support Māori community initiatives and activities that promote whānaungatanga. As service providers: We support the people using our services to maintain and develop their interests and participate in meaningful community and social activities, planned and unplanned, which are suitable for their age and stage and are satisfying to them. | FA | The activities coordinator at Telford provides an activities programme that supports residents to maintain and develop their interests and was suitable for their ages and stages of life.  Activity assessments and plans identified individual interests and considered the person’s identity. Individual and group activities reflected residents’ goals and interest, ordinary patterns of life and included normal community activities. Activities offered include games, bingo, gardening, bowls, cooking and painting. Opportunities for Māori and whānau to participate in te ao Māori are facilitated. Matariki and Waitangi Day was celebrated at Telford. This included making Poi, sampling food, songs and learning te reo Māori. Karakia is performed at meetings and celebratory occasions. A range of Māori words is sighted in signage throughout the facility. Tui Ora, the local holistic health provider offers a range of services, including a Pāhake programme that supports positive aging. Residents of Telford are assisted to access this programme if they choose. Local entertainers visit Telford and include church groups, ‘golden oldies’ group and hearing dogs. Telford interacts with the local school through correspondence, but visits were halted during COVID-19 restrictions and have not yet recommenced. The facility has a local van for outings, which they do weekly.  Residents’ meetings occur quarterly, and these enable residents to express concerns or offer suggestions to improve the services being provided. Meeting minutes and satisfaction surveys evidenced residents and their family/whānau are satisfied with the activities provided at Telford. Advocate meetings occur quarterly and enables residents to meet with the independent advocate. An interview with the advocate identifies the residents have very few concerns, any that they do have are addressed promptly by management.  Residents and family/whānau are involved in evaluating and improving the programme. Those interviewed confirmed they find the programme meets their needs. |
| Subsection 3.4: My medication  The people: I receive my medication and blood products in a safe and timely manner. Te Tiriti: Service providers shall support and advocate for Māori to access appropriate medication and blood products. As service providers: We ensure people receive their medication and blood products in a safe and timely manner that complies with current legislative requirements and safe practice guidelines. | FA | The medication management policy was current and in line with the Medicines Care Guide for Residential Aged Care. A safe system for medicine management using an electronic system was observed on the day of audit. All staff who administer medicines are competent to perform the function they manage.  Medications are supplied to the facility from a contracted pharmacy. Medication reconciliation occurs. All medications sighted were within current use by dates.  Medicines are stored safely, including controlled drugs. The required stock checks have been completed. Medicines stored were within the recommended temperature range. There are no vaccines stored on site.  Prescribing practices meet requirements. The required three-monthly GP/NP review was consistently recorded on the medicine chart. Standing orders are not used at Telford.  Self-administration of medication is facilitated and managed safely. There are no residents self-administering at the time of audit. Residents, including Māori residents and their family/whānau, are supported to understand their medications.  Over-the-counter medication and supplements are considered by the prescriber as part of the person’s medication. |
| Subsection 3.5: Nutrition to support wellbeing  The people: Service providers meet my nutritional needs and consider my food preferences. Te Tiriti: Menu development respects and supports cultural beliefs, values, and protocols around food and access to traditional foods. As service providers: We ensure people’s nutrition and hydration needs are met to promote and maintain their health and wellbeing. | FA | The food service provided at Telford is in line with recognised nutritional guidelines for older people. The menu was reviewed by a qualified dietitian on 11 November 2022. Recommendations made at that time have been implemented.  All aspects of food management comply with current legislation and guidelines. The service operates with an approved food safety plan and registration. A verification audit of the food control plan was undertaken on 11 October 2021. No areas requiring corrective action were identified, the plan was verified for 18 months. The plan is due for reaudit 14 April 2023.  Each resident has a nutritional assessment on admission to the facility. The personal food preferences, any special diets and modified texture requirements are accommodated in the daily meal plan. All residents have opportunities to request meals of their choice and the kitchen will attend to this. During Matariki and Waitangi weeks, the kitchen prepared a ‘boil up’ for those residents who requested it. The cook is happy to prepare any foods requested by the residents, or food brought in by family/whānau for specific resident's needs.  Evidence of residents’ satisfaction with meals was verified by residents and family/whānau interviews, satisfaction surveys and resident and family/whānau meeting minutes. Residents were given sufficient time to eat their meals in an unhurried fashion and those requiring assistance had this provided with dignity. |
| Subsection 3.6: Transition, transfer, and discharge  The people: I work together with my service provider so they know what matters to me, and we can decide what best supports my wellbeing when I leave the service. Te Tiriti: Service providers advocate for Māori to ensure they and whānau receive the necessary support during their transition, transfer, and discharge. As service providers: We ensure the people using our service experience consistency and continuity when leaving our services. We work alongside each person and whānau to provide and coordinate a supported transition of care or support. | FA | Transfer or discharge from the service is planned and managed safely to include current needs and mitigate risk. The plan is developed with coordination between services and in collaboration with the resident and family/whānau. The resident and family/whānau interviewed reported being kept well informed during the recent transfer of their relative. Family/whānau are advised of their options to access other health and disability services, social support, or Kaupapa Māori services if the need is identified. |
| Subsection 4.1: The facility  The people: I feel the environment is designed in a way that is safe and is sensitive to my needs. I am able to enter, exit, and move around the environment freely and safely. Te Tiriti: The environment and setting are designed to be Māori-centred and culturally safe for Māori and whānau. As service providers: Our physical environment is safe, well maintained, tidy, and comfortable and accessible, and the people we deliver services to can move independently and freely throughout. The physical environment optimises people’s sense of belonging, independence, interaction, and function. | FA | Appropriate systems are in place to ensure the residents’ physical environment and facilities (internal and external) are fit for their purpose, well maintained and that they meet legislative requirements. A planned maintenance schedule includes electrical testing and tagging, resident equipment checks, calibrations of weigh scales and clinical equipment. Monthly hot water tests are completed for resident areas, these were sighted and were all within normal limits.  The building has a building warrant of fitness which expires on 20 July 2023. There are currently no plans for further building projects requiring consultation, but Heritage Lifecare directors were aware of the requirement to consult with Māori if this was envisaged.  The environment was comfortable and accessible. Corridors have handrails promoting independence and safe mobility. Personalised equipment was available for residents with disabilities to meet their needs and residents were observed to be safely using these. Spaces are culturally inclusive and suited the needs of the resident groups. Lounge and dining facilities meet the needs of residents, and these are also used for activities. There are adequate numbers of accessible bathroom and toilet facilities throughout the facility, including for staff and visitors. All rooms, bathrooms and common areas have appropriately situated call bells. There are external areas within the facility for leisure activities with appropriate seating and shade.  Residents’ rooms are spacious and allow room for the use of mobility aids and moving and handling equipment in the rooms, all of which are dual purpose (rest home or hospital). Rooms are personalised according to the resident’s preference. All rooms have a window allowing for natural light with safety catches for security. Electric heating is provided in the facility which can be adjusted depending on seasonality and outside temperature.  Residents and family/whānau interviewed were happy with the environment, including heating and ventilation, privacy, and maintenance. Care staff interviewed stated they have adequate equipment to safely deliver care for residents. |
| Subsection 4.2: Security of people and workforce  The people: I trust that if there is an emergency, my service provider will ensure I am safe. Te Tiriti: Service providers provide quality information on emergency and security arrangements to Māori and whānau. As service providers: We deliver care and support in a planned and safe way, including during an emergency or unexpected event. | FA | Disaster and civil defence plans and policies direct the facility in their preparation for disasters and described the procedures to be followed. Staff have been trained and knew what to do in an emergency. All RNs and some other staff have current first aid certification and there is a first aid certified staff member on duty 24/7. Information on emergency and security arrangements is provided to residents and their family/whānau on entry to the service. All staff were noted to be wearing name badges during the audit.  The fire evacuation plan was approved by the New Zealand Fire Service on 30 October 1997 and the requirements of this are reflected in the Fire and Emergency Management Scheme. A fire evacuation drill is held six-monthly, the most recent drill was on 17 January 2023. Adequate supplies for use in the event of a civil defence emergency meet the National Emergency Management Agency recommendations for the region.  Call bells alert staff to residents requiring assistance, residents and family/whānau reported that staff were responsive to call bells. |
| Subsection 5.1: Governance  The people: I trust the service provider shows competent leadership to manage my risk of infection and use antimicrobials appropriately. Te Tiriti: Monitoring of equity for Māori is an important component of IP and AMS programme governance. As service providers: Our governance is accountable for ensuring the IP and AMS needs of our service are being met, and we participate in national and regional IP and AMS programmes and respond to relevant issues of national and regional concern. | FA | The infection prevention (IP) and antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) programmes were appropriate to the size and complexity of the service, had been approved by the governing body, were linked to the quality improvement system, and were being reviewed and reported on yearly. HLL has IP and AMS outlined in its policy documents. This is being supported at governance level through clinically competent specialist personnel who make sure that IP and AMS are being appropriately managed at facility level and to support facilities as required. Clinical specialists can access IP and AMS expertise through Te Whatu Ora Taranaki. Infection prevention and AMS information is discussed at facility level, at clinical governance meetings, and reported to the board at board meetings.  The board collect data on infections and antibiotic use and is now adding ethnicity to its data. Over time the data will add meaningful information to allow HLL to analyse the data at a deeper level to support IP and AMS programmes.  A pandemic/infectious diseases response plan is documented and has been regularly tested. There are sufficient resources and personal protective equipment (PPE) available, and staff have been trained accordingly.  The facility manager and CEO confirmed they are kept well informed, there is prompt reporting of any new concerns, and information is readily available at any time as all infections are noted electronically and included in the infection ‘dashboard’.  The general practitioner provides initial support and advice. The management team advise the portfolio manager and other staff at Te Whatu Ora Taranaki, including the nurse specialists, district nurses, infection prevention and control nurse specialists. Public health advice would be sought where clinically indicated from Te Whatu Ora Taranaki and/or laboratory staff. Recently support was provided to Telford during the COVID-19 outbreak. |
| Subsection 5.2: The infection prevention programme and implementation  The people: I trust my provider is committed to implementing policies, systems, and processes to manage my risk of infection. Te Tiriti: The infection prevention programme is culturally safe. Communication about the programme is easy to access and navigate and messages are clear and relevant. As service providers: We develop and implement an infection prevention programme that is appropriate to the needs, size, and scope of our services. | FA | The infection prevention nurse (IPN) at Telford is responsible for overseeing and implementing the infection prevention (IP) programme with reporting lines to the CSM and the organisation’s infection prevention coordinator at the support office. The IP and AMS programme are linked to the quality improvement programme that is reviewed and reported on annually. The IPN has appropriate skills, knowledge and qualifications for the role and confirmed access to the necessary resources and support. Their advice has been sought when making decisions around procurement relevant to care delivery, facility changes, and policies.  The infection prevention and control policies reflect the requirements of the standard, are provided by the organisations clinical advisory group, and are based on current accepted good practice. Cultural advice at Telford is accessed through the CSM, and staff who identify as Māori. Staff were familiar with policies through education during orientation and ongoing education and were observed following these correctly. Telford’s policies, processes and audits ensures that reusable and shared equipment is appropriately decontaminated using best practice guidelines. Individual use items are not reused. Educational resources are available and accessible in te reo Māori for Māori accessing services.  The pandemic/infectious diseases response plan is documented and has been tested during the COVID-19 outbreaks in January and December 2022, and gastrointestinal outbreak in July 2022. There are sufficient resources and personal protective equipment (PPE) available, as observed and verified by staff interviewed, and staff have been trained accordingly. Residents and their family/whānau are educated about infection prevention in a manner that meets their needs. |
| Subsection 5.3: Antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) programme and implementation  The people: I trust that my service provider is committed to responsible antimicrobial use. Te Tiriti: The antimicrobial stewardship programme is culturally safe and easy to access, and messages are clear and relevant. As service providers: We promote responsible antimicrobials prescribing and implement an AMS programme that is appropriate to the needs, size, and scope of our services. | FA | Telford is committed to reducing the inappropriate use of antibiotics and the responsible use of antimicrobials is promoted. There is an AMS programme in place that has the support of the NP, GP, and pharmacist. The effectiveness of the AMS programme is evaluated by monitoring antimicrobial use and identifying areas for improvement. Antimicrobial use is reported to the board through the clinical pathway. |
| Subsection 5.4: Surveillance of health care-associated infection (HAI)  The people: My health and progress are monitored as part of the surveillance programme. Te Tiriti: Surveillance is culturally safe and monitored by ethnicity. As service providers: We carry out surveillance of HAIs and multi-drug-resistant organisms in accordance with national and regional surveillance programmes, agreed objectives, priorities, and methods specified in the infection prevention programme, and with an equity focus. | FA | Telford undertakes surveillance of infections appropriate to that recommended for long term care facilities and this is in line with priorities defined in the infection control programme. Telford uses standardised surveillance definitions to identify and classify infection events that relate to the type of infection under surveillance.  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. Surveillance data includes ethnicity data. Culturally clear processes are in place to communicate with residents and their family/whānau, and these are documented.  There was an outbreak of COVID-19 at Telford in June 2022 and December 2022. The first outbreak lasted four weeks and affected 21 residents. The second outbreak was confined to the rest home only and lasted seven days. Residents affected were isolated in their ‘pods’ (a group of rooms) and visiting was restricted. The Regional Public Health Unit (RPH) and the Te Whatu Ora Taranaki were informed of the outbreak. |
| Subsection 5.5: Environment  The people: I trust health care and support workers to maintain a hygienic environment. My feedback is sought on cleanliness within the environment. Te Tiriti: Māori are assured that culturally safe and appropriate decisions are made in relation to infection prevention and environment. Communication about the environment is culturally safe and easily accessible. As service providers: We deliver services in a clean, hygienic environment that facilitates the prevention of infection and transmission of antimicrobialresistant organisms. | FA | A clean and hygienic environment supports prevention of infection and transmission of antimicrobial resistant organisms at Telford. Suitable personnel protective equipment is provided to those handling contaminated material, waste, hazardous substances, and those who perform cleaning and laundering roles. Safe and secure storage areas are available, and staff have appropriate and adequate access, as required. Chemicals were labelled and stored safely within these areas, with a closed system in place. Sluice rooms are available for the disposal of soiled water/waste. Hand washing facilities and hand sanitiser gel are available throughout the facility.  Staff follow documented policies and processes for the management of waste and infectious and hazardous substances. Laundry and cleaning processes are monitored for effectiveness. All laundry is laundered on site including resident’s personal clothing. Evidence was sighted of commitment to cultural safety by the separation of items prior to their being laundered. Staff involved have completed relevant training and were observed to carry out duties safely.  Residents and family/whānau reported that the laundry was managed well, and the facility was kept clean and tidy. This was confirmed through observation. |
| Subsection 6.1: A process of restraint  The people: I trust the service provider is committed to improving policies, systems, and processes to ensure I am free from restrictions. Te Tiriti: Service providers work in partnership with Māori to ensure services are mana enhancing and use least restrictive practices. As service providers: We demonstrate the rationale for the use of restraint in the context of aiming for elimination. | FA | Heritage Lifecare Limited is committed to a restraint free environment in all its facilities and Telford is restraint free. Restraint has not been used in the facility since September 2022. There are strategies in place to eliminate restraint, including an investment in equipment to support the removal of restraint (e.g., use of low/low beds). The board clinical governance committee is responsible for the HLL restraint elimination strategy and for monitoring restraint use in the organisation. Documentation confirmed that restraint is discussed at board clinical governance level and presented to the board.  Policies and procedures meet the requirements of the standards. The restraint coordinator (RC) is a defined role undertaken by the CSM who would provide support and oversight should restraint be required in the future. There is a job description that outlines the role, and the RC has had specific education around restraint and its use. Staff have been trained in the least restrictive practice, safe restraint practice, alternative cultural-specific interventions, and de-escalation techniques as part of the 2022 education programme. Restraint protocols are covered in the orientation programme of the facility, is included in the education/training programme (which includes annual restraint competency) and restraint use is identified as part of the quality programme and reported at all levels of the organisation.  The RC in consultation with the Telford multidisciplinary team would be responsible for the approval of the use of restraints should this be required in the future; there are clear lines of accountability. For any decision to use or not use restraint, there is a process to involve the resident, their EPOA and/or family/whānau as part of the decision-making process.  The restraint committee continues to maintain a restraint register, the criteria on the restraint register contained enough information to provide an auditable record of restraint should this be required. The restraint committee undertakes a six-monthly review of all residents who may be at risk and outlines the strategies to be used to prevent restraint being required; this is documented in meeting minutes. Any changes to policies, guidelines, education, and processes are implemented if indicated.  Given there is no restraint being used in the facility, subsections 6.2 and 6.3 have not been audited. |

# Specific results for criterion where corrective actions are required

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

Criterion can be linked to the relevant subsection by looking at the code. For example, Criterion 1.1.1 My service provider shall embed and enact Te Tiriti o Waitangi within all its work, recognising Māori, and supporting Māori in their aspirations, whatever they are (that is, recognising mana motuhake) relates to subsection 1.1: Pae ora healthy futures in Section 1 Our rights.

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

As well as whole subsections, individual criterion within a subsection 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 subsection by looking at the code. For example, Criterion 1.1.1 relates to subsection 1.1: Pae ora healthy futures in Section 1: Our 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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| **Criterion with desired outcome** | **Attainment Rating** | **Audit Evidence** | **Audit Finding** |
| Criterion 1.7.2  I shall be empowered to actively participate in decision making. | CI | In February 2022 it was identified that only three of Telford’s 52 residents had considered and documented how they would like their care needs to be managed in the future. Residents were often transferred to an acute care facility for active treatment, when it was then discovered the resident refused the treatment and had not wanted acute intervention. This resulted in distress for the resident and their family/ whānau. Discussion with the GP and NP resulted in a decision that as part of the residents three monthly reviews, advance care needs would be discussed/reviewed with the resident and/or their family/whānau. Everyone has the option to make their needs known, and an agreed plan guides care and interventions. A review of the initiative 9 January 2023 has found 34% of residents at Telford now have an Advance Care Plan in place. | An initiative implemented in February 2022 to empower residents to actively participate in decision making around their care needs has resulted in an increased number of residents considering and implementing an advance care plan to direct future care needs. |

End of the report.