# The Hillview Trust Incorporated - Hillview Home and 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:** The Hillview Trust Incorporated

**Premises audited:** Hillview Home and Hospital

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

**Dates of audit:** Start date: 24 May 2023 End date: 25 May 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:** 47

# 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 are fully attained with some subsections exceeded |
|  | No short falls | Subsections applicable to this service are 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 are partially attained and of low risk |
|  | A number of shortfalls that require specific action to address | Some subsections applicable to this service are 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 are unattained and of moderate or high risk |

## General overview of the audit

Hillview Home and Hospital provides rest home and hospital level care for up to 52 long term residents and has two dedicated respite beds. On the days of audit there were 46 residents and one respite resident.

Changes reported since the surveillance audit in June 2021 are the appointment of a new general manager (GM) in May 2023, and the addition of two dedicated respite beds. This has increased the total number of beds available to 54. There have been significant building upgrades and improvements.

Food and the bulk of laundry services have also been outsourced.

This certification audit was conducted against Ngā Paerewa Health and Disability Services Standard NZS 8134:2021 and the provider’s aged residential care contract (ARCC) with Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand Waikato (Te Whatu Ora Waikato). The audit process included a review of policies and procedures, review of residents’ and staff files, observations and interviews with family/whānau, managers, staff, and a general practitioner. All interviewees spoke positively about the care provided.

This audit identified one area of non-compliance which is related to the provider’s inability to provide a registered nurse (RN) on site 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This is reflective of a nationwide shortage of RNs.

## 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 are fully attained. |

The service provider works collaboratively to support and encourage a Māori 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.

Pacific peoples are provided with services that recognise their worldviews and are culturally safe.

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. Personal identity, independence, privacy and dignity are respected and supported. 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. |  | Some subsections applicable to this service are partially attained and of low risk. |

The governing body assumes accountability for delivering a high-quality service. This includes supporting meaningful inclusion of Māori in governance groups, honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi 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, identifies trends and 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 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 are fully attained. |

When people enter the service a person-centred and whānau-centred approach is adopted. Relevant information is provided to the potential resident/whānau.

The service works in partnership with the residents and their 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 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 is outsourced and meets the nutritional needs of the residents with special cultural needs catered for. Food is safely managed.

Residents are referred 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 are fully attained. |

The facility meets the needs of residents and was clean and well maintained. There was a current building warrant of fitness. Electrical equipment has been tested 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 whānau understood emergency and security arrangements. Residents reported a timely staff response to call bells. 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 are fully attained. |

The governing body 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.

The infection control coordinator is involved in procurement processes, any facility changes, and processes related to decontamination of any reusable devices.

Staff demonstrated good principles and practice around infection control. Staff, residents and 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 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 are fully attained. |

The service is maintaining a restraint free environment. This is supported by the governing body and policies and procedures. There have been no residents using restraints in the past year. The organisation has established systems and forms for restraint assessment, approval, monitoring and reviews in the event that any restraint is used. Staff demonstrated a sound knowledge and understanding of providing the least restrictive practice, de-escalation techniques and alternative interventions.

## 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 | 26 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Criteria** | 0 | 165 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| **Attainment Rating** | **Unattained Negligible Risk****(UA Negligible)** | **Unattained Low Risk****(UA Low)** | **Unattained Moderate Risk****(UA Moderate)** | **Unattained High Risk****(UA High)** | **Unattained Critical Risk****(UA Critical)** |
| **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 futuresTe 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 | The organisation has embedded a Māori model of health into their care planning process. The principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi are actively acknowledged when providing support to Māori residents. Partnership, protection and participation were evident and confirmed in interview with residents who identified as Māori. The organisation’s Māori Health Plan reflected a commitment to Te Tiriti and providing inclusive person/whanau-centred support. Several staff who work at the facility identify as Māori. An external cultural facilitator/kaumatua from the rohe, meets kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face) and one-to-one with Māori residents. Whānau and residents interviewed were very satisfied with the culturally safe personal care and overall service delivery. The service actively recruits for all levels of staff and does not discriminate based on ethnicity. Māori staff employed are long serving. Māori residents and their whānau reported that their mana is protected and that they are treated with dignity and respect and that they are not afraid to speak up if they feel their world view has not been fully considered. |
| Subsection 1.2: Ola manuia of Pacific peoples in AotearoaThe 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 organisation has knowledge of local Pacific communities and organisations who are available to advise and provide information. The Pacific plan, which was developed with input from pacific communities, supports culturally safe practices for Pacific peoples using the service. There were staff who identified as Pasifika employed at the time of audit. Although there were no Pasifika residents, the processes and resources in place provide sufficient guidance for staff to ensure a resident’s cultural and spiritual needs and beliefs are taken into account. |
| Subsection 1.3: My rights during service deliveryThe 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 | A representative from the Nationwide Health and Disability Advocacy Service (Advocacy Service) visited the residents in May 2023 and provided information about the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights (the Code). There was information (posters/brochures in English and te reo Māori) throughout the facility and evidenced in resident admission information folders. Residents and whānau interviewed reported being made aware of the Code and Advocacy Service and were provided with opportunities to discuss and clarify their rights. Interviews with staff and residents confirmed that mana Motuhake (self-determination) of residents is supported.Staff interviewed understood the requirements of the Code and were observed supporting residents in accordance with their wishes. |
| Subsection 1.4: I am treated with respectThe 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 | The service supports residents in a way that is inclusive and respects their identity and experiences. Residents and whānau, including people with disabilities, confirmed that they receive services in a manner that has regard for their dignity, gender, privacy, sexual orientation, spirituality and choices. Staff were observed to maintain privacy throughout the audit. All residents have a private room. All staff have received training in Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and this is reflected in Te reo Māori and tikanga Māori being promoted within the service through day-to-day karakia (prayer), waiata (song), e kōrero ana i roto i te reo Māori (speaking in Māori between staff, residents, tāngata whaikaha), and bilingual signs on all doors. Residents are frequently visited by local Māori community groups and will often meet with the residents in the community. Residents are also supported by their cultural advisor who is a kaumatua in the community and who also affiliates with the local iwi and marae.  |
| Subsection 1.5: I am protected from abuseThe 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 | Staff understood the service’s policy on abuse and neglect, including what to do should there be any signs. Education on abuse and neglect has been completed by staff. Staff said that they had not experienced any institutional racism. On the day of audit, staff were observed to ask for consent from residents prior to having care provided. Residents and whānau interviewed stated that residents were free from any type of discrimination, harassment or exploitation and felt safe to discuss with staff if they had any concerns. Residents reported that their property and finances were respected and that professional boundaries were maintained. The Māori cultural policy in place identified strengths-based, person-centred care and general healthy wellbeing outcomes for Māori residents admitted to the service. |
| Subsection 1.6: Effective communication occursThe 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 whānau reported that communication was open and effective, and they felt listened to. Information was provided in an easy-to-understand format and information is available in a range of different languages, including Māori. Changes to residents’ health status were communicated to relatives/whānau in a timely manner. Staff knew how to access interpreter services, if required. Staff understood the principles of open disclosure, which were supported by policies and procedures that met the requirements of the Code. |
| Subsection 1.7: I am informed and able to make choicesThe 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 | The service is supported by policies to ensure that residents and/or their legal representatives are provided with the information necessary to make informed decisions which included tikanga practices. Residents interviewed felt empowered to actively participate in decision making. Communication records verified discussions with residents and whānau in regards to decision making. Nursing and care staff interviewed understood the principles and practice of informed consent. Staff were observed to gain consent for daily cares.Advance care planning, establishing, and documenting enduring power of attorney requirements and processes for residents able and/or unable to consent are documented, as relevant and were evidenced residents’ records.  |
| Subsection 1.8: I have the right to complainThe 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 | The complaints 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 said they understood how to raise concerns and would not hesitate to do so. Staff confirmed their understanding of the complaint process and said they always refer complainants to the managers who are responsible for the management of these.The complaints register recorded seven complaints and concerns received from two residents since July 2021. All of these related to food. Interview with the clinical manager (CM) and documents sighted showed that prompt and appropriate actions were being taken. Interview with one of the complainants confirmed they were kept informed throughout the process until resolution was achieved. This interviewee confirmed that the process works equitably for Māori and that changes required as a result of complaints had been implemented. There have been no known complaints submitted to Te Whatu Ora or to the office of the Health and Disability Commissioner (HDC) since the previous audit. |
| Subsection 2.1: GovernanceThe 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 service is operated by Hillview Trust Board Incorporated and managed by a general manager and a clinical manager. A new general manager commenced employment in early May 2023, and the clinical manager has been employed for more than seven years.There have been minimal changes within the governing body/trust board since the previous audit. The six-member board assumes accountability for delivering a high-quality service and is inclusive and sensitive to the cultural needs of Māori. The board chair interviewed said the board had been informed about the new requirements of Ngā Paerewa and their additional obligations. All have knowledge and understanding about Te Tiriti o Waitangi, equity and cultural safety. A cultural facilitator provides guidance and advice on cultural safety and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Senior management and whānau confirmed that services are delivered safely and appropriately for tāngata whaikaha/people with disabilities to facilitate improvement in their health outcomes and achieve equity. There was no evidence of infrastructural, financial, physical or other barriers to equitable service delivery. This was further demonstrated by interviews with staff, residents and their whānau/family, results of satisfaction surveys, and the demographic population of residents.The service holds contracts with Te Whatu Ora Waikato for aged residential care - hospital medical, geriatric, and rest home care. The agreement includes provision for respite/short stay and long term support - chronic health conditions (LTS-CHC) and post-acute care. On the days of audit there was one respite resident and four LTS-CHC residents. All 47 residents were receiving services under the aged residential care agreement. Of these 23 were assessed at rest home level care, and 24 at hospital level care. |
| 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 service provider has a documented and implemented quality and risk management system which is reviewed and kept current by the management team and the external owner of the quality system. The system includes a risk management plan and policies and procedures which clearly describe all potential internal and external risks and corresponding mitigation strategies. Activities to monitor adherence to the business, quality and risk plan, and the service policies and procedures include regular internal audits, staff and resident meetings, provision of staff education and professional development opportunities, and analyses of quality data, such as incidents, infections, restraint use and complaints. All incidents are reviewed and analysed for trends. The well-established falls prevention programme is continuing to minimize and prevent injury from falls. Where a need for improvement is identified, corrective actions are implemented until improvement occurs. Annual resident and relative surveys are conducted which provide valuable feedback used to monitor improvement or decrease in satisfaction with services. The February 2023 survey revealed a need to remind residents about their rights. An information session about consumer rights was provided to residents by the local representative of the nationwide advocacy service as a result.Several quality improvements have been implemented. These include creating two team-lead healthcare assistant (HCA) positions; one for rest home and one for hospital residents. The CM said this ensured all day to day routines and cares were being reliably carried out. Kitchen staff have introduced alternative puree options for morning and afternoon tea snacks. Substantial building upgrades and a facility-wide refurbishment of the interior has occurred. There had also been a review and lessening of HCA workloads.Essential notification reporting is occurring as required. Changes in management and to the board had been notified. One notification related to an unstageable pressure injury and numerous RN shortage notifications have been submitted in the past 12 months. Population Health/Waikato Public Health were notified about positive COVID-19 infections in March and June - July 2022 and a suspected gastroenteritis outbreak in March 2023. There had been no other significant events. All staff have attended mauriora and tikanga courses which encompass provision of quality health services to Māori. A whānau member interviewed attested to significant improvements in their loved one’s health since moving into Hillview. The organisation is establishing equity as an integral component of its quality systems. This includes ensuring all aspects of service delivery are experienced as fair and acceptable to Māori, recording examples of Māori health gain, and using best known practice in cultural assessment and care planning. |
| Subsection 2.3: Service managementThe 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. | PA Low | 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 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. At least one staff member on each duty has a current first aid certificate. The service has been short of RNs for over a year and have been using the virtual RN service provided by Te Whatu Ora Waikato since June 2022. This is consistent with a nationwide shortage of RNs. There are four internationally qualified nurses going through the process to obtain registration with the New Zealand Nursing Council. Two of these are currently on placement and it is anticipated their qualifications will be recognised and their ability to practice as an RN at Hillview will be concluded by the end of June 2023. There is a corrective action in criterion 2.3.1 related to the inability to provide an RN on each shift. A sample of rosters sighted showed that one RN is allocated on each morning and afternoon shift, plus the RN clinical manager is on site Monday to Friday and on call after hours. Seven health care assistants (HCA) are rostered on each morning shift and four in the afternoon, plus two short shift ‘floaters’ who start at either 4.30 pm or 5 pm until 7 pm or 8 pm. Three level four HCAs are allocated for each night shift. All have current first aid certificates. One of these is nominated as the lead HCA and has current medication competencies. The afternoon RN hands over to the virtual RN service each evening. Afternoon staff interviewed were complimentary about the virtual RN service, describing them as responsive and helpful. One diversional therapist and two casual activities staff ensure there is at least one activities person on site seven days a week. A change to the duties required of HCAs has lessened their workload and provides more time for resident cares. The ‘household’ team are now making up beds each morning. Continuing education supports equitable service delivery. This is planned on an annual basis, and all staff attendance is monitored. The 2023 training plan contained education on consumer rights, cultural competency, tikanga best practice and Te Tiriti o Waitangi, infection control, restraint, health and safety including manual handling, plus a range of essential resident care topics. For example, medication and pain management, syringe drivers, palliative/end of life support, skin tear and wound management, diabetes, incontinence and first aid refresher training. All staff have attended specific education on equity and ensuring high quality care for Māori. 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 funder. Of the 27 HCAs, 18 have achieved level four of the national certificate in health and wellness, two are at level three, two are at level two and five more are engaged with level two. Staff records reviewed demonstrated completion of the required training and competency assessments. Staff reported feeling well supported and safe in the workplace. |
| Subsection 2.4: Health care and support workersThe 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. The recruitment process includes referee checks, police vetting, proof of vaccination status and confirmation of qualifications before an offer of employment is made.Staff records sampled confirmed the organisation’s policies are being consistently implemented. There were current position descriptions attached to each staff file outlining the role and responsibilities. Records were kept confirming all regulated staff and contracted providers had proof of current certification with their regulatory bodies. For example, the New Zealand (NZ) Nursing Council, the NZ medical council, pharmacy, physiotherapy and podiatry.Personnel records are accurate and stored in ways that are secure and confidential. Records contain information that meets the requirements of the Health Information Standards Organisation (HISO). Staff ethnicity data is recorded subject to the staff member’s approval. All new staff engage in a comprehensive orientation programme, tailored for their specific role. Formal performance appraisals occur at least annually, and all staff had completed or were scheduled to attend a performance review for 2023.Processes are in place for staff to receive support and be involved in debriefing following significant events that impact them. There had been no such events.  |
| Subsection 2.5: InformationThe 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 | All necessary demographic, personal, clinical and health information was fully completed in the residents’ files sampled for review. Clinical notes were current, integrated and legible and met current documentation standards. Residents’ files are held securely for the required period before being destroyed. No personal or private resident information was on public display during the audit.This service is not responsible for the National Health Index registration of people receiving services. |
| Subsection 3.1: Entry and declining entryThe 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 enter the service when their required level of care has been assessed and confirmed by the local Needs Assessment and Service Coordination (NASC) service. 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. Where a prospective resident is declined entry, there are processes for communicating the decision. The facility has access to Māori cultural support through staff and their cultural facilitator. The facility is acknowledging ethnicity of all residents’ admissions, declines and queries, however, is yet to complete an analysis to show entry and decline rates for Māori. |
| Subsection 3.2: My pathway to wellbeingThe 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 work in partnership with the resident and whānau to support wellbeing. A care plan is developed by suitably qualified staff following a comprehensive assessment, including consideration of the person’s lived experience, cultural needs, values and beliefs, and considers wider service integration, where required. Assessment is based on a range of clinical assessments and includes resident and whānau input (as applicable). Timeframes for the initial assessment, medical assessment, initial care plan, long-term care plan and review timeframes meet contractual requirements. This was verified by sampling residents’ records, from interviews, including with the GP, and from observations. At time of admission, the resident is seen by a physiotherapist and if required a plan of support is provided regarding mobility, transfers and appropriate use of equipment/aides. 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 whānau. Residents and whānau confirmed active involvement in the process, including residents with a disability.  |
| Subsection 3.3: Individualised activitiesThe 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 whanaungatanga.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 residents at Hillview Home and Hospital are supported seven days a week by the activities team, which includes a diversional therapist and four activities assistants, who provide a programme that supports residents to maintain and develop their interests and was suitable for their ages and stages of life.Activity assessments and plans identify individual interests and consider the person’s identity and cultural beliefs. Individual and group activities reflected residents’ goals and interests, ordinary patterns of life, and included normal community activities. Opportunities for Māori and whānau to participate in te ao Māori and tikanga are facilitated and integrated into everyday living.Residents and whānau are involved in evaluating and improving the programme through the satisfaction survey, resident meetings and day-to-day conversations. Those interviewed confirmed they find the programme meets their needs. |
| Subsection 3.4: My medicationThe 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 were stored within the recommended temperature range. Prescribing practices meet requirements. The required three-monthly GP review was consistently recorded on the medicine chart. Standing orders are not used.There were no residents who were self-administering medicines at the time of audit. Appropriate policy and procedures were in place to ensure this is managed in an appropriate manner when required. Residents, including Māori residents and their whānau, are supported to understand their medications. The medication policy describes use of over-the-counter medications and traditional Māori medications. Interview with the clinical manager and GP confirmed that over-the-counter or alternative medications were added to the medication chart by the GP following discussion with the resident and/or their whānau. |
| Subsection 3.5: Nutrition to support wellbeingThe 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 is in line with recognised nutritional guidelines for older people. The menu has been reviewed by a qualified dietitian within the last two years. Recommendations made at that time have been implemented. All food is cooked on site by an external food contracting company. The company operates with an approved safety plan and registration which expires 30 January 2024. An audit of the food control plan on 15 July 2021 (covering an 18-month time period) completed by an external provider identified no issues.All aspects of food management comply with current legislation and guidelines. The service operates with an approved food safety plan and registration. 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. Māori and their whānau have menu options that are culturally specific to te ao Māori. Evidence of resident satisfaction with meals was verified by residents and family interviews, satisfaction surveys and resident 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 with coordination between services and in collaboration with the resident and whānau. The service uses the Te Whatu Ora yellow envelope system to facilitate transfer of residents to and from acute care services. Whānau reported being kept well informed during the transfer of their relative. A sample of progress notes stated underlying reasons for the resident’s transfer and who was notified. |
| Subsection 4.1: The facilityThe 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. There is a current building warrant of fitness with expiry date 01 July 2023. Maintenance staff follow a planned maintenance schedule. Evidence of monthly maintenance and compliance checks of call bells, wheelchairs and hoists, hot water temperature testing, egress, emergency systems, and inspection of internal and external areas was confirmed by interview and completed record keeping. Reactive maintenance is addressed in a timely manner. The testing and tagging of electrical equipment are conducted by staff on site and as required when residents bring in their own electrical devices. Servicing of biomedical equipment occurred on 18 July 2022.The facility has been upgraded since the previous audit. The interior has been refitted with new flooring, wall coverings and some internal reconfiguration of staff and visitor toilets and communal spaces, which did not impact the fire evacuation scheme. The roof of the entire building has been replaced.The environment was comfortable and accessible, promoting independence and safe mobility. Personalised equipment was available for residents with disabilities to meet their needs. Spaces are culturally inclusive and suited the needs of the resident groups. There are adequate numbers of accessible bathroom and toilet facilities throughout the facility. All bedrooms have a hand basin, six have ensuite bathrooms and many have toilets. Twenty-nine bedrooms are approved as dual purpose, and 25 are designated for rest home use. Residents and whānau expressed a high level of satisfaction with the environment, including heating and ventilation, privacy and maintenance. Residents and whānau are consulted and involved in the design of any new buildings. Senior management are aware of the need to consult and invite participation in co-designing environments that reflect the aspirations of Māori. This was considered with the refurbishment of the facility interior. Māori residents interviewed said they felt very comfortable in the home. The Code is on display in English and te reo Māori. Cultural art works and bilingual signs are in place. |
| Subsection 4.2: Security of people and workforceThe 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. The rosters showed there was always a staff member with a current first aid certificate on site. The fire evacuation plan has been approved by the New Zealand Fire Service. Adequate supplies for use in the event of a civil defence emergency meet the National Emergency Management Agency recommendations for the region. This includes sufficient water for all residents and staff for at least three days, battery radios, torches, food supplies and blankets and other items that may be needed. The fire suppression systems are tested regularly. Trial fire evacuations occur at least every six months. The most recent fire drill occurred on 07 December 2022. There is a process in place to ensure there is a trained first aider rostered on at all times.Call bells alert staff to residents requiring assistance. Residents and whānau reported that staff respond promptly to call bells. Appropriate security arrangements are in place. Residents were familiar with emergency and security arrangements. |
| Subsection 5.1: GovernanceThe 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) programme is appropriate to the size and complexity of the service, has been approved by the governing body, is linked to the quality improvement system and the board are kept informed of all infections each month. The programme is reviewed and reported on yearly. Expertise and advice are sought following a defined process. A documented pathway supports reporting of progress, issues and significant events to the governing body. |
| Subsection 5.2: The infection prevention programme and implementationThe 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 and control coordinator (IPCC) is responsible for overseeing and implementing the IP programme with reporting lines to senior management or the governance group. The IPCC has appropriate skills, knowledge and qualifications for the role and confirmed access to the necessary resources and support. Their advice and/or the advice of the committee has been sought when making decisions around procurement relevant to care delivery, design of any new building or facility changes, and policies. There was ample stock of personal protective equipment and outbreak kits sighted throughout the environment. A pandemic/infectious diseases response plan is documented and has been regularly tested. Staff were familiar with policies through education during orientation and ongoing education and were observed to follow these correctly. Infection control audits were completed, and where required, corrective actions were implemented. Medical reusable devices and shared equipment are appropriately decontaminated or disinfected based on recommendation from the manufacturer and best practice guidelines. Single-use medical devices are not reused. The infection prevention and control policies reflected the requirements of the standard and are based on current accepted good practice. Cultural advice is accessed where appropriate. Education resources in te reo Māori were available. Residents and their whānau are educated about infection prevention in a manner that meets their needs. Residents who identify as Māori expressed satisfaction with the information provided. |
| Subsection 5.3: Antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) programme and implementationThe 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 | The AMS programme guides the use of antimicrobials and is appropriate for the size, scope, and complexity of the service. It was developed using evidence-based antimicrobial prescribing guidance and expertise. The AMS programme was approved by the governance body. The policy in place aims to promote optimal management of antimicrobials to maximise the effectiveness of treatment and minimise potential for harm. Responsible use of antimicrobials is promoted with the prescriber having the overall responsibility for prescribing antimicrobials. Monthly records of infections and prescribed antibiotic treatment were maintained. The monthly analysis of data includes antibiotic usage. |
| 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 | Surveillance of health care-associated infections (HAIs) is appropriate to that recommended for long term care facilities and is in line with priorities defined in the infection control programme. 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.Residents and whānau were advised of any infections identified. Where required this was carried out in a culturally safe manner. This was confirmed in progress notes sampled and verified in interviews with residents and whānau. There was one gastroenteritis and two COVID-19 outbreaks reported since the previous audit. All outbreaks were managed effectively with appropriate notification completed. |
| Subsection 5.5: EnvironmentThe 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 anti-microbial resistant organisms. Staff follow documented policies and processes for the management of waste and infectious and hazardous substances. Laundry is outsourced and cleaning processes are monitored for effectiveness. Staff involved have completed relevant training and were observed to carry out duties safely. Chemicals were stored safely.Residents and whānau reported that the laundry is managed well, and the facility is kept clean and tidy. This was confirmed through observations. |
| Subsection 6.1: A process of restraintThe 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 | Maintaining a restraint free environment is the aim of the service. The governance group demonstrated commitment to this. Any restraint activities are reported to them. At the time of this audit there was no restraint being used at Hillview and this has been the case since July 2022. The organisation’s policies and procedures were reviewed in January 2023 and meet the requirements of this standard. The CM is appointed as the restraint coordinator. The role is described as providing support and oversight for any restraint management. Staff regularly attend training about the least restrictive and alternative practices, safe restraint practice, cultural-specific interventions and de-escalation techniques. Annual audits and an analysis of organisational wide restraint are continuing despite there being no restraint. The CM stated that if restraint is required, a restraint approval group which includes the CM and other RNs, and the GP would assemble to approve of the use of restraints and monitor the restraint processes. Whānau/EPOA would be involved in the decision making. |

# 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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| **Criterion with desired outcome** | **Attainment Rating** | **Audit Evidence** | **Audit Finding** | **Corrective action required and timeframe for completion (days)** |
| Criterion 2.3.1Service providers shall ensure there are sufficient health care and support workers on duty at all times to provide culturally and clinically safe services. | PA Low | The service requires five full-time RNs to fulfil the number of shifts required for 24/7 cover at the facility. A steady attrition of RNs in the past 18 months has left only two RNs plus the CM being employed at the time of audit despite regular recruitment efforts. This is consistent with a nationwide shortage of RNs. This means that there are frequently days that don’t have a RN on duty on the morning, afternoon or night shifts. The organisation’s inability to match RN salaries with that offered by other organisations was cited as the reason for resignation. Four internationally qualified nurses have been identified as potential employees. Two of these have almost completed the New Zealand Nursing Council requirements to practice, and it is anticipated they will take up RN roles at Hillview within the next six weeks. The service has been utilising Te Whatu Ora Waikato’s ‘virtual’ RN service since July 2022.  | There are insufficient RNs employed to provide RN care at the facility 24 hours a day, seven days a week. | Ensure there is at least one RN on site 24/7.180 days |

# 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.

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