

The Ultimate Care Group Limited - Allen Bryant Lifecare

Introduction

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

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

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

You can view a full copy of the standards on the Ministry of Health's website by clicking [here](#).

The specifics of this audit included:

Legal entity:	The Ultimate Care Group Limited	
Premises audited:	Ultimate Care Allen Bryant	
Services audited:	Hospital services - Medical services; Hospital services - Geriatric services (excl. psychogeriatric); Rest home care (excluding dementia care)	
Dates of audit:	Start date: 5 December 2018	End date: 6 December 2018
Proposed changes to current services (if any):	None	
Total beds occupied across all premises included in the audit on the first day of the audit:	44	

Executive summary of the audit

Introduction

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

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

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

Key to the indicators

Indicator	Description	Definition
	Includes commendable elements above the required levels of performance	All standards applicable to this service fully attained with some standards exceeded
	No short falls	Standards applicable to this service fully attained
	Some minor shortfalls but no major deficiencies and required levels of performance seem achievable without extensive extra activity	Some standards applicable to this service partially attained and of low risk

Indicator	Description	Definition
	A number of shortfalls that require specific action to address	Some standards applicable to this service partially attained and of medium or high risk and/or unattained and of low risk
	Major shortfalls, significant action is needed to achieve the required levels of performance	Some standards applicable to this service unattained and of moderate or high risk

General overview of the audit

Ultimate Care Allen Bryant provides rest home and hospital level care for up to 46 residents. The service is operated by Ultimate Care Group Limited and managed by a facility manager and a clinical services manager. Residents and families spoke positively about the care provided.

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

This audit has resulted in a continuous improvement in infection surveillance and no areas identified for improvement. Improvements have been made to employment processes addressing the area requiring improvement at the previous audit.

Consumer rights

Includes 13 standards that support an outcome where consumers receive safe services of an appropriate standard that comply with consumer rights legislation. Services are provided in a manner that is respectful of consumer rights, facilities, informed choice, minimises harm and acknowledges cultural and individual values and beliefs.		Standards applicable to this service fully attained.
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Open communication between staff, residents and families is promoted, and confirmed to be effective. There is access to interpreting services if required. Staff provide residents and families with the information they need to make informed choices and give consent.

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

Organisational management

Includes 9 standards that support an outcome where consumers receive services that comply with legislation and are managed in a safe, efficient and effective manner.		Standards applicable to this service fully attained.
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Business and quality and risk management plans include the scope, direction, goals, values and mission statement of the organisation. Monitoring of the services provided to the governing body is regular and effective.

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

The appointment, orientation and management of staff is based on current good practice. A systematic approach to identify and deliver ongoing training supports safe service delivery and includes regular individual performance reviews. Staffing levels and skill mix meet the changing needs of residents.

Continuum of service delivery

Includes 13 standards that support an outcome where consumers participate in and receive timely assessment, followed by services that are planned, coordinated, and delivered in a timely and appropriate manner, consistent with current legislation.

Standards applicable to this service fully attained.

The multidisciplinary team, including a registered nurse and general practitioner, assess residents' needs on admission. Care plans are individualised, based on a comprehensive range of information and accommodate any new problems that might arise. Files reviewed demonstrated that the care provided and needs of residents are reviewed and evaluated on a regular and timely basis. Residents are referred or transferred to other health services as required.

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

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

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

Safe and appropriate environment

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

Standards applicable to this service fully attained.

The facility meets the needs of residents and was clean and well maintained. There is a current building warrant of fitness.

Restraint minimisation and safe practice

Includes 3 standards that support outcomes where consumers receive and experience services in the least restrictive and safe manner through restraint minimisation.		Standards applicable to this service fully attained.
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The organisation has implemented policies and procedures that support the minimisation of restraint. No restraints were in use at the time of audit. Three enablers were in use. A comprehensive assessment, approval and monitoring process with regular reviews occurs. Use of enablers is voluntary for the safety of residents in response to individual requests. Staff demonstrated a sound knowledge and understanding of the restraint and enabler processes.

Infection prevention and control

Includes 6 standards that support an outcome which minimises the risk of infection to consumers, service providers and visitors. Infection control policies and procedures are practical, safe and appropriate for the type of service provided and reflect current accepted good practice and legislative requirements. The organisation provides relevant education on infection control to all service providers and consumers. Surveillance for infection is carried out as specified in the infection control programme.		Standards applicable to this service fully attained.
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Aged care specific infection surveillance is undertaken, and results reported through all levels of the organisation. Follow-up action is taken as and when required.

Summary of attainment

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

Attainment Rating	Continuous Improvement (CI)	Fully Attained (FA)	Partially Attained Negligible Risk (PA Negligible)	Partially Attained Low Risk (PA Low)	Partially Attained Moderate Risk (PA Moderate)	Partially Attained High Risk (PA High)	Partially Attained Critical Risk (PA Critical)
Standards	0	16	0	0	0	0	0
Criteria	1	38	0	0	0	0	0

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

Attainment against the Health and Disability Services Standards

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

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

For more information on the standards, please click [here](#).

For more information on the different types of audits and what they cover please click [here](#).

Standard with desired outcome	Attainment Rating	Audit Evidence
Standard 1.1.13: Complaints Management The right of the consumer to make a complaint is understood, respected, and upheld.	FA	<p>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 knew how to do so.</p> <p>The complaints register reviewed showed that 12 complaints have been received over the past year and that actions taken, through to an agreed resolution, are documented and completed within the required timeframes. Action plans showed any required follow up and improvements have been made where possible. The facility manager (FM) is responsible for complaints management and follow up. All staff interviewed confirmed a sound understanding of the complaint process and what actions are required. There has been one complaint received from external sources since the previous audit. Four recommendations were advised, and these have been actioned.</p>
Standard 1.1.9: Communication Service providers communicate effectively with consumers and provide an	FA	<p>Residents and family members stated they were kept well informed about any changes to their/their relative's status, were advised in a timely manner about any incidents or accidents and outcomes of regular and any urgent medical reviews. This was supported in residents' records reviewed. Staff understood the principles of open disclosure, which is supported by policies and procedures that meet the requirements of the Code.</p>

environment conducive to effective communication.		Staff knew how to access interpreter services, although reported this was rarely required due to all residents are able to speak English.
<p>Standard 1.2.1: Governance</p> <p>The governing body of the organisation ensures services are planned, coordinated, and appropriate to the needs of consumers.</p>	FA	<p>Ultimate Care Group Ltd strategic and business plans, which are reviewed annually, outline the purpose, values, scope, direction and goals of the organisation as a provider of 19 facilities New Zealand wide. There are specific direction and goals with reference to the Ultimate Care Allen Bryant facility. The documents describe annual and longer-term objectives and the associated operational plans. A sample of monthly reports to management and weekly reports to the national service advisor regional manager showed adequate information to monitor performance is reported including financial performance, emerging risks, audit results, project updates, summary of quality indicators and staffing.</p> <p>The service is managed by a FM who holds relevant qualifications and has been in the role for one year. Responsibilities and accountabilities are defined in a job description and individual employment agreement. The FM confirmed knowledge of the sector, regulatory and reporting requirements and maintains currency through the organisation's seminars and sector meetings.</p> <p>The service holds contracts with the Ministry of Health (MoH) for Young Persons with a Disability (YPD), the Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) for respite, complex medical conditions, hospital, rest home and palliative care. Forty-four residents were receiving services under the contracts at the time of the audit. Thirteen rest home residents and thirty-one hospital level care residents, including three YPD. There were no palliative care residents.</p>
<p>Standard 1.2.3: Quality And Risk Management Systems</p> <p>The organisation has an established, documented, and maintained quality and risk management system that reflects continuous quality improvement principles.</p>	FA	<p>Ultimate Care Allen Bryant has a planned quality and risk system that reflects the principles of continuous quality improvement. This includes management of incidents and complaints, audit activities, a regular patient satisfaction survey, monitoring of outcomes, clinical incidents including infections and adverse events.</p> <p>Meeting minutes reviewed confirmed regular review and analysis of quality indicators and that related information is reported and discussed at the quality team meetings and staff meetings. Staff reported their involvement in quality and risk management activities through audit activities and attendance at meetings. Relevant corrective actions are developed and implemented to address any shortfalls. Resident and family satisfaction surveys are completed annually. The most recent survey showed laundry service issue with clothing. A new system for labelling residents' personal clothing was introduced and reduced the clothing loss.</p> <p>Policies reviewed covered all necessary aspects of the service and contractual requirements, including reference to the interRAI Long Term Care Facility (LTCF) assessment tool and process. Policies are based</p>

		<p>on best practice and were current. The document control system ensures a systematic and regular review process, referencing of relevant sources, approval, distribution and removal of obsolete documents.</p> <p>The FM described the processes for the identification, monitoring, review and reporting of risks and development of mitigation strategies. The manager is familiar with the Health and Safety at Work Act (2015) and has implemented requirements.</p>
<p>Standard 1.2.4: Adverse Event Reporting</p> <p>All adverse, unplanned, or untoward events are systematically recorded by the service and reported to affected consumers and where appropriate their family/whānau of choice in an open manner.</p>	FA	<p>Staff document adverse and near miss events on an incident form. A sample of incidents forms reviewed showed these were fully completed, incidents were investigated, action plans developed and actions followed-up in a timely manner. Adverse event data is collated, analysed and reported to Ultimate Care Group management via their electronic reporting system.</p> <p>The FM described essential notification reporting requirements, including for pressure injuries. She advised there have been eight notifications of significant events made to the Ministry of Health in 2018. All have been addressed.</p>
<p>Standard 1.2.7: Human Resource Management</p> <p>Human resource management processes are conducted in accordance with good employment practice and meet the requirements of legislation.</p>	FA	<p>Human resources management policies and processes are based on good employment practice and relevant legislation. The recruitment process includes referee checks, police vetting, addressing a previous required improvement. Validation of qualifications and practising certificates (APCs), where required is occurring. A sample of staff records reviewed confirmed the organisation's policies are being consistently implemented and records are maintained.</p> <p>Staff orientation includes all necessary components relevant to the role. Staff reported that the orientation process prepared them well for their role. Staff records reviewed showed documentation of completed orientation and a performance review after a three-month period.</p> <p>Continuing education is planned on an annual basis, including mandatory training requirements. Care staff have either completed or commenced a New Zealand Qualification Authority education programme to meet the requirements of the provider's agreement with the DHB. There are sufficient trained and competent registered nurses who are maintaining their annual competency requirements to undertake interRAI assessments. Records reviewed demonstrated completion of the required training and completion of annual performance appraisals.</p>
Standard 1.2.8: Service	FA	There is a documented and implemented process for determining staffing levels and skill mixes to provide

<p>Provider Availability</p> <p>Consumers receive timely, appropriate, and safe service from suitably qualified/skilled and/or experienced service providers.</p>		<p>safe service delivery, 24 hours a day, seven days a week (24/7). The facility adjusts staffing levels to meet the changing needs of residents. An afterhours on call roster is in place, with staff reporting that good access to advice is available when needed. Care staff reported there were adequate staff available to complete the work allocated to them. Residents and family interviewed supported this. Observations and review of four weeks of rosters confirmed adequate staff cover has been provided, with staff replaced in any unplanned absence. At least one staff member on duty has a current first aid certificate and there is 24//7 RN coverage in the hospital.</p>
<p>Standard 1.3.12: Medicine Management</p> <p>Consumers receive medicines in a safe and timely manner that complies with current legislative requirements and safe practice guidelines.</p>	FA	<p>The medication management policy is current and identifies all aspects of medicine management in line with the Medicines Care Guide for Residential Aged Care.</p> <p>A safe system for medicine management (using an electronic system) was observed on the day of audit. The staff observed demonstrated good knowledge and had a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities related to each stage of medicine management. All staff who administer medicines are competent to perform the function they manage.</p> <p>Medications are supplied to the facility in a pre-packaged format from a contracted pharmacy. The RN checks medications against the prescription. All medications sighted were within current use by dates. Clinical pharmacist input is provided monthly and on request.</p> <p>Controlled drugs are stored securely in accordance with requirements and checked by two staff for accuracy when administering. The controlled drug register provided evidence of weekly and six-monthly stock checks and accurate entries.</p> <p>The records of temperatures for the medicine fridge and the medication room reviewed were within the recommended range.</p> <p>Good prescribing practices noted included the prescriber's signature and date recorded on the commencement and discontinuation of medicines and all requirements for pro re nata (PRN) medicines met. The required three-monthly GP reviews were consistently recorded in the electronic system. Standing orders are used, were current and comply with guidelines.</p> <p>There were three residents self-administering medications at the time of audit. Appropriate processes were in place to ensure this was managed in a safe manner.</p> <p>There is an implemented process for comprehensive analysis of any medication errors.</p>
<p>Standard 1.3.13: Nutrition, Safe Food, And Fluid</p>	FA	<p>The food service is provided on site by a qualified chef and kitchen team and is in line with recognised nutritional guidelines for older people. The menu follows summer and winter patterns and has been reviewed</p>

<p>Management</p> <p>A consumer's individual food, fluids and nutritional needs are met where this service is a component of service delivery.</p>		<p>by a qualified dietitian within the last two years. Recommendations made at that time have been implemented.</p> <p>All aspects of food procurement, production, preparation, storage, transportation, delivery and disposal comply with current legislation and guidelines. The service operates with an approved food safety plan and registration issued by the local council on 15 June 2018. Food temperatures, including for high risk items, are monitored appropriately and recorded as part of the plan. The food services manager has undertaken a safe food handling qualification, with kitchen assistants completing relevant food handling training.</p> <p>A nutritional assessment is undertaken for each resident on admission to the facility and a dietary profile developed. The personal food preferences, any special diets and modified texture requirements are made known to kitchen staff and accommodated in the daily meal plan.</p> <p>Evidence of resident satisfaction with meals was verified by resident and family interviews, satisfaction surveys and residents' meeting minutes. Residents were seen to be given sufficient time to eat their meal in an unhurried fashion and those requiring assistance had this provided.</p>
<p>Standard 1.3.6: Service Delivery/Interventions</p> <p>Consumers receive adequate and appropriate services in order to meet their assessed needs and desired outcomes.</p>	FA	<p>Documentation, observations and interviews verified the provision of care to residents was consistent with their needs, goals and the plan of care. The attention to meeting a diverse range of resident's individualised needs was evident in all areas of service provision. The GP interviewed, verified that medical input is sought in a timely manner, that medical orders are followed, staff are caring, and residents were well looked after. Care staff confirmed that care was provided as outlined in the care plan. A range of equipment and resources was available, suited to the levels of care provided and in accordance with the residents' needs.</p>
<p>Standard 1.3.7: Planned Activities</p> <p>Where specified as part of the service delivery plan for a consumer, activity requirements are appropriate to their needs, age, culture, and the setting of the service.</p>	FA	<p>The activities programme is provided by two activities staff. One has commenced diversional therapy training.</p> <p>A social assessment and history is undertaken on admission to ascertain residents' needs, interests, abilities and social requirements. Activities assessments are regularly reviewed to help formulate an activities programme that is meaningful to the residents. The resident's activity needs are evaluated three monthly and as part of the formal six-monthly care plan review.</p> <p>Activities reflected residents' goals, ordinary patterns of life and included normal community activities. Individual, group activities and regular events are offered. Residents and families are involved in evaluating and improving the programme through residents' meetings and satisfaction surveys. Residents interviewed confirmed they find the programme varied and suited to their needs. One YPD resident is assisted to remain involved in the local community events that interest him.</p>

<p>Standard 1.3.8: Evaluation</p> <p>Consumers' service delivery plans are evaluated in a comprehensive and timely manner.</p>	FA	<p>Residents' care is evaluated on each shift and reported in the progress notes. If any change is noted, it is reported to the RN.</p> <p>Formal care plan evaluations occur every six months in conjunction with the six-monthly interRAI reassessment, or as residents' needs change. Where progress is different from expected, the service responds by initiating changes to the plan of care. Examples of short term care plans being consistently reviewed, and progress evaluated as clinically indicated were noted for infections, wounds, continence, mobility and pain. When necessary, and for unresolved problems, long term care plans are added to and updated. Residents and families interviewed provided examples of involvement in evaluation of progress and any resulting changes.</p>
<p>Standard 1.4.2: Facility Specifications</p> <p>Consumers are provided with an appropriate, accessible physical environment and facilities that are fit for their purpose.</p>	FA	<p>A current building warrant of fitness (expiry date 30 June 2019) is publicly displayed.</p>
<p>Standard 3.5: Surveillance</p> <p>Surveillance for infection is carried out in accordance with agreed objectives, priorities, and methods that have been specified in the infection control programme.</p>	FA	<p>Surveillance is appropriate to that recommended for long term care facilities and includes infections of the urinary tract, soft tissue, fungal, eye, gastro-intestinal, the upper and lower respiratory tract and scabies. The IPC coordinator reviews all reported infections, and these are documented. New infections and any required management plan are discussed at handover, to ensure early intervention occurs.</p> <p>Monthly surveillance data is collated and analysed to identify any trends, possible causative factors and required actions. Results of the surveillance programme are shared with staff via regular staff meetings and at staff handovers. Graphs are produced that identify trends for the current year, and comparisons against previous years and this is reported to the clinical manager, quality and staff meetings. Data is benchmarked internally within the group. Benchmarking has provided assurance that infection rates in the facility are below average for the sector.</p> <p>Ultimate Care Allen Bryant identified soft skin tissue infections (SSTI) as an area for a quality improvement initiative aiming to reduce these by at least 50% in six months by implementing specific hand hygiene measures for residents. This resulted in marked reductions and improved outcomes for residents demonstrating continuous improvement.</p>

<p>Standard 2.1.1: Restraint minimisation</p> <p>Services demonstrate that the use of restraint is actively minimised.</p>	FA	<p>Policies and procedures meet the requirements of the restraint minimisation and safe practice standards and provide guidance on the safe use of both restraints and enablers. The restraint coordinator provides support and oversight for enabler and restraint management in the facility and demonstrated a sound understanding of the organisation's policies, procedures and practice and her role and responsibilities.</p> <p>On the day of audit, no residents were using restraints. Three residents were using enablers, which were the least restrictive and used voluntarily at their request. There have been no restraints in use at the facility since the last audit.</p>

Specific results for criterion where corrective actions are required

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

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

If there is a message “no data to display” instead of a table, then no corrective actions were required as a result of this audit.

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Specific results for criterion where a continuous improvement has been recorded

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

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

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

Criterion with desired outcome	Attainment Rating	Audit Evidence	Audit Finding
Criterion 3.5.7 Results of surveillance, conclusions, and specific recommendations to assist in achieving infection reduction and prevention outcomes are acted upon, evaluated, and reported to relevant personnel and management in a timely manner.	CI	<p>The service identified a quality project to reduce SSTI in residents by at least 50%. While these were no higher than other providers in the organisation, research on encouraging residents in hand hygiene with tee tree hand wash was identified as a measure to reduce SSTI. Staff training in resident education, including for relevant family members, ensured consistency of the programme. Data reviewed at six months demonstrated a 75% reduction in SSTI.</p> <p>However, the next six-month evaluation showed a spike in SSTI's. On review, the clinical manager identified new staff as the reason for the spike in the infections. She identified staff to train in the resident education programme and introduced a tool box training session to repeat every three months to ensure new staff are captured regularly and SSTI's remain low. The next data reviewed showed another significant reduction in SSTI's.</p>	Ultimate Care Allen Bryant identified a project to significantly reduce SSTI's for residents. An education programme for residents using tee tree hand wash was introduced and implemented by care staff. Regular training to capture new staff in the programme, and data analyses demonstrated a significant reduction in SSTI's in residents with improved outcomes.

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End of the report.