# Oceania Care Company Limited - Atawhai Rest Home and Village

## Introduction

This report records the results of a Surveillance 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:** Oceania Care Company Limited

**Premises audited:** Atawhai Rest Home and Village

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

**Dates of audit:** Start date: 20 September 2023 End date: 20 September 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:** 80

# Executive summary of the audit

## Introduction

This section contains a summary of the auditors’ findings for this audit. The information is grouped into the six sections contained within the Ngā Paerewa Health and Disability Services Standard:

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

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

**Key to the indicators**

| **Indicator** | **Description** | **Definition** |
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|  | Includes commendable elements above the required levels of performance | All subsections applicable to this service fully attained with some subsections exceeded |
|  | No short falls | Subsections applicable to this service fully attained |
|  | Some minor shortfalls but no major deficiencies and required levels of performance seem achievable without extensive extra activity | Some subsections applicable to this service partially attained and of low risk |
|  | A number of shortfalls that require specific action to address | Some subsections applicable to this service partially attained and of medium or high risk and/or unattained and of low risk |
|  | Major shortfalls, significant action is needed to achieve the required levels of performance | Some subsections applicable to this service unattained and of moderate or high risk |

## General overview of the audit

Atawhai Rest Home (Atawhai) is part of Oceania Healthcare Limited (Oceania). The facility is supported by a business and care manager and a relief clinical manager while awaiting a new clinical manager to commence their role in November 2023. There have been no significant changes to the service or building since the previous audit except for a change in the business and care manager and the clinical manager roles.

This surveillance audit was conducted against a subset of Ngā Paerewa Health and Disability Services Standard NZS 8134:2021 and the contracts the service holds with Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand Te Matau a Māui Hawke’s Bay (Te Whatu Ora Te Matau a Māui Hawke’s Bay). It included a review of procedures, review of residents’ and staff files, observations, and interviews with residents and whānau, staff, and a general practitioner. Residents and whānau were complimentary about the care provided.

There were no corrective actions identified at the previous audit. As a result of this audit, there are three corrective actions which relate to rostering, essential notification reporting, and care planning evaluation.

## Ō tatou motika │ Our rights

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

Care is provided in a way that focuses on the individual and considers values, beliefs, culture, religion, sexual orientation, and relationship status. Residents and their 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. There are systems and processes in place to monitor for institutional and systemic racism. Residents’ property and finances are respected, and professional boundaries are maintained.

Residents and whānau receive information in an easy-to-understand format and felt listened to and included when making decisions about care and treatment. Whānau and legal representatives are involved in consent processes that complies with the law. Consent is obtained where and when required.

Concerns and complaints are recorded and addressed in accordance with the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights.

## 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 partially attained and of medium or high risk and/or unattained and of low risk. |

Oceania Healthcare Limited as the governing body is committed to delivering high-quality services in all its facilities, including those at Atawhai Rest Home. Consultation with Māori is occurring at governance level, honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi and reducing barriers to improve outcomes for Māori and Pacific people.

Strategic and business planning ensures the purpose, values, direction, scope, and goals for the organisation and of the facility are defined. Suitably qualified and experienced people manage the service. Ongoing monitoring of business, health and safety, and clinical services is occurring with regular reviews and audits completed according to predetermined schedules.

Well established quality and risk management systems are focused on improving service delivery and care outcomes. Residents and whānau provide regular feedback, and staff are involved in quality activities. Actual and potential risks are identified and mitigated. Staff interviewed were aware of statutory and regulatory reporting obligations. An integrated approach includes collection and analysis of quality improvement data, the identification of trends leading to improvements, with data benchmarked to other Oceania facilities nationwide.

Oceania has policies in place to support safe staffing levels and skill mix to meet the cultural and clinical needs of residents. Staff are appointed and managed using current good practice. An education/training programme is in place. Care staff have access to New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) approved health and wellbeing courses.

## 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. |  | Some subsections applicable to this service partially attained and of low risk. |

Residents’ assessments and care plans are completed by suitably qualified personnel. The service works in partnership with the residents and their family/whānau to assess, plan and evaluate care. The care plans demonstrated appropriate interventions and individualised care. Residents are reviewed regularly and referred to specialist services and to other health services as required. Transfers to other healthcare services and discharges are managed in an appropriate manner to allow continuity of care.

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

A holistic approach to menu development is adopted ensuring food preferences, dietary needs, intolerances, allergies, and cultural preferences are undertaken in consultation with residents, family/whānau and legal representatives where appropriate. Residents verified satisfaction with meals.

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

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| Includes 2 subsections that support an outcome where Health and disability services are provided in a safe environment appropriate to the age and needs of the people receiving services that facilitates independence and meets the needs of people with disabilities. |  | Subsections applicable to this service fully attained. |

The facility is modern, clean and well maintained, and meets the needs of residents. There is a current building warrant of fitness. Electrical and biomedical equipment has been checked and assessed as required.

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. Security is maintained.

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

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

The clinical governance team oversees implementation of the infection prevention and control programme, which is linked to the quality management system. Annual reviews of the programme are reported to the governance board, as are any significant infection events.

Staff receive infection prevention education during the induction period and annually.

Surveillance of health care-associated infections is undertaken, and results shared with all staff. Health care-associated infections are communicated to residents in a culturally safe manner. Follow-up action is taken as and when required. A COVID-19 infection outbreak reported since the previous audit was managed effectively. Appropriate processes were implemented to prevent the spread of infection.

## Here taratahi │ Restraint and seclusion

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

Atawhai Rest Home aims to provide a restraint-free environment. This is supported by the governing body and the organisation’s policies and procedures. No restraints were in use on the day of audit. The organisation has comprehensive assessment, approval, monitoring and review processes in place, if a restraint was required by a resident. A registered nurse is the nominated restraint coordinator for the facility. Staff interviewed demonstrated a sound knowledge and understanding of providing least restrictive practice, de-escalation techniques and alternative interventions to restraint.

## 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 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Criteria** | 0 | 47 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 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 | Oceania Healthcare Limited (Oceania) has a Māori and Pacific people’s health policy, a Māori health plan 2022-2025 and a Māori engagement framework, which collectively outline how the organisation responds to the cultural needs of Māori residents and how it fulfils its obligations and responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The service supports increasing Māori capacity by employing more Māori staff members across all levels of the organisation as vacancies and applications for employment permit. Ethnicity data is gathered when staff are employed, and this data is analysed at a management and organisational level. There were staff who identified as Māori employed at Atawhai at the time of audit. |
| 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 service provider has a Māori and Pacific people’s health policy in place which outlines how the organisation responds to the cultural needs of residents, and how staff are supported to ensure culturally safe practice. The facility is embracing Pacific models of care, and is establishing relationships with local Pacific communities, who can provide support and guidance when Pacific people are being supported. Staff receive education on Pacific models of care as part of their orientation training.The organisation is working in partnership with Pasifika communities to improve the planning, support, interventions, research, and evaluation of the health and wellbeing of Pacific peoples. Staff who identify as Pasifika can provide support and guidance when Pacific people are being supported, to help ensure the resident and their family are supported in a culturally safe manner. |
| 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 | The Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights (the Code) was available and displayed in English, te reo Māori and New Zealand Sign Language throughout the facility. Staff have received training on the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights (the Code) as part of the orientation process and ongoing annual training. This was verified in interviews and staff training records sampled. Staff understood residents’ rights and gave examples of how they incorporate these in daily practice. Residents confirmed that their rights were observed. |
| 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 have received education on elder abuse. Residents reported that they are free to express any concerns to the management team when required, and these were responded to promptly. Systems to monitor institutional and systemic racism in place include residents’ meetings, residents’ satisfaction surveys, and case conference meetings with residents and family/whānau. Residents confirmed they are free to express their concerns in bi-monthly residents’ meetings.  Residents’ property is labelled on admission and they reported that their property is respected. The acting clinical nurse manager (ACNM) stated that any observed or reported racism, abuse or exploitation would be addressed promptly. Residents confirmed that they are treated fairly. |
| 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 | Residents confirmed that they are provided with information and were involved in the consent processes. Informed consent was obtained as part of the admission documents which the resident and/or their EPOA signed on admission. Staff were observed to gain consent for daily cares.  |
| 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 Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights is a fair, transparent system and includes an equitable complaints process for Māori. This meets the requirements of the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights and known best practice. Residents and whānau understood their right to make a complaint and knew how to do so. Documentation confirmed that the business and care manager had adhered to processes for investigating and resolving the seven complaints that had been received since the previous audit. The majority of complaints observed in the complaints folder were related to ‘not enough staff’, ‘call bells not answered in an appropriate timeframe’, and delay in personal cares been provided. Complaints were investigated, and the complainants informed of the outcome, all within expected timeframes. Complaint records were held electronically, with links to associated documentation. Complaint data is reported monthly to the regional manager and to the governance group. There has been one complaint received from the Health and Disability Commission (HDC) on 23 May 2023. Information has been provided by the facility as required by 13 June 2023. This complaint remains open. There have been no other complaints received from external sources 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 governing body of Oceania assumes accountability for delivering a high-quality service through supporting meaningful inclusion of Māori and Pasifika in governance groups, honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi and being focused on improving outcomes for Māori and Pasifika, and delivering services that improve outcomes and achieve equity for tāngata whaikaha (people with disabilities). Oceania is using Māori consultancy processes to enable the organisation to ensure there is meaningful inclusion of Māori at governance level and that Te Tiriti o Waitangi is honoured. Board members have completed training in Te Tiriti o Waitangi, health equity, and cultural safety as core competencies.Equity for Māori and Pasifika is addressed through the policy documentation and enabled through choice and control over supports and the removal of barriers that prevent access to information (eg, information in other languages for the Code of Rights, information in respect of complaints, and infection prevention and control). Atawhai Rest Home has 83 dual-purpose rest home and hospital bedrooms. The service holds contracts with Te Whatu Ora Te Matau a Māui Hawke’s Bay for Aged Related Residential Care for rest home, hospital level care. Respite and Day Care services and Mental Health in Aged Related Residential Care. Long Term Support – Chronic Health Conditions – Residential Care (LTS-CHC), Restore in Aged Related Residential Care Services and Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People. On the day of audit, 31 residents were receiving rest home level care and 47 residents were receiving hospital level care. Of those 31 residents receiving rest home level care, one resident was admitted under the Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People contract. Two residents have recently been assessed as requiring dementia level care and on waiting lists to move to other facilities. Of those 47 residents receiving hospital level care, one resident was admitted under the Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People contract, and two residents were admitted under short term Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) contracts. |
| 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. | PA Low | Atawhai Rest Home follows Oceania’s established quality and risk management framework and processes to ensure services are delivered to reflect the principles of quality improvement processes. The organisation’s policies include a clinical risk management policy, document control, clinical governance terms of reference, quality improvement policy, health and safety strategy, critical incident/accident/sentinel event policy and the quality cycle. Oceania has established systems in place to record, track and analyse quality data. This includes the Quality Compliance Audit Management (QCAM) system, which is used to capture, track and report on quality information and issues. On-site quality and risk monitoring includes collecting, collating and analysing quality data (such as clinical incidents) to identify trends and develop action plans as required. The BCM and clinical manager discuss issues with staff and provide feedback around analysis of quality data to the team, to close the quality loop. Quality initiatives are evaluated and discussed, and this was confirmed by records sighted and by staff at interview. Feedback from other meetings, for example the health and safety meeting and the residents’ meeting, is provided to staff at this meeting. Relevant corrective actions were developed and implemented to address any shortfalls, and these are benchmarked at national level. There is an established internal audit schedule in place to monitor compliance with procedures, with set audits required to be completed each month. Where the audit results indicate the need for improvement, the clinical manager and BCM are responsible for developing corrective action plans to address these gaps. The completion of the internal audits and monitoring of any associated corrective actions is completed by the BCM and clinical manager. A resident satisfaction survey was completed in March 2023 identifying overall satisfaction from residents.Documents related to risk management showed how risks were monitored and managed within the facility, including the clinical, environmental, and human resource areas of service delivery. Health and safety policies and procedures and the hazard management programme are implemented. Staff interviewed described the processes for the identification, documentation, monitoring, review, and reporting of risks, including health and safety risks, and development of mitigation strategies. An onsite health and safety committee meets every two months and includes elected delegates. The risk and hazard register sighted was current and confirmed by staff as being kept updated.The organisation is focused on achieving Māori health equity through regular analyses of resident data and organisational monitoring systems. Staff document adverse and near miss events in line with the National Adverse Event Reporting Policy. Staff interviewed understood essential notification reporting requirements, however not all essential notifications had been completed to reflect incidents, events and/or change in clinical management. There have been nine section 31 notifications submitted since the previous audit. |
| 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 Moderate | 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 business care manager (BCM) (who was on leave at the time of audit) works Monday to Friday and is available after hours for non-clinical support. Since 30 June 2023 the facility has been supported by Oceania’s relieving clinical nurse managers while awaiting the commencement of the new clinical nurse manager due to start in November 2023. The relieving clinical nurse manager works three days a week. On call and after hours is supported by the registered nurse team which consists of 15 registered nurses and a regional clinical manager. Atawhai Rest Home consists of three wings. Monday to Friday a morning shift consists of a charge nurse/RN who is responsible for a wing and the shift overall and two RNs who are responsible for the remaining two wings. The weekend morning shift is supported by two RNs, three RNs in the afternoon shift and one RN on a night shift. There are between 13 and 17 health care assistants rostered on a morning shift and up to nine staff rostered on an afternoon shift. The night RN is supported by three health care assistants. Care staff reported there were not always adequate staff to complete the work allocated to them. Residents and whānau interviewed reflected staff feedback.A sample of rosters sighted showed that a registered nurse (RN) is on site 24/7, however, not all RNs have a first aid certificate and staff were unable to state who was the first aider rostered on each shift. The sample of rosters also did not reflect who rang in sick and if that staff member was then replaced.Continuing education is planned on an annual basis, and all staff are expected to attend an educational day once a year. These mandatory days include education and refreshers on core training requirements such as consumer rights, informed consent, privacy, advance directives, advocacy and enduring power of attorney, equitable service delivery, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, cultural safety, and ensuring high quality care for Māori. Other core training sessions cover infection control, restraint, health and safety, and manual handling. The service provides an environment that encourages collecting and sharing of high-quality Māori health information.Care staff have either completed or commenced a New Zealand Qualification Authority education programme to meet the requirements of the provider’s agreement. Health care assistants interviewed had completed qualifications ranging from level two through to level four.  |
| 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 resource management policies and processes are based on good employment practice and relevant legislation. A sample of staff records reviewed confirmed the organisation’s policies are being consistently implemented. There was evidence of good recruitment processes, including letters of offer, signed employment agreements and position descriptions, validation of qualifications, and police vetting and regular performance appraisals. Health care and support workers receive an orientation and induction programme that covers the essential components of the service provided. Staff ethnicity data is recorded and stored with the consent of the employee and used in line with health information standards. |
| 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. | PA Low | The registered nurses (RNs) complete admission assessments, care plans, and care plan evaluation. Assessment tools that include consideration of residents’ lived experiences, cultural needs, values, and beliefs were used. InterRAI assessments were completed in a timely manner. Cultural assessments were completed by staff who have completed appropriate cultural safety training. The cultural assessments include Māori healing methodologies, such as karakia, mirimiri, rongoā, and special instructions for taonga.The Māori health care plan was utilised for residents who identify as Māori, when required. All residents’ files sampled had current interRAI assessments completed, and the relevant outcome scores have supported care plan goals and interventions. Behaviour management plans were completed for identified behaviours of concern. Behaviour monitoring charts were completed where applicable, with appropriate interventions implemented as required. Residents and family/whānau or EPOAs confirmed their involvement in the assessment and care planning processes. The care plans reflected identified residents’ strengths, goals, and aspirations, aligned with their values and beliefs. The strategies to maintain and promote the residents’ independence, wellbeing, and where appropriate, early warning signs and risks that may affect a resident’s wellbeing, were documented. Management of specific medical conditions were well documented with evidence of systematic monitoring and regular evaluation of responses to planned care. Family/whānau goals and aspirations identified, were addressed in the care plans where applicable. Wider service integration with other health providers including specialist services, medical and allied health professionals was evident in the care plans. Changes in residents’ health were escalated to the general practitioner (GP). Referrals were made to the GP when a resident’s needs changed, and timely referrals to relevant specialist services as indicated, were evident in the residents’ files sampled. The GP confirmed satisfaction with the care being provided. Medical assessments were completed by the GP, and routine medical reviews were completed regularly with the frequency increased as determined by the resident’s condition. Medical records were evident in sampled records. Residents’ care was evaluated on each shift and reported in the progress notes by the health care assistants. Changes noted were reported to the RNs, as verified in the records sampled. Six-monthly care evaluation in all files sampled did not address all residents’ agreed goals of care (refer to criterion 3.2.5c).Residents’ records, observations, and interviews verified that care provided to residents was consistent with their assessed needs, goals, and aspirations. A range of equipment and resources were available, suited to the levels of care provided and in accordance with the residents’ needs. Interviewed staff understood processes to support residents and whānau when required.  |
| 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 implemented medicine management system is appropriate for the scope of the service. The medication management policy identified all aspects of medicine management in line with current legislative requirements and safe practice guidelines. An electronic medication management system is used. A registered nurse (RN) was observed administering medicine correctly. They demonstrated good knowledge and had a clear understanding of their role and responsibilities related to each stage of medicine management. All staff who administer medicines are competent to perform the function they manage and had a current medication administration competency.Medicine allergies and sensitivities were documented on the resident’s chart where applicable. The three-monthly medication reviews were consistently completed and recorded on the medicine charts sampled. The service uses pre-packaged medication packs. The medication and associated documentation were stored safely. Medication reconciliation was conducted by the RNs when regular medicine packs were received from the pharmacy and when residents were transferred back to the service. All medicines in the medication rooms and trolleys checked were within current use-by dates. Clinical pharmacist input was provided on request. Unwanted medicines are returned to the pharmacy in a timely manner. The records of temperatures for the medicine fridges and the medication rooms sampled were within the recommended range. Controlled drugs were stored securely in accordance with requirements and checked by two staff for accuracy when administering. The controlled drug registers provided evidence of weekly and six-monthly stock checks and accurate entries.There were residents who were self-administering medications at the time of audit. Appropriate processes were in place to ensure safe self-administration of medicines for competent residents. Staff understood the requirements. There is an implemented process for comprehensive analysis of medication errors and corrective actions implemented as required. Standing orders are not used. |
| 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 | Residents’ diet requirements were assessed on admission to the service in consultation with the residents and their family/whānau. The nutritional assessments identify residents’ personal food preferences, allergies, intolerances, any special diets, and cultural preferences. The service operates with a current food control plan that expires on 28 March 2024. |
| 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 residents’ family/whānau and EPOAs. Family/whānau reported being kept well informed during the transfer of their relative. An escort is provided for residents, where required. Residents are transferred to the accident and emergency department in an ambulance for acute or emergency situations. The reasons for transfer were documented in the transfer documents reviewed. |
| 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, and are inclusive of peoples’ cultures and support cultural practices. The building has a building warrant of fitness which expires on 1 August 2024. Atawhai Rest Home is aware of the requirement to consult and co-design with Māori if making changes to the building. |
| 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 fire evacuation plan has been approved by the New Zealand Fire Service and dated 10 February 2006. Supplies for use in the event of a civil defence emergency meet the National Emergency Management Agency recommendations for the region. Atawhai, along with their specific Emergency Management plan, has an Emergency and Business Continuity plan which has been developed in partnership with Te Whatu Ora Te Matau a Māui Hawke’s Bay, and this was last updated July 2023. Residents interviewed were familiar with emergency and security arrangements. As a result of Cyclone Gabrielle and having had to evacuate all their residents at the time to the local hall, Atawhai Rest Home has reviewed and updated their civil defence supplies and plan of action.Fire suppression systems are in place and are tested regularly. Trial fire evacuations occur at least every six months. The most recent fire drill occurred on 30 August 2023.Appropriate security arrangements are in place. Staff wear name badges. |
| 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 (IP) programme is led by the general manager, nursing and clinical strategy who also leads the clinical governance team at organisational level. An RN is nominated as the onsite infection prevention and control coordinator. The clinical governance group oversees all clinical issues within Oceania Healthcare. Infection prevention policies and procedures are signed off at this level and subsequently approved by the board of governance. The infection prevention programme and policies and procedures link to the quality improvement system and are reviewed and reported on annually. Expertise and advice are sought following a defined process, with local Te Whatu Ora infection control officers and experts from the local public health unit accessed when required. Oceania has a clinical infection prevention and control expert who is the infection prevention and control advisor. Staff have received relevant education in IP at orientation and through ongoing annual education sessions. Education with residents was on an individual basis when an infection was identified, and through group education in residents’ meetings. |
| 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 for the size and complexity of the service and is in line with priorities defined in the infection prevention programme. Infection data is collected, monitored, and reviewed monthly. Infection surveillance included ethnicity data.All infections are recorded on the infection report form. The data is collated and analysed monthly to identify any significant trends or common possible causative factors, and action plans are implemented. There are standardised surveillance definitions used. The infection control coordinator is responsible for monitoring infection data and the responsibility is documented in the infection control coordinator’s job description.Infection prevention audits were completed with relevant corrective actions implemented where required. Staff were informed of infection rates and regular audit outcomes at staff meetings and through compiled reports, as confirmed in interviews with staff. New infections were discussed at shift handovers for early interventions to be implemented.A COVID-19 infection outbreak reported since the previous audit was managed effectively with appropriate notification completed. |
| 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 | Oceania Healthcare Limited governance and senior management are committed to their care homes being restraint-free environments. An analysis of organisational-wide restraint is reported at every board meeting. At the time of this audit there were no restraints in place at Atawhai Rest Home.The organisation’s policies and procedures meet the requirements of this standard. The registered nurse is appointed as the restraint coordinator. The role is described as providing support and oversight for any restraint management. A restraint meeting is held every two months with the registered nurses to discuss restraint and how the facility will remain restraint-free. Staff regularly attend training about the least restrictive and alternative practices, safe restraint practice, cultural-specific interventions, and de-escalation techniques. |

# 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 2.2.6Service providers shall understand and comply with statutory and regulatory obligations in relation to essential notification reporting. | PA Low | The regional clinical manager, guest services manager and acting clinical manager interviewed understood essential notification reporting requirements. There have been nine section 31 notifications since the previous audit. These individual events were followed up with an investigation and sentinel event root cause analysis report, however at the time of audit there was a discrepancy in the number of section 31s reported compared to incidents found in residents notes reviewed and changes identified in the management team. These included a resident who had enduring power of attorney enacted and had absconded twice from the facility, another resident that had absconded and police were notified, and a change in clinical manager. At time of audit the regional quality manager completed the required section 31 notification. | Not all events that require essential notification have been reported. | Provide evidence that all essential notification reporting occurs to comply with statutory and regulatory obligations.90 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 Moderate | Staff interviewed stated that they are provided internal and external training to support the interventions and care required to look after the residents admitted to Atawhai Rest Home, however, they struggle with being able to provide safe and appropriate cares to residents due to the staffing numbers rostered on duty. Staff interviewed stated that it is difficult to replace staff that ring in sick and/or staff that pick up extra shifts and then ring in sick, thus staff often tend to work short. If a RN rings in sick, a medication-competent care giver supports with medications, thus there is one less care staff member working on the floor. A sample of rosters reviewed from 28 August 2023 did not show evidence of staff ringing in sick and/or replaced, including the day of audit where two care staff rang in sick, and staff worked short as these staff were not replaced. There was no other record available to show staff changes to the roster. There was a first aid staff register identifying up-to-date competency, however, staff at the time of audit were not able to identify on the sample of rosters reviewed, who was the first aid competent staff member on each shift. There is one registered nurse and three supporting care staff on a night shift. The majority of whānau complaints observed in the complaints folder were related to ‘not enough staff’, ‘call bells not answered in an appropriate timeframe’ and delay in personal cares being provided. The layout of the facility consists of three wings with many corridors and multiple unmanned exits leading outside. Of the 83 residents admitted to Atawhai currently, 47 residents are at hospital level care and 31 residents are receiving rest home level care. There are currently two residents that have been assessed as requiring dementia level care and on the waiting list for a bed in other facilities. Both residents are confused and wander and as a result have sensor mats in place and hourly intentional rounding implemented. One resident’s room is beside the nurse’s station, however, the second resident’s bedroom is in a corridor a considerable distance from the nurse’s station and main thoroughfare. Both residents have absconded in the recent past. | There are not always sufficient health care and support workers on duty to provide culturally and clinically safe services. | Ensure that there are always sufficient health care and support workers on duty to provide culturally and clinically safe services to meet and support the number of residents and their acuity admitted to the facility at any given time.90 days |
| Criterion 3.2.5Planned review of a person’s care or support plan shall:(a) Be undertaken at defined intervals in collaboration with the person and whānau, together with wider service providers;(b) Include the use of a range of outcome measurements;(c) Record the degree of achievement against the person’s agreed goals and aspiration as well as whānau goals and aspirations;(d) Identify changes to the person’s care or support plan, which are agreed collaboratively through the ongoing re-assessment and review process, and ensure changes are implemented;(e) Ensure that, where progress is different from expected, the service provider in collaboration with the person receiving services and whānau responds by initiating changes to the care or support plan. | PA Low | The care plans were reviewed at least six-monthly following interRAI reassessments. Short-term care plans were completed for acute conditions, and these were reviewed regularly and closed off when the acute conditions resolved. Care evaluation included the residents’ degree of progress towards achieving their agreed goals and aspirations, addressing mainly: weight, falls and skin integrity. Family/whānau goals and aspirations were documented where applicable. The case conference template in use does not have adequate guidance to comment on all the agreed goals. Where progress was different from expected, the service, in collaboration with the resident, family/whānau and EPOAs for residents in the dementia stage three unit, responded by initiating changes to the care plan. | In seven of seven residents’ files sampled, care evaluation did not address all the agreed goals. | Ensure care evaluation address all residents’ agreed goals to meet the criterion requirement.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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