

Ropata Lodge Limited - Ropata Lodge

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 Manatū Hauora (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 Manatū Hauora website by clicking [here](#).

The specifics of this audit included:

Legal entity: Ropata Lodge Limited

Premises audited: Ropata Lodge

Services audited: Rest home care (excluding dementia care)

Dates of audit: Start date: 4 February 2025 End date: 4 February 2025

Proposed changes to current services (if any): Increase in the number of certified beds from 35 to 36 as a result of dual occupancy of one room.

Total beds occupied across all premises included in the audit on the first day of the audit: 29

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 tātou 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 haumarū | 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
	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

Indicator	Description	Definition
	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

Ropata Lodge Limited currently provides rest home services for up to 35 residents in 35 rooms. The provider seeks to increase its number of certified beds to 36. On the day of the audit, a one-bedroom apartment was occupied by a couple.

This surveillance audit process included review of policies and procedures, review of residents' and staff files, observations and interviews with residents, whānau/family members, managers, staff and a general practitioner. The owner was not available to be interviewed.

The corrective actions required from the previous audit have been addressed, with improvements made to risk management, staff and governance education, availability of infection control information and antimicrobial reporting. No areas for improvement were identified at this audit.

Ō tātou motika | Our rights

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.
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Ropata Lodge works collaboratively to support and encourage a Māori world view of health in service delivery. Māori were provided with equitable and effective services based on Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the principles of mana motuhake.


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

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. Ropata Lodge maintains professional boundaries and there was no evidence of abuse, neglect, discrimination, or other exploitation. The property of residents was respected and finances protected.

Policies and the Code provide guidance to staff to ensure informed consent is gained as required. Residents and whānau felt included when making decisions about care and treatment.

Complaints were resolved promptly, equitably and effectively in collaboration with all parties involved.

Hunga mahi me te hanganga | Workforce and structure

Includes five subsections that support an outcome where people receive quality services through effective governance and a supported workforce.		Subsections applicable to this service fully attained.
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The governing body assumes accountability for delivering a high-quality service. This includes ensuring compliance with legislative and contractual requirements, supporting quality and risk management systems, and reducing barriers to improve outcomes for Māori.

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

A clinical governance structure meets the needs of the service, supporting and monitoring good practice.

The quality and risk management systems are focused on improving service delivery and care using a risk-based approach. An integrated approach includes collection and analysis of quality improvement data, identifies trends and leads to improvements. Actual and potential risks were identified and mitigated.

The National Adverse Events Reporting Policy was followed, with corrective actions supporting systems learnings. The service complies with statutory and regulatory reporting obligations.

Staffing levels and skill mix met the cultural and clinical needs of residents. Staff have the skills, attitudes, qualifications, and experience to meet the needs of residents. A systematic approach to identify and deliver ongoing learning and competencies supports safe equitable service delivery.

Professional qualifications were validated prior to employment. Staff felt well supported through the orientation and induction programme, with regular performance reviews implemented.

Ngā huarahi ki te oranga | Pathways to wellbeing

Includes eight subsections that support an outcome where people participate in the development of their pathway to wellbeing, and receive timely assessment, followed by services that are planned, coordinated, and delivered in a manner that is tailored to their needs.

Subsections applicable to this service fully attained.

The service works in partnership with the residents and their whānau to assess, plan and evaluate care. Care plans were individualised, based on comprehensive risk-based assessments, and accommodated any recent problems that arose. Files reviewed demonstrated that care met the needs of residents and whānau and was evaluated on a regular and timely basis.

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

The food service met the nutritional and cultural needs of the residents. Food was safely managed, supported by an approved food control plan.

Residents were referred or transferred to other health services as required.

Te aro ki te tangata me te taiao haumaruru | Person-centred and safe environment

Includes two 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.
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The facility, plant and equipment meet the needs of residents and are culturally inclusive. A current building warrant of fitness and planned maintenance programme ensure safety. Electrical equipment is evaluated as required.

A one-bedroom apartment was occupied by a couple at their request and choice. There is sufficient room for them to move and transfer throughout the apartment and staff are able to provide assistance as needed.

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


Includes five 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.
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A documented infection prevention (IP) programme has been developed by those with IP expertise, has been approved by the governing body, is linked with the quality improvement programme, and is reviewed and reported on annually.

Staff demonstrated good principles and practice around infection control supported by relevant IP education.

The 'Surveillance of Health Care-Associated Infections' programme is appropriate to the size and setting of the service, using standardised surveillance definitions, with an equity focus.

Here taratahi | Restraint and seclusion

Includes four 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.
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The service is a restraint-free environment. This is supported by the owner and appropriate policies and procedures. There were no residents using restraints at the time of audit.

Staff have been trained in providing the least restrictive practice, de-escalation techniques, alternative interventions, and demonstrated effective practice.

Summary of attainment

The following table summarises the number of subsections 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)
Subsection	0	19	0	0	0	0	0
Criteria	0	52	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)
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.

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

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

Subsection with desired outcome	Attainment Rating	Audit Evidence
<p>Subsection 1.1: Pae ora healthy futures</p> <p>Te Tiriti: Māori flourish and thrive in an environment that enables good health and wellbeing.</p> <p>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.</p>	FA	<p>Ropata Lodge Limited (Ropata) has developed policies, procedures and processes to embed and enact Te Tiriti o Waitangi in all aspects of its work. Mana motuhake is respected.</p> <p>Partnerships have been established with the local marae for Ropata (Kokiri) to support service integration, planning, equity approaches, and support for Māori. There were three Māori residents at the time of audit, and those interviewed felt culturally safe. The facility manager (FM) reported that these residents were satisfied with the current support provided. Whānau confirmed this.</p>
<p>Subsection 1.2: Ola manuia of Pacific peoples in Aotearoa</p> <p>The people: Pacific peoples in Aotearoa are entitled to live and enjoy good health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Te Tiriti: Pacific peoples acknowledge the mana whenua of Aotearoa as tuakana and commit to supporting them to achieve tino rangatiratanga.</p> <p>As service providers: We provide comprehensive and equitable health and disability services underpinned by Pacific worldviews and developed in collaboration with Pacific peoples</p>	FA	<p>Ropata provide services that are underpinned by Pacific worldviews. Minutes of residents' meetings included information that Pacific residents felt their worldview, and cultural and spiritual beliefs, were embraced. Examples of individualised support provided to Pacific residents were provided by the FM.</p> <p>There have been small numbers of Pacific residents at Ropata, and this was the case on the day of the audit.</p>

for improved health outcomes.		
<p>Subsection 1.3: My rights during service delivery</p> <p>The People: My rights have meaningful effect through the actions and behaviours of others.</p> <p>Te Tiriti: Service providers recognise Māori mana motuhake (self-determination).</p> <p>As service providers: We provide services and support to people in a way that upholds their rights and complies with legal requirements.</p>	FA	<p>Staff interviewed understood the requirements of the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights (the Code) and were observed supporting residents in accordance with their wishes. The Code was on display in poster form at the front entrance in English, te reo Māori and NZ Sign Language. Brochures on the Code and The Nationwide Health and Disability Advocacy Service (Advocacy Service) were accessible in the reception area.</p> <p>Residents and whānau interviewed reported being made aware of the Code and the Advocacy Service and were provided with opportunities to discuss and clarify their rights.</p>
<p>Subsection 1.5: I am protected from abuse</p> <p>The People: I feel safe and protected from abuse.</p> <p>Te Tiriti: Service providers provide culturally and clinically safe services for Māori, so they feel safe and are protected from abuse.</p> <p>As service providers: We ensure the people using our services are safe and protected from abuse.</p>	FA	<p>Residents at Ropata receive services free of discrimination, coercion, harassment, exploitation, and abuse and neglect, supported by policies and staff education. There were no examples identified during the audit through staff and/or resident or whānau interviews, or in documentation reviewed.</p> <p>Residents reported that their property was respected, and finances protected.</p>
<p>Subsection 1.7: I am informed and able to make choices</p> <p>The people: I know I will be asked for my views. My choices will be respected when making decisions about my wellbeing. If my choices cannot be upheld, I will be provided with information that supports me to understand why.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>As service providers: We provide people using our services or</p>	FA	<p>Residents and/or their legal representative are provided with the information necessary to make informed decisions in line with the Code. Those interviewed, and where appropriate their whānau, felt empowered to actively participate in decision-making.</p> <p>Nursing and care staff interviewed understood the principles and practice of informed consent, supported by policies in accordance with the Code.</p>

<p>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.</p>		
<p>Subsection 1.8: I have the right to complain</p> <p>The people: I feel it is easy to make a complaint. When I complain I am taken seriously and receive a timely response. Te Tiriti: Māori and whānau are at the centre of the health and disability system, as active partners in improving the system and their care and support.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>FA</p>	<p>A fair, transparent and equitable system is in place to receive and resolve complaints that leads to improvements. The process meets the requirements of the Code. Residents and whānau understood their right to make a complaint and knew how to do so. Opportunities to discuss any issues are also available at the three-monthly residents' meetings.</p> <p>Documentation sighted showed that complainants had been informed of findings following investigation. Four complaints have been received and managed to the timeframes of the Code since the current manager started at Ropata in February 2024.</p> <p>The service ensures the process works equitably for Māori by collating complaint and ethnicity data and comparing outcomes. In the last 12 months, there have been no complaints received from Māori residents or their whānau.</p> <p>There have been no complaints received from external sources since the previous audit.</p>
<p>Subsection 2.1: Governance</p> <p>The people: I trust the people governing the service to have the knowledge, integrity, and ability to empower the communities they serve.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>FA</p>	<p>The owner assumes accountability for delivering a high-quality service to users of the services and their whānau. Compliance with legislative, contractual and regulatory requirements is overseen by the leadership team and governance group, with external advice sought as required.</p> <p>The purpose, values, direction, scope and goals are defined, and monitoring and reviewing of performance occurs through regular reporting at planned intervals. A focus on identifying barriers to access, improving outcomes, and achieving equity for Māori was evident in plans and monitoring documentation reviewed, through meeting minutes and interview with the FM. A commitment to the quality and risk management system was evident. Review of meeting minutes with the owner demonstrated that they are well informed on progress and risks. A sample of meeting minutes through 2024 and the January 2025 minutes</p>

		<p>were reviewed.</p> <p>The clinical governance structure is appropriate to the size and complexity of the organisation, with the FM reporting monthly to the owner, monthly quality committee meetings and monitoring of resident safety and clinical indicators. These include infections, use of antibiotics, restraint (which is not used), incidents and complaints.</p> <p>In February 2024, a new FM started at Ropata. They have 23 years' experience as a registered nurse (RN) in New Zealand, with 20 years managing aged care and disability facilities. Assisting the FM at Ropata is the experienced RN clinical coordinator (CC) who has worked at Ropata for seven years.</p> <p>The owner has completed education in Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Evidence was sent to the local contract manager at Health New Zealand Capital and Coast Hutt Valley in April 2024 and accepted. It was also reviewed at this audit. This addresses a previous corrective identified at the provider's certification audit.</p> <p>The service holds contracts with Health New Zealand Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley (CCHV) for rest home care, long term support - chronic health conditions and short-term respite care, and with the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) for short-term respite care.</p> <p>On the day of the audit, 29 residents were living at Ropata: 28 were receiving services under the CCHV rest home contract and one was receiving respite care under the ACC contact. Two rest home residents who had transferred from Ropata's independent village have moved into the rest home after being assessed as requiring care. This couple wanted to remain together. At the time they entered the service, a one-bedroom apartment, with living room and ensuite bathroom was available which could accommodate them. (See comments in sub-section 4.1.)</p>
<p>Subsection 2.2: Quality and risk</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Te Tiriti: Service providers allocate appropriate resources to</p>	<p>FA</p>	<p>The organisation has a planned quality and risk system that reflects the principles of continuous quality improvement. This includes the management of incidents and complaints, internal audit activities, a regular resident satisfaction survey, monitoring of outcomes, policies and procedures, clinical incidents including infections and use of antibiotics.</p>

<p>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.</p>		<p>Relevant corrective actions are developed and implemented to address any shortfalls. Progress against quality outcomes is evaluated annually and reported to the owner.</p> <p>Policies reviewed covered all necessary aspects of the service and of contractual requirements and were current.</p> <p>The FM described the processes for the identification, documentation, monitoring, review and reporting of risks, including health and safety risks, and development of mitigation strategies. This is documented and current. This addresses an area for improvement noted in the provider's 2023 certification audit.</p> <p>Staff document adverse and near-miss events in line with the National Adverse Events Reporting Policy. 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.</p> <p>The FM understood and has complied with essential notification reporting requirements. Notifications made through the Section 31 reporting process to HealthCERT were reviewed with the FM. These related to outbreaks of COVID-19 in September and October 2024.</p>
<p>Subsection 2.3: Service management</p> <p>The people: Skilled, caring health care and support workers listen to me, provide personalised care, and treat me as a whole person.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>As service providers: We ensure our day-to-day operation is managed to deliver effective person-centred and whānau-centred services.</p>	<p>FA</p>	<p>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 FM can adjust staffing levels to meet the changing needs of residents. A team approach ensures all aspects of service delivery are met. During 2024 the new FM added an additional shift each morning and afternoon to provide additional support to staff already rostered. Those providing care 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.</p> <p>The employment process, which includes a job description defining the skills, qualifications and attributes for each role, ensures services are delivered to meet the needs of residents.</p> <p>Continuing education is planned on a biennial basis. This includes mandatory training requirements. Related competencies are assessed</p>

		<p>and support equitable service delivery. Records reviewed from 2024 and early 2025 demonstrated completion of the required training and competency assessments. Staff felt well supported with development opportunities. This addresses an area for improvement noted in the provider's certification audit in 2023.</p> <p>Care staff have completed or commenced a New Zealand Qualification Authority education programme to meet the requirements of the provider's agreement with their funders. In the five files sampled, care givers all had either a level three or four Health and Wellbeing qualification and maintain the competencies specific to the role. Nursing staff are able to maintain competency requirements with the Nursing Council of New Zealand.</p>
<p>Subsection 2.4: Health care and support workers</p> <p>The people: People providing my support have knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes that align with my needs. A diverse mix of people in adequate numbers meet my needs.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	FA	<p>Human resources management policies and processes are based on good employment practice and relevant legislation. A sample of staff records reviewed (five) confirmed the organisation's policies are being consistently implemented, including evidence of qualifications and registration (where applicable). Evidence of practising certificates for all employed and contracted health professionals was maintained and was current on the day of the audit.</p> <p>Staff reported that the induction and orientation programme prepared them well for the role and evidence of this was seen in files reviewed. Opportunities to discuss and review performance occur three months following appointment and yearly thereafter, as confirmed in records reviewed.</p>
<p>Subsection 3.2: My pathway to wellbeing</p> <p>The people: I work together with my service providers so they know what matters to me, and we can decide what best supports my wellbeing.</p> <p>Te Tiriti: Service providers work in partnership with Māori and whānau, and support their aspirations, mana motuhake, and whānau rangatiratanga.</p> <p>As service providers: We work in partnership with people and</p>	FA	<p>The multidisciplinary team at Ropata work in partnership with the resident and whānau to support wellbeing. Six resident's files, which included residents who identified as Māori, residents who had a recent unwitnessed fall, residents who were non-insulin-dependent diabetic, residents with recent weight loss and residents with behaviours that were a challenge, were reviewed. The reviews evidenced a care plan was developed by suitably qualified staff following a comprehensive assessment, including consideration of the person's lived experience,</p>

<p>whānau to support wellbeing.</p>		<p>cultural needs, values, and beliefs, and which considers wider service integration, where required. Early warning signs and risks, with a focus on prevention or escalation for appropriate interventions, were recorded.</p> <p>Timeframes for the initial assessment, medical/nurse practitioner assessment, initial care plan, long-term care plan and review timeframes meet contractual/policy requirements. Staff supported Māori and whānau to identify their own pae ora outcomes in their care plan. This was further verified by file reviews, and interviews with clinical staff, people receiving services, the general practitioner (GP) and whānau.</p> <p>Management of any specific medical conditions was well documented, with evidence of systematic monitoring and regular evaluation of responses to planned care, including the use of a range of outcome measures. Where progress is different to that expected, changes were made to the care plan in collaboration with the resident and/or whānau. Residents and whānau confirmed active involvement in the process.</p> <p>A phone interview with the GP identified that the GP visited weekly and was happy with the care provided. Staff complied with any requests made by the GP and were prompt in contacting the GP if a resident was unwell.</p>
<p>Subsection 3.4: My medication</p> <p>The people: I receive my medication and blood products in a safe and timely manner.</p> <p>Te Tiriti: Service providers shall support and advocate for Māori to access appropriate medication and blood products.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>FA</p>	<p>The medication management policy was current and in line with the Medicines Care Guide for Residential Aged Care/current best practice. A safe system for medicine management (using an electronic system) was observed on the day of audit. All staff who administer medicines were competent to perform the function they managed.</p> <p>Medication reconciliation occurs. All medications sighted were within current use-by dates. Medicines were stored safely, including controlled drugs. The required stock checks had been completed. Medicines stored were within the recommended temperature range. Controlled drugs were stored securely, with the required checks being complied with.</p> <p>Prescribing practices met requirements, as confirmed in the sample of records reviewed. Medicine-related allergies or sensitivities were recorded, and any adverse events responded to appropriately. Standing orders were not used at Ropata.</p> <p>Self-administration of medication by a number of residents was facilitated</p>

		and managed safely.
<p>Subsection 3.5: Nutrition to support wellbeing</p> <p>The people: Service providers meet my nutritional needs and consider my food preferences.</p> <p>Te Tiriti: Menu development respects and supports cultural beliefs, values, and protocols around food and access to traditional foods.</p> <p>As service providers: We ensure people’s nutrition and hydration needs are met to promote and maintain their health and wellbeing.</p>	FA	<p>The menu was reviewed in October 2024 in line with recognised nutritional guidelines for people using the services, taking into consideration the food and cultural preferences of those using the service. Evidence of resident satisfaction with meals was verified from residents and whānau interviews, satisfaction surveys and resident meeting minutes.</p> <p>The service operates with an approved food safety plan and registration, which expires in June 2025.</p>
<p>Subsection 3.6: Transition, transfer, and discharge</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Te Tiriti: Service providers advocate for Māori to ensure they and whānau receive the necessary support during their transition, transfer, and discharge.</p> <p>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.</p>	FA	<p>Transfer or discharge from Ropata is planned and managed safely, with coordination between services and in collaboration with the resident and whānau. Risks and current support needs are identified and managed. Whānau reported being kept well informed during the transfer of their relative.</p>
<p>Subsection 4.1: The facility</p> <p>The people: I feel the environment is designed in a way that is safe and is sensitive to my needs. I am able to enter, exit, and move around the environment freely and safely.</p> <p>Te Tiriti: The environment and setting are designed to be Māori-centred and culturally safe for Māori and whānau.</p> <p>As service providers: Our physical environment is safe, well</p>	FA	<p>Building, plant and equipment are fit for purpose, inclusive of peoples’ cultures and comply with relevant legislation. This includes a current building warrant of fitness (expiry 20 March 2025), and electrical and biomedical testing (September 2024).</p> <p>Residents and whānau were happy with the environment, including heating and ventilation, natural light, privacy and maintenance.</p> <p>All rooms in the facility are either studio or one-bedroom apartments. The</p>

<p>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.</p>		<p>studios have a combined bedroom/living area in one room. The one-bedroom apartments have a separate bedroom and living room. Each apartment has its own bathroom and small kitchenette. All 35 apartments are currently certified for single occupancy.</p> <p>A couple moved into a one-bedroom apartment in late 2024 and wanted to remain together. The apartment they are in has sufficient room for them to move and transfer safely in the bedroom, bathroom and living area. They were interviewed during the audit and were pleased to be able to stay together now that they require care.</p> <p>The provider is seeking approval for this specific apartment to be occupied by either an individual or by a couple when they choose this option. This will increase the number of certified beds from 35 to 36.</p>
<p>Subsection 5.1: Governance</p> <p>The people: I trust the service provider shows competent leadership to manage my risk of infection and use antimicrobials appropriately.</p> <p>Te Tiriti: Monitoring of equity for Māori is an important component of IP and AMS programme governance.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>FA</p>	<p>Antimicrobial usage.</p> <p>The previous audit identified that antibiotic use and AMS were not included in IP reporting to the owner of the facility. Evidence was sighted that is now included in the IP reporting to the owner.</p> <p>Evidence was also sent to the local contract manager at Health New Zealand Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley in April 2024 and accepted.</p>
<p>Subsection 5.2: The infection prevention programme and implementation</p> <p>The people: I trust my provider is committed to implementing policies, systems, and processes to manage my risk of infection.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>FA</p>	<p>The infection prevention and control nurse (IPCN) at Ropata is responsible for overseeing and implementing the IP programme, which has been developed by an external provider with IP expertise and approved by the governance body. The programme is linked to the quality improvement programme and is reviewed and reported on annually. This was confirmed by the IPCN and review of the programme documentation.</p> <p>Staff were familiar with policies and practices through orientation and ongoing education and were observed to follow these correctly.</p>

<p>As service providers: We develop and implement an infection prevention programme that is appropriate to the needs, size, and scope of our services.</p>		<p>Residents and their whānau are educated about infection prevention in a manner that meets their needs.</p> <p>Educational resources were available in te reo Māori</p>
<p>Subsection 5.4: Surveillance of health care-associated infection (HAI)</p> <p>The people: My health and progress are monitored as part of the surveillance programme.</p> <p>Te Tiriti: Surveillance is culturally safe and monitored by ethnicity.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>FA</p>	<p>Surveillance of health care-associated infections (HAIs) is appropriate to that recommended for the type of services offered and is in line with risks and priorities defined in the infection control programme. Monthly surveillance data was collated and analysed to identify any trends, possible causative factors, and required actions. Surveillance includes ethnicity data. Results of the surveillance programme are shared with staff and reported to the governing body. A summary report for two recent infection outbreaks was reviewed, and it demonstrated a thorough process for investigation and follow-up. Learnings from the event have now been incorporated into practice.</p>
<p>Subsection 6.1: A process of restraint</p> <p>The people: I trust the service provider is committed to improving policies, systems, and processes to ensure I am free from restrictions.</p> <p>Te Tiriti: Service providers work in partnership with Māori to ensure services are mana enhancing and use least restrictive practices.</p> <p>As service providers: We demonstrate the rationale for the use of restraint in the context of aiming for elimination.</p>	<p>FA</p>	<p>Maintaining a restraint-free environment is the aim of the service. The governance group demonstrated commitment to this, supported by a member of the executive leadership at operational level. At the time of the audit, there was no restraint used, and it was reported that this has always been the case at Ropata Lodge. There is a process to report any use of restraint to the governing body. However, the FM and other staff interviewed stated that this would not happen because it is not used.</p> <p>Staff have been trained in the least restrictive practice, safe restraint practice, alternative cultural-specific interventions, and de-escalation techniques.</p>

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.

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

As above, criterion can be linked to the relevant subsection by looking at the code. For example, Criterion 1.1.1 relates to subsection 1.1: Pae ora healthy futures in Section 1: Our rights.

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

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