

Amberwood Care Limited - Amberwood Rest Home

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 BSI Group New Zealand Ltd, 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:	Amberwood Care Limited
Premises audited:	Amberwood Rest Home
Services audited:	Residential disability services - Intellectual; Hospital services - Medical services; Hospital services - Geriatric services (excl. psychogeriatric); Rest home care (excluding dementia care); Residential disability services - Physical
Dates of audit:	Start date: 16 December 2025 End date: 17 December 2025
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:	67

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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

Amberwood Rest Home provides rest home, hospital (medical and geriatric), and residential disability (intellectual and physical) levels of care for up to 68 residents. There were 67 residents on the days of audit.

This surveillance audit was conducted against a sub section of the Ngā Paerewa Health and Disability Services Standard and the service's contract with Health New Zealand. The audit process included a review of policies and procedures; the review of residents and staff files; observations; and interviews with residents, family/whānau, staff, management, and the general practitioner.

The service is managed by an experienced facility manager, supported by a clinical manager, registered nurses, and the wider team. Residents and family/whānau interviewed spoke positively about the service provided.

The service continues with environmental upgrades and room refurbishments since the last audit.

This surveillance audit identified the service meets the Standard.

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.

Amberwood Rest Home provides an environment that supports resident rights and safe care. Staff demonstrated an understanding of residents' rights and obligations. There is a Māori health plan and a Pacific health plan. The service aims to provide high-quality and effective services and care for residents.

Residents receive services in a manner that considers their dignity, privacy, and independence. Amberwood Rest Home provides services and support to people in a way that is inclusive and respects their identity and their experiences. The service listens and respects the voices of the residents and effectively communicates with them about their choices. Care plans accommodate the choices of residents and/or their family/whānau. There is evidence that residents and family/whānau are kept informed. The rights of the resident and/or their family/whānau to make a complaint is understood, respected, and upheld by the service. Complaints processes are implemented, and complaints and concerns are actively managed and well-documented.

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.

The business plan includes a mission statement and operational objectives. The service has effective quality and risk management systems in place that take a risk-based approach, and these systems meet the needs of residents and their staff. Service objectives are defined and regularly reviewed. Internal audits, and the collection/collation of data were documented as taking place as

scheduled, with a robust corrective action process implemented. Quality and risk performance is reported in management and staff meetings. The service complies with statutory and regulatory reporting obligations.

Health and safety processes are implemented, with this itemised as a regular agenda item at all meetings. Contractors and staff are orientated to health and safety processes.

There is a staffing and rostering policy documented. Human resources are managed in accordance with good employment practice. A role specific orientation programme and regular staff education and training are in place. Staff are suitably skilled and experienced. Competencies are defined and monitored, and staff performance is reviewed.

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.
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Registered nurses assess residents on admission. InterRAI assessments and risk assessments are used to identify residents' needs, and long-term care plans are developed and implemented. Residents who identify as Māori or Pasifika have their needs met in a manner that respects their cultural values and beliefs. Resident files included medical notes by the general practitioner and visiting allied health professionals.

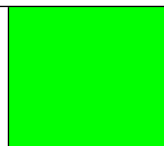
Residents' food preferences and dietary requirements are identified at admission, and all meals are cooked on site. Food, fluid, and nutritional needs of residents are provided in line with recognised nutritional guidelines and additional requirements/modified needs were being met. The service has a current food control plan.

Medication policies reflect legislative requirements and guidelines. Registered nurses and medication competent HCAs are responsible for administration of medicines. They complete annual education and medication competencies. The electronic medicine charts reviewed met prescribing requirements and were reviewed at least three-monthly by the general practitioner.

Discharge and transfers are coordinated and planned.

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.

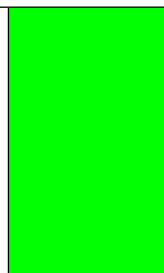


Subsections applicable to this service fully attained.

The building has a current warrant of fitness. A maintenance plan is adhered to, and all equipment is tagged, tested, and calibrated as scheduled. Bedrooms are personalised.

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.

There is a comprehensive pandemic plan. The infection prevention and control programme is implemented and provides information and resources to inform the service providers.

The type of surveillance undertaken is appropriate to the size and complexity of the organisation. Standardised definitions are used for the identification and classification of infection events. Results of surveillance are collected and analysed for trends and the information used to identify opportunities for improvements. Internal benchmarking within the organisation occurs. Staff are

informed about infection control practices through meetings, and education sessions. Outbreak response plans are in place, and the service has access to personal protective equipment supplies. There have been no outbreaks since the previous audit.

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.

Restraint minimisation and safe practice policies and procedures are in place. Restraint minimisation is overseen by the restraint coordinator. At the time of the audit, there were no residents using physical restraints. Staff demonstrated a sound knowledge and understanding of providing the least restrictive practice, de-escalation techniques, and alternative interventions.

Summary of attainment

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

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	18	0	0	0	0	0
Criteria	0	49	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. 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>A Māori health plan is in place which acknowledges Te Tiriti o Waitangi as a founding document for New Zealand. The service currently has residents who identify as Māori. The service is committed to respecting the self-determination, cultural values, and beliefs of Māori residents and whānau, and evidence is documented in the resident care plan and evidenced in practice. Amberwood Rest Home has a relationship with the local marae and links are established with the other kaumātua via Amberwood Rest Home Māori staff and residents for activities such as blessing of the rooms. Comprehensive cultural assessments are completed for residents who identify as Māori.</p> <p>Interviews with ten staff (six HCAs, two registered nurses (RN), one head chef/kitchen manager, administrator), and the two managers (facility manager and clinical manager) demonstrated a knowledge of implementing the principles of Te Tiriti O Waitangi to all aspects of the service.</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>	FA	<p>The Pacific Health and Wellbeing Plan 2020-2025 is the basis of the Amberwood Rest Home Pacific health plan. The aim is to uphold the principles of Pacific people by acknowledging respectful relationships,</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 for improved health outcomes.</p>		<p>valuing families, and providing high quality healthcare.</p> <p>On admission all residents state their ethnicity. There were residents identifying as Pasifika at the time of the audit. Interviews with the facility and staff members confirmed that the residents' whānau are encouraged to be involved in all aspects of care, particularly in nursing and medical decisions. They cited satisfaction with the service and recognition of cultural needs.</p> <p>Amberwood Rest Home partners with Pacific employees to ensure connectivity within the region to increase knowledge, awareness and understanding of the needs of Pacific people.</p>
<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>Details relating to the Health and Disability Commissioner's (HDC) Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights (the Code) are included in the information that is provided to new residents and their family/whānau. The facility manager or clinical manager discuss aspects of the Code with residents and their family/whānau on admission. The Code is displayed in multiple locations in English and te reo Māori.</p> <p>Five residents (one rest home and four hospital, including one residential disability), and two family/whānau (hospital level) confirmed that individual choices, independence, and cultural beliefs are respected. Interactions observed between staff and residents during the audit were respectful.</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>An abuse and neglect policy is being implemented. Amberwood Rest Home policies aim to prevent any form of institutional racism, discrimination, coercion, harassment, or any other exploitation.</p> <p>Amberwood Rest Home as a facility is inclusive of ethnicities, and cultural days are held to celebrate diversity. A staff code of conduct is discussed during the new employee's induction to the service, with evidence of staff signing the code of conduct policy. This code of conduct policy addresses the elimination of discrimination, harassment, and bullying. Staff complete education on orientation and annually as per the training plan on how to identify abuse and neglect. Staff are educated on how to value residents of all ages, showing them respect and dignity. All residents and family/whānau interviewed confirmed that the staff are very caring,</p>

		<p>supportive, and respectful.</p> <p>Police vetting checks are completed as part of the employment process. The service respects residents' property, and implements a process to manage residents' comfort funds, such as sundry expenses. Professional boundaries are defined in job descriptions. Interviews with registered nurses and healthcare assistants (HCAs) confirmed their understanding of professional boundaries, including the boundaries of their role and responsibilities. Professional boundaries are covered as part of orientation.</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 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>FA</p>	<p>There are policies around informed consent. Six resident files reviewed included signed general informed consent forms. Consent forms for vaccinations were also on file where appropriate. Residents and relatives interviewed could describe what informed consent was and their rights around choice. There is an advance directive policy.</p> <p>Admission agreements had been signed and sighted for all the files seen. Copies of enduring power of attorneys (EPOAs) were on resident files where applicable. EPOA activation letters were on file where appropriate.</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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>FA</p>	<p>The complaints management procedure is provided to residents and family/whānau on entry to the service. The facility manager maintains a record of all complaints, both verbal and written, using a complaint register. Documentation including follow-up letters and resolution demonstrates that complaints are being managed in accordance with guidelines set by the Health and Disability Commissioner (HDC).</p> <p>Four complaints were lodged in 2024, and ten in 2025 year to date since the previous audit in June 2024. The internal complaints reviewed had been resolved and closed off. There have been no external complaints</p>

improvement.		<p>received.</p> <p>The complaints procedure is provided to residents and families/whānau during the resident's entry to the service. The HDC Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights is visible, and available in te reo Māori, and English. Discussions with residents and families/whānau confirmed that they were provided with information on the complaints process, and remarked that any concerns or issues they had, were addressed promptly. The facility manager is responsible for the management of complaints and provides Māori residents with support to ensure an equitable complaints process. The facility manager acknowledged the understanding that for Māori, there is a preference for face-to-face communication, and confirmed that this would be encouraged for any complainant, but particularly for Māori.</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>	FA	<p>Amberwood Rest Home, located in Massey, Auckland, provides hospital, rest home, and residential disability (intellectual and physical) levels of care for up to 68 residents. On the day of the audit, there were 67 residents, which included 29 rest home, including one person on respite; 38 hospital residents, including four young people with a disability (YPD); with the remaining residents being under the age-related residential care contract (ARRC). All rooms are certified as dual purpose and are designed for single occupancy.</p> <p>Amberwood Rest Home is the trading name of Amberwood Care Limited - a privately owned company with two directors. The company is registered in compliance with legislative, contractual, and regulatory requirements. There is a facility manager (non-clinical), who is supported by an experienced clinical manager (RN). The facility manager has at least weekly meetings with the directors; one of whom visits the site regularly to facilitate the link between management and governance. The company has a quality assurance manager (RN) who provides clinical governance input.</p> <p>There is a current business plan that outlines objectives for the period. Objectives are signed off when fully attained. A mission, philosophy and objectives are documented for the service. The regular meetings provide an opportunity to review the day-to-day operations and to review progress</p>

		<p>towards meeting the business objectives. The facility manager and directors analyse internal processes, business planning and service development to improve outcomes and achieve equity for Māori; and to identify and address barriers for Māori for equitable service delivery. The directors have Māori links for advice and meaningful input into the governance function. Collaboration with governance, staff and whānau who identify as Māori and/or tāngata whaikaha (the disability sector) reflect their input for the provision of equitable delivery of care.</p> <p>The facility manager has maintained at least eight hours of professional development activities related to managing an aged care facility and other training.</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 specifically address continuous quality improvement with a focus on achieving Māori health equity.</p> <p>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>FA</p>	<p>Amberwood Rest Home has procedures to guide staff in managing clinical and non-clinical emergencies. Policies and procedures and associated implementation systems provide a good level of assurance that the facility is meeting accepted good practice and adhering to relevant standards. A document control system is in place. Policies are regularly reviewed and meet the NZS 8134:2021 Standard. New policies or changes to policy are communicated and discussed with staff.</p> <p>Amberwood Rest Home is implementing a quality and risk management programme. The quality and risk management systems include performance monitoring through internal audits and through the collection of clinical indicator data. Monthly meetings including clinical, staff, health and safety, and infection control. These document the comprehensive review and discussion around all areas, including (but not limited to): infection control/pandemic strategies; complaints received (if any); cultural compliance; staffing, education; quality data; health and safety; hazards; service improvement plans; emergency processes; incidents and accidents; internal audits; and infections. Monthly clinical and staff meetings ensure good communication. Corrective actions are documented where indicated to address service improvements, with evidence of progress and closure when achieved. Quality data and data trends are posted on a noticeboard, accessible to all staff members.</p> <p>The service completes resident and family/whānau satisfaction, and food satisfaction surveys annually. These are analysed internally to identify</p>

		<p>areas for improvement. The survey completed in March 2025 reflects overall satisfaction of the service, with a corrective action implemented regarding resident input into care plans.</p> <p>A risk management plan is in place. Health and safety is a standing agenda item in the monthly meetings and there are standalone health and safety meetings. Actual and potential risks are documented on a hazard register, which identifies risk ratings, and documents actions to eliminate or minimise each risk. Staff incident, hazards and risk information is collated and analysis undertaken by the facility manager monthly and reported to the owners/directors. In the event of a staff accident or incident, a debrief process is documented on the accident/incident form. There were no serious staff injuries in the last 12 months.</p> <p>Electronic reports are completed for each incident/accident, and immediate action is documented with any follow-up action(s) required, evidenced in the accident/incident records.</p> <p>Discussions with the facility manager evidenced awareness of their requirement to notify relevant authorities in relation to essential notifications. There have been Section 31's submitted for changes in clinical management, and a Severity Assessment Code (SAC) notification for an unstageable pressure injury since the previous audit.</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>	FA	<p>There is a staffing policy that describes rostering requirements, and the service provides 24/7 registered nurse cover.</p> <p>The registered nurses and a selection of HCAs hold current first aid certificates. There is a first aid trained staff member on duty at all times. The clinical manager is available Monday to Friday. They share an on-call roster with the RN staff for clinical matters, and the facility manager is on call for non-clinical matters.</p> <p>Interviews with HCAs, RNs, clinical manager, and the facility manager confirmed that their workload is manageable. Staff and residents are informed when there are changes to staffing levels, evidenced in staff interviews, staff meetings and resident meetings.</p> <p>There is an annual education and training schedule; this has been fully implemented to date and covers all mandatory training, as well as a range</p>

		<p>of topics related to caring for the older person, and the enabling good lives approach for younger residents. External training opportunities for care staff include training through Health New Zealand and hospice.</p> <p>The service supports and encourages HCAs to obtain a New Zealand Qualification Authority (NZQA) qualification, with 25 of the 31 employed having achieved level 3 or above.</p> <p>The organisation's orientation programme ensures core competencies and compulsory knowledge/topics are addressed. Additional RN specific competencies include (but are not limited to) syringe driver and interRAI assessment competency. Seven RNs are interRAI trained.</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>	<p>FA</p>	<p>There are comprehensive human resource policies including recruitment, selection, orientation, and staff training and development. There are job descriptions in place for all positions that includes outcomes, accountability, responsibilities, authority, and functions to be achieved in each position. Five staff files reviewed included a signed employment contract, job description, police vetting, induction documentation relevant to the role the staff member is in, application form, and reference checks. There is an appraisal policy. All staff who have been employed for over one year, have an annual appraisal completed.</p> <p>A register of RN practising certificates is maintained within the facility. Practising certificates for other health practitioners are also retained to provide evidence of their registration.</p> <p>An orientation/induction programme provides new staff with relevant information for safe work practice. Competencies are completed at orientation. The service has a role-specific orientation programme in place that provides new staff with relevant information for safe work practice and includes buddying when first employed. The service demonstrates that the orientation programme supports RNs and HCAs to provide a culturally safe environment to Māori. HCAs interviewed reported that the orientation process prepared new staff for their role and could be extended if required. Non-clinical staff have a modified orientation, which covers all key requirements of their role.</p> <p>Information held about staff is kept secure, and confidential in a locked</p>

		office and cabinet.
<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 whānau to support wellbeing.</p>	FA	<p>Registered nurses are responsible for all residents' assessments, care planning and evaluation of care. Six resident files (three hospital; including one residential disability, and three rest home) reviewed evidenced initial care plans are developed in partnership with the residents/EPOA within the required timeframe. There is documented evidence of resident, EPOA or family/whānau involvement in care-planning. Care plans are based on data collected during the initial nursing assessments, which includes cognitive function, continence and toileting, dietary needs, emotional, stress, relationship, behaviour, hygiene, mobility, transfer, falls risk, spiritual, cultural, and social needs, and information from pre-entry assessments completed by the NASC or other referral agencies.</p> <p>The individualised long-term care plans are developed with information gathered during the initial assessments and the interRAI assessment. The long-term care plans and interRAI sampled had been completed within three weeks of the residents' admission to the facility. Documented interventions and early warning signs meet the residents' assessed needs.</p> <p>The residents who identified as Māori have a Māori health care plan in place which describes the support required to meet their needs. The registered nurses and clinical manager interviewed describe removing barriers so all residents have access to information and services required to promote independence, and working alongside residents and relatives when developing care plans so residents can develop their own pae ora outcomes. Short-term care plans are developed for short-term needs, such as infections, wounds, bruises and have been evaluated and signed off once completed or transferred to the long-term care plan. All care plans sighted had been regularly reviewed to ensure that needs and risks are an ongoing process, and that any changes were documented in the care plan.</p> <p>The initial medical assessment is undertaken by the GP within the required timeframe following admission. Residents have reviews by the GP within required timeframes and when their health status changes. There is documented evidence of the exemption from monthly GP visits when the resident's condition is considered stable. The GP visits the facility at least weekly and is available after hours. Documentation and records reviewed</p>

	<p>were current. The GP was very complimentary regarding the care, environment, and communication provided by the service. A physiotherapist visits the facility for five hours weekly, and reviews residents referred by the registered nurses.</p> <p>Contact details for family are recorded in the clinical file. Resident records evidenced that family are informed where there is a change in health status.</p> <p>There was evidence of wound care products available at the facility. The review of the wound care plans evidenced wounds were assessed in a timely manner and reviewed at appropriate intervals. Photos were taken where this was required. Wounds consisted of skin tear, venous ulcers, lesions, two stage II pressure injuries, and one unstageable pressure injury (non-facility acquired). The clinical manager confirmed that if wounds required additional specialist input, this was initiated, and a wound nurse specialist would be consulted. They further explained that the unstageable pressure injury did not require this, as much improvement had been evidenced in the wound since admission to the facility.</p> <p>HCA's interviewed could describe a verbal and written handover at the beginning of each shift that maintains a continuity of service delivery, as observed on the day of audit, and was found to be comprehensive in nature. Progress notes are written each shift and as necessary by HCA's and the registered nurses. When changes occur with the residents' health, these are reflected in the progress notes to provide an evolving picture of the resident journey. When a resident's condition alters, the registered nurse initiates a review with the GP. The registered nurses also undertake comprehensive assessments, including (but not limited to) falls risk, pressure risk, and pain assessment as requires. There was evidence the registered nurses had added to the progress notes when there was an incident or a change in health status.</p> <p>Long-term care plans are formally evaluated every six months in conjunction with the interRAI re-assessments, and when there is a change in the resident's condition. Evaluations include the degree of achievement towards meeting desired goals and outcomes, are documented by the registered nurses.</p> <p>Residents interviewed confirmed assessments are completed according to their needs and in the privacy of their bedrooms.</p>
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<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>A safe electronic medication management system was observed on the day of audit, and twelve medication records were reviewed. The medication management policy identifies all aspects of medicine management in line with relevant legislation and guidelines. Prescribing practices are in line with legislation, protocols, and guidelines. Three-monthly reviews by the GP and allergies were recorded in all medication charts sampled.</p> <p>The service uses pharmacy pre-packaged medicines that are checked by the RN on delivery to the facility. All medications sighted were within current use by dates, and eyedrops had been dated upon opening. A system is in place for returning expired or unwanted medication to the contracted pharmacy. The medication refrigerator temperatures and medication room temperatures are monitored daily. Medications are stored securely in accordance with requirements.</p> <p>The staff observed administering medication demonstrated knowledge and at interview demonstrated clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities related to each stage of medication management, and complied with the medicine administration policies and procedures. All staff who administer medications have current competencies in place. The effectiveness of PRN medications was consistently documented in the electronic medication management system and progress notes. At the time of audit, there were three residents self-administering medications. The medication policy describes the procedure for self-administering residents, including requirements for safe storage. This was in evidence as sighted during the audit.</p> <p>The service does not keep any vaccines on site, and standing orders are not used.</p>
<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</p>	<p>FA</p>	<p>A nutritional assessment is undertaken by the RN for each resident on admission to identify the residents' dietary requirements and preferences. The nutritional profiles are communicated to the kitchen staff and updated when a resident's dietary needs change. Diets are modified as needed and the head chef/kitchen manager at interview confirmed awareness of the</p>

<p>traditional foods. As service providers: We ensure people’s nutrition and hydration needs are met to promote and maintain their health and wellbeing.</p>		<p>dietary needs, likes, dislikes, and cultural needs of residents. These are accommodated in daily meal planning.</p> <p>Discussion and feedback on the menu and food provided is sought at the residents’ meetings and in the annual residents’ survey. Residents and families/whānau interviewed stated that they were satisfied with the meals provided.</p> <p>The food control plan is current, and the service has a council ‘A’ grade rating, which expires 30 September 2026.</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. 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.</p>	FA	<p>There is a documented policy that relates to resident transfer and discharge. Transition, discharge, or transfer is managed in a planned and coordinated in a timely and safe manner. Interview with staff confirmed residents and their family/whānau were involved for all discharges to and from the service. Discharge notes are kept on file and discharge instructions are incorporated into the care plan.</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. 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</p>	FA	<p>There is a building warrant of fitness certificate that expires on 11 November 2026.</p> <p>Maintenance requests are logged and followed up in a timely manner. There is an annual maintenance plan that includes electrical testing and tagging, residents’ equipment checks, call bell checks, calibration of medical equipment, and monthly testing of hot water temperatures. Essential contractors such as plumbers and electricians are available 24 hours a day as required. Checking and calibration of medical equipment, hoists and scales was completed annually. HCAs interviewed stated they have adequate equipment to safely deliver care for residents.</p> <p>All corridors have safety rails that promote safe mobility. Corridors are</p>

<p>function.</p>		<p>spacious, and residents were observed moving freely around the areas with mobility aids where required. There is safe access to all communal areas.</p> <p>Residents are encouraged to personalise their bedrooms, including with items of cultural or spiritual significance, as viewed on the days of audit.</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>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>FA</p>	<p>The infection prevention and control programme is appropriate for the size and complexity of the service. The programme is linked to the quality improvement programme, reviewed annually, and approved by the owners. The infection control policies were developed with input from infection control specialists, and these comply with relevant legislation and accepted best practice. The clinical manager (registered nurse) is the infection control coordinator. Staff interviews confirmed that infections are managed appropriately, reflecting adherence to established protocols.</p> <p>A review of staff training records evidenced that staff mandatory infection control and prevention training was up to date, with a high number of staff attending. Staff have received education in infection control at orientation and through ongoing annual education sessions. Additional staff education around the prevention and management of infectious outbreaks is ongoing. This includes reminders about handwashing and advice to residents about remaining in their room if they are unwell. Staff who were interviewed demonstrated a good understanding of infection control and prevention measures.</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</p>	<p>FA</p>	<p>The infection surveillance program is tailored to the facility's size and service complexity, with thorough monitoring and management of infections. An infection control manual is used as reference for best practice around infection control. Advice around infection control matters is also sought from the local infection control specialist in Regional Public Health and by liaising with the GP.</p> <p>Monthly data on various infections, including those affecting the urinary tract, skin, eyes, respiratory system, and wounds is collected, based on signs, symptoms, and infection definitions. This information is logged into an infection register and detailed in a monthly infection summary, where</p>

<p>programme, and with an equity focus.</p>		<p>infections, including specific organisms, are reviewed. Subsequently, action plans are formulated and executed, which is also analysed monthly and annually for trend identification. Additionally, the infection control data captures information on ethnicity.</p> <p>To support infection prevention, audits are regularly conducted, covering areas such as cleaning, laundry, use of personal protective equipment (PPE), and the procedures for donning and doffing PPE, as well as hand hygiene practices. Where necessary, corrective measures are taken. Staff are kept up to date on infection rates and outcomes of regular audits during staff meetings, with evidence documented in the minutes of these meetings.</p> <p>There have been no outbreaks since the previous audit.</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>The restraint approval process is described in the restraint policy and procedures meet the requirements of the restraint minimisation and safe practice standards, and provide guidance on the safe use of restraints. A registered nurse is the restraint coordinator and provides support and oversight for restraint management in the facility. The restraint coordinator is conversant with restraint policies and procedures.</p> <p>Interview with the restraint coordinator described the organisation's commitment to restraint elimination and implementation across the organisation. The reporting process to the owners includes restraint data that is gathered and analysed monthly.</p> <p>On the day of the audit there were no residents utilising physical restraints. The use of restraint is reported monthly at the facility staff, registered nurse meetings, and to the owners via the facility manager.</p> <p>Interviews with staff confirmed who are actively involved in the ongoing process of restraint elimination. Training for all staff occurs at orientation and annually. This includes a competency assessment.</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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