

Tasman Care Limited - Tasman Care 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:	Tasman Care Limited
Premises audited:	Tasman Care Home
Services audited:	Hospital services - Medical services; Hospital services - Geriatric services (excl. psychogeriatric); Rest home care (excluding dementia care)
Dates of audit:	Start date: 30 March 2026 End date: 31 March 2026
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:	70

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

Tasman Care Home provides hospital (geriatric and medical), and rest home level services for up to 72 residents. There were 70 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 general manager is appropriately qualified and experienced and is supported by a clinical manager (registered nurse). Residents and family/whānau interviewed spoke positively about the service provided.

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

The partial attainment identified at the previous audit relating to the laundry service has been satisfied.

This surveillance audit identified a shortfall related to care plan interventions.

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.

Tasman Care 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. Tasman Care 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.		Some subsections applicable to this service partially attained and of low risk.
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Tasman Care Home admissions are managed by the general manager and the clinical manager. The clinical manager and registered nurses assess, plan and review residents' needs, outcomes, and goals.

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

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.

Residents were reviewed regularly and referred to specialist services and to other health services as required. 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.
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The building holds a current building warrant of fitness certificate. Residents can freely mobilise within the communal areas with safe access to the outdoors, seating, and shade. All rooms are single. Rooms 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.
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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 has been one outbreak 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.
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Restraint minimisation and safe practice policies and procedures are in place. Restraint minimisation is overseen by the restraint coordinator who is the clinical manager. There are currently no restraints, and the focus is on maintaining this. Annual training and education is provided to staff around maintaining zero restraints.

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	1	0	0	0
Criteria	0	49	0	1	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>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. Tasman Care Home has a relationship with the local marae and links are established with the other kaumatua via Tasman Care 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 twelve staff: four healthcare assistants (HCAs), three registered nurses (RN), one housekeeper, one laundry, cook, one maintenance, and one physiotherapy assistant; general 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>A Pacific health plan is documented that focuses on achieving equity and efficient provision of care for Pasifika. The service aims to achieve optimal outcomes for Pasifika. Pacific culture, language, faith, and</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>family values form the basis of their culture and are therefore important aspects of recognising the individual within the broader context of the Pacific culture. The Pacific health plan has been written by an external consultant, well known, and respected in the industry who had input from their Pasifika community contacts. The service currently has residents who identify as Pasifika.</p> <p>Interviews with the managers and staff confirmed that family/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>Tasman Care Home partners with Pasifika 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 (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 general 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, te reo Māori, and New Zealand sign language.</p> <p>Four residents (two rest home, two hospital), and eight family/whānau (seven rest home, one hospital) 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. Tasman Care Home policies aim to prevent any form of institutional racism, discrimination, coercion, harassment, or any other exploitation. Tasman Care 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</p>

		<p>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, supportive, and respectful.</p> <p>Police 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 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>	FA	<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 family/whānau 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</p>	FA	<p>The complaints management procedure is provided to residents and family/whānau on entry to the service. The general manager maintains a record of all complaints, both verbal and written, by using a complaint register. Documentation including follow-up letters and resolution demonstrates that complaints are being managed in accordance with</p>

<p>their care and support. As service providers: We have a fair, transparent, and equitable system in place to easily receive and resolve or escalate complaints in a manner that leads to quality improvement.</p>		<p>guidelines set by the Health and Disability Commissioner (HDC).</p> <p>One complaint was lodged in 2024, five in 2025, and one in 2026 year to date since the previous audit in October 2024. The internal complaints reviewed had been resolved and closed off. Documentation, including follow-up letters and resolution, demonstrated that complaints are being managed in accordance with guidelines set by the HDC. The complaints included two complaints to Health New Zealand. This audit has been asked to review and comment upon the topics raised in the complaints. This audit has found no evidence to support the matters raised, and the service has met the standard relating to each area investigated.</p> <p>The Code is visible, and available in te reo Māori, English, and New Zealand sign language. Discussions with residents and family/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 general manager is responsible for the management of complaints and provides Māori residents with support to ensure an equitable complaints process. The general 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>	<p>FA</p>	<p>Tasman Care Home is an aged care facility located in Henderson, Auckland. The service provides rest home and hospital level care for up to 72 residents. All rooms are certified for dual purpose use. On the day of the audit there were 70 residents in total. There were 19 rest home level residents, and 51 hospital level residents, including eight residents on an interim care contract (ICS). All residents other than the ICS residents were on the age-related residential care (ARRC) contract. There were no double/shared rooms at the time of the audit.</p> <p>Tasman Care Home is the trading name of Tasman Care Limited - a privately owned company with two directors. One owner is referred to as the director and one as the director operations. The company is registered in compliance with legislative, contractual, and regulatory requirements. Tasman Care Home has a well-established organisational</p>

		<p>structure, including the general manager and clinical manager (both RNs) who provide guidance to the directors regarding clinical governance that is appropriate to the size and complexity of the organisation.</p> <p>Tasman Care Home's overall vision and values is documented in the business plan along with the mission statement and goals, which are reviewed monthly. All staff are made aware of the vision and values during their induction to the service. The business plan reflects a commitment to collaborate with Māori, aligns with the Ministry of Health strategies and addresses barriers to equitable service delivery. The annual quality and risk management programme reflects evidence of regular compliance and risk reporting that highlight operational goals. The director operations has input into operational management and attends monthly online management and quality meetings.</p> <p>The general manager and clinical manager both have extensive experience in the sector and are supported by a longstanding and experienced care team.</p> <p>The general manager and clinical manager have 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>Tasman Care 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 2021 Standard. New policies or changes to policy are communicated and discussed with staff.</p> <p>Tasman Care 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, and staff hui, which incorporate health and safety, and infection control. These document the comprehensive review and discussion around all areas, including (but not limited to): infection control/pandemic</p>

		<p>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. Corrective actions are documented where indicated, to address service improvements with evidence of progress and closure when achieved. Quality data and trends in data are posted on a quality noticeboard, accessible to all staff members.</p> <p>The service completes resident and family/whanau satisfaction, and food satisfaction surveys annually. These are analysed internally to identify areas for improvement. The survey completed in November 2025 reflects overall satisfaction of the service, with a corrective action initiated around the gardens.</p> <p>A risk management plan is in place. Health and safety is a standing agenda item in the monthly meetings and staff hui. 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 general manager monthly and reported to the 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>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 general manager evidenced awareness of their requirement to notify relevant authorities in relation to essential notifications, including Severity Assessment Code (SAC) reporting procedures. There has been a SAC notification for a stage 3 or above pressure injuries and falls with fracture since the previous audit. There were no Section 31 notifications sighted.</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</p>	<p>FA</p>	<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</p>

<p>person. Te Tiriti: The delivery of high-quality health care that is culturally responsive to the needs and aspirations of Māori is achieved through the use of health equity and quality improvement tools. As service providers: We ensure our day-to-day operation is managed to deliver effective person-centred and whānau-centred services.</p>		<p>certificates. There is a first aid trained staff member on duty 24/7. The clinical manager is available Monday to Friday. They share an on-call roster with the RN staff for clinical matters, and the general manager performs on-call duties for non-clinical matters.</p> <p>Interviews with HCAs, RNs, clinical manager, and the general 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 of topics related to caring for the older person, and residents with dementia. 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. 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. Three 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. Te Tiriti: Service providers actively recruit and retain a Māori health workforce and invest in building and maintaining their capacity and capability to deliver health care that meets the needs of Māori. As service providers: We have sufficient health care and support workers who are skilled and qualified to provide clinically and culturally safe, respectful, quality care and services.</p>	<p>FA</p>	<p>There are comprehensive human resources 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. Six staff files reviewed included a signed employment contract, job description, police check, 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</p>

		<p>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 office and cabinet.</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 whānau to support wellbeing.</p>	<p>PA Low</p>	<p>Six files were reviewed for this audit: four hospital residents (including one interim care) and two rest home residents. The clinical manager and registered nurses are responsible for conducting all assessments and for the development of care plans. Family/whānau interviewed report they are involved in the assessment, care planning and review process as evidenced in the files reviewed.</p> <p>A Māori health plan and cultural awareness policy is in place to ensure the service supports Māori and family/whānau to identify their own pae ora outcomes in their care or support plan.</p> <p>There is also a Pasifika health care plan to ensure the service supports Pasifika and family/whānau.</p> <p>All residents have admission assessment information collected and an initial care plan completed at time of admission. All reviewed files had interRAI assessments completed. All files reviewed confirmed that the initial interRAI assessments and initial long-term care plans were completed in a timely manner. The long-term care plan includes interventions to guide care delivery, which are reflective of assessed needs. One care plan lacked detail around diabetic management. The care plans are holistic and align with the service's model of person-centred care. Care plan evaluations were completed at least six-monthly or when residents' needs changed. One care plan had not been updated when the resident' health status changed. Short-term care plans for infections, weight loss, behaviour that challenges and wounds</p>

	<p>were well utilised, with interventions transferred to the long-term care plans in a timely manner.</p> <p>An independent general practitioner (GP) ensures residents are assessed within five working days of admission. The GP reviews each resident at least three-monthly. The GP provides on-call service for after hours and visits the facility twice weekly. The clinical manager is available 24/7 for clinical advice and decision making as required. When interviewed, the GP expressed satisfaction with the standard of care and praised the clinical manager's competence. Specialist referrals are initiated as needed. Allied health interventions were documented and integrated into care plans. The service has a contracted physiotherapist for eight hours a week. There is also a physiotherapist assistant who works Monday to Friday. An independent dietitian is also contacted as required. A podiatrist visits six to eight-weekly and a continence advisor, hospice specialist and wound care specialist nurse are available as required.</p> <p>HCA's and the registered nurses interviewed described a verbal handover at the beginning of each duty that maintains a continuity of service delivery; this was observed on the day of audit and found to be comprehensive in nature. Progress notes are written daily by registered nurses and HCA's. The registered nurses further add to the progress notes if there are any incidents, GP visits, or changes in health status.</p> <p>Family/whānau reported their needs and expectations were being met regarding their family member. When a resident's condition alters, the staff alert the clinical manager who then initiates a review with the GP. Family/whānau stated they were notified of all changes to health, including infections, accident/incidents, GP visit, medication changes, and any changes to health status, and this was consistently documented in the resident's progress notes.</p> <p>A wound register is maintained. All wounds were reviewed and had comprehensive wound assessments, wound management plans, and documented evaluations, including photographs (if required) to show healing progression. One chronic wound has been reviewed by the GP and the wound care nurse specialist. There are currently two pressure injuries. Both have been reviewed by the GP and the wound care nurse specialist. Both have been reported. The registered nurses and HCA's interviewed confirmed there are adequate clinical supplies and</p>
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		<p>equipment provided, including continence and wound care supplies.</p> <p>Care plans reflect the required health monitoring interventions for individual residents. Registered nurses and HCAs complete monitoring charts, including bowel chart; blood pressure; weight; food and fluid chart; pain; behaviour and blood glucose levels. All monitoring reviewed was implemented as scheduled. Neurological observations are completed for unwitnessed falls and suspected head injuries according to policy.</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>A medication management policy is available for safe medicine management and meets legislative requirements. All staff who administer medications are assessed for competency on an annual basis. Education around safe medication administration has been provided.</p> <p>Staff were observed to be safely administering medications. The registered nurses and HCAs interviewed could describe their role regarding medication administration. The facility uses robotic packs. All medications are checked on delivery against the medication chart, and any discrepancies are fed back to the supplying pharmacy.</p> <p>Medications were stored securely in the medication room. The medication trolley was always locked when not in use. The medication fridge and medication room temperatures are monitored daily. All medications, including stock medications, are checked monthly. All eyedrops have been dated on opening and discarded as per manufacturer's instructions. All over the counter vitamins, supplements or alternative therapies residents choose to use are prescribed by the GP and charted on the electronic medication chart.</p> <p>Twelve electronic medication charts were reviewed. The medication charts reviewed confirmed the GP reviews all resident medication charts three-monthly and each chart has a photo identification and allergy status identified.</p> <p>Pro re nata (PRN) medications are administered as prescribed and effectiveness is documented on the electronic medication system or in the progress notes. Medication competent HCAs or registered nurses</p>

		<p>sign when the medication has been administered. There are no vaccines kept on site. The facility does not use standing orders. There are two residents self-administering medications. Both residents had been assessed for competency to self-administer medications, and competency had been reviewed three monthly. Medications were stored safely in locked drawers in the resident rooms. Consent forms are in place, and the medications are stored safely.</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 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>All meals are prepared and cooked on site. There are two cooks and three kitchen assistants. All staff have completed training on safe food handling.</p> <p>The kitchen was observed to be clean, well-organised, well equipped and a current approved food control plan was evidenced, expiring 14 April 2027. The cook (interviewed) is aware of resident likes, dislikes, and special dietary requirements. Alternative meals are offered for those residents with dislikes or religious and cultural preferences. Māori or Pasifika menu options are available upon request and family/whanau can bring special meals for their relatives. Residents have access to nutritious snacks.</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>Planned discharges or transfers are coordinated in collaboration with family/whānau to ensure continuity of care. There are policies and procedures documented to ensure discharge or transfer of residents is undertaken in a timely and safe manner.</p> <p>Family/whānau are involved for all transfers and discharges to and from the service, including being given options to access other health and disability services and social support or Kaupapa Māori agencies, where indicated or requested. The clinical manager explained the transfer between services includes a comprehensive verbal handover and the completion of specific transfer documentation.</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 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>FA</p>	<p>The building holds a current warrant of fitness which expires 16 June 2026. There is a maintenance person (interviewed) who works four days a week. There is a contracted gardener who comes monthly. Maintenance requests are documented in a maintenance book at the nurses' stations. This is checked daily and signed off when repairs have been completed. There is an annual preventative maintenance plan that includes electrical testing and tagging (completed March 2026). Monthly testing of hot water temperatures occurs and if temperature recordings are out of expected range the maintenance person corrects. Essential contractors/ tradespeople are available 24 hours a day as required. Calibration of medical equipment was completed last in March 2026. There are ample spaces for residents to engage in cultural activities and to meet with family/whānau in private. Residents personalise their rooms with items of significance to them.</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, evaluated, and reported on annually (sighted). The infection control policies were developed with input from infection control specialists and these comply with relevant legislation and accepted best practice. A registered nurse is the infection control coordinator. Staff interviews confirmed that infections are managed appropriately, reflecting adherence to established protocols. There is a documented mechanism for accessing appropriate multidisciplinary IP expertise and advice when needed. The service has access to laboratory reports and diagnostic testing for residents.</p> <p>A review of staff training records evidenced that staff mandatory infection control and prevention, and anti-microbial stewardship 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 online 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</p>

		measures.
<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>	FA	<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 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 has been one outbreak since the previous audit, which was contained, well managed and reported appropriately. Debriefing meetings were held.</p>
<p>Subsection 5.5: Environment</p> <p>The people: I trust health care and support workers to maintain a hygienic environment. My feedback is sought on cleanliness within the environment.</p> <p>Te Tiriti: Māori are assured that culturally safe and appropriate decisions are made in relation to infection prevention and</p>	FA	<p>The service demonstrates they have safe and effective laundry services appropriate to the size and scope of the service that includes methods, frequency, and materials used for laundry processes. The laundry process is monitored for effectiveness through the internal audit schedule. It was seen that there is a clear separation between handling and storage of clean and dirty laundry, and that there are designated areas for the safe and hygienic storage of laundry equipment and</p>

<p>environment. Communication about the environment is culturally safe and easily accessible. As service providers: We deliver services in a clean, hygienic environment that facilitates the prevention of infection and transmission of antimicrobialresistant organisms.</p>		<p>chemicals. These are all reflected in a written policy. The partial attainment identified at the previous audit related to HDSS: 2021 # 5.5.4 has been satisfied.</p>
<p>Subsection 6.1: A process of restraint The people: I trust the service provider is committed to improving policies, systems, and processes to ensure I am free from restrictions. Te Tiriti: Service providers work in partnership with Māori to ensure services are mana enhancing and use least restrictive practices. As service providers: We demonstrate the rationale for the use of restraint in the context of aiming for elimination.</p>	<p>FA</p>	<p>Restraint elimination is included in the organisation’s business plan and approved by the directors. Restraint policy confirms that restraint consideration and application must be done in partnership with residents and family/whānau, and the choice of device must be the least restrictive possible. The restraint policy confirms that if used restraint consideration and application must be done in partnership with families/whānau, and the choice of device must be the least restrictive possible. When restraint is considered, the facility works in partnership with the resident and family/whānau to ensure services are mana enhancing.</p> <p>The designated restraint coordinator is the clinical manager. There are currently no restraints.</p> <p>The restraint coordinator (interviewed) described the focus on maintaining a restraint-free environment. Restraint minimisation is included as part of the mandatory training plan and orientation programme. This includes behaviour that challenges and de-escalation.</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.

Criterion with desired outcome	Attainment Rating	Audit Evidence	Audit Finding	Corrective action required and timeframe for completion (days)
<p>Criterion 3.2.4</p> <p>In implementing care or support plans, service providers shall demonstrate:</p> <p>(a) Active involvement with the person receiving services and whānau;</p> <p>(b) That the provision of service is consistent with, and contributes to, meeting the person’s assessed needs, goals, and aspirations. Whānau require assessment for support needs as well. This supports whānau ora and pae ora, and builds resilience, self-management, and self-advocacy among the collective;</p> <p>(c) That the person receives services that remove stigma and promote acceptance and inclusion;</p> <p>(d) That needs and risk assessments are an ongoing process and that any changes are documented.</p>	PA Low	<p>Long term care plans do not always include interventions to guide care delivery which are reflective of assessed needs. Care plan evaluations are completed at least six monthly or when resident’s needs change</p>	<p>One care plan lacked detail around diabetic management.</p> <p>One care plan has not been updated when health status changed</p>	<p>Ensure care plans have sufficient detail to meet resident’s assessed needs.</p> <p>Ensure care plans are updated when resident’s health status changes</p> <p>30 days</p>

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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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