# Udian Care Limited - Rose Lodge Rest Home

## Introduction

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

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

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

You can view a full copy of the standards on the Ministry of Health’s website by clicking [here](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/certification-health-care-services/health-and-disability-services-standards).

The specifics of this audit included:

**Legal entity:** Udian Care Limited

**Premises audited:** Rose Lodge Rest Home

**Services audited:** Rest home care (excluding dementia care)

**Dates of audit:** Start date: 11 January 2022 End date: 12 January 2022

**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:** 14

# Executive summary of the audit

## Introduction

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

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

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

**Key to the indicators**

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

## General overview of the audit

Udian Care Limited – the prospective provider has a sale and purchase agreement with Graceful Home Limited to purchase Rose Lodge Rest Home located in Epsom, Auckland. Change of ownership is anticipated to occur 28 February 2022, once the proposed purchase is finalised.

Rose Lodge Rest Home provides rest home level care and has an agreement with the district health board to accommodate up to 14 residents.

This provisional audit was undertaken to establish the prospective provider’s preparedness to deliver residential aged care services and the current owner’s level of conformity with the Health and Disability Services Standards (HDSS) and their agreements with the DHB.

The audit process included an interview with the prospective provider, review of current policies and processes, residents’ and staff records, observations and interviews with residents, family members, the current management, staff and the general practitioner (GP). Residents and family members interviewed spoke positively about the care provided.

There have been no significant changes to the services provided or the facility since the previous audit. The current owner/director is advertising for a replacement registered nurse in consultation with the prospective provider.

There were no corrective actions identified during this provisional audit.

## Consumer rights

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| Includes 13 standards that support an outcome where consumers receive safe services of an appropriate standard that comply with consumer rights legislation. Services are provided in a manner that is respectful of consumer rights, facilities, informed choice, minimises harm and acknowledges cultural and individual values and beliefs. |  | Standards applicable to this service fully attained. |

Residents and their families are provided with information about the Health and Disability Commissioner’s Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights (the Code) and these are respected. Personal privacy, independence, individuality and dignity are supported. Staff interact with residents in a respectful manner.

Open communication between staff, residents and families is promoted, and confirmed to be effective. There is access to interpreting services if required. Staff provide residents and families with the information they need to make informed choices and give consent.

Residents who identify as Māori have their needs met in a manner that respects their cultural values and beliefs. There was no evidence of abuse, neglect or discrimination.

The service has linkages with a range of specialist health care providers to support best practice and meet residents’ needs.

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

## Organisational management

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| Includes 9 standards that support an outcome where consumers receive services that comply with legislation and are managed in a safe, efficient and effective manner. |  | Standards applicable to this service fully attained. |

The prospective provider has a documented business and transition plan which was reviewed and discussed during the interview. The plan outlines objectives for a smooth transition and showed that the prospective provider has completed due diligence in considering all necessary matters related to acquiring the facility and its operation. The prospective purchaser demonstrated knowledge and understanding about all the requirements for delivering residential rest home care services to older people under New Zealand legislation, these standards, and funding agreements. They plan to gradually transition their objectives into the facility as per the business plan.

The current business and quality and risk management plans for Rose Lodge Rest Home included the scope, direction, goals, values and mission statement of the organisation. Monitoring of the services provided to the governing body was regular and effective. An experienced and suitably qualified person manages the facility.

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

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

Residents’ records are integrated and maintained in a secure manner. Entries in records meet best practice standards for the management of health records.

## Continuum of service delivery

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| Includes 13 standards that support an outcome where consumers participate in and receive timely assessment, followed by services that are planned, coordinated, and delivered in a timely and appropriate manner, consistent with current legislation. |  | Standards applicable to this service fully attained. |

Access to the facility is appropriate and efficiently managed with relevant information provided to the potential resident/family.

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

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

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

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

## Safe and appropriate environment

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

The facility meets the needs of residents and was clean and well maintained. There was a current building warrant of fitness. Electrical equipment has been tested as required. Communal and individual spaces are maintained at a comfortable temperature. External areas are accessible, safe and provide shade and seating.

Waste and hazardous substances are well managed. Staff use protective equipment and clothing. Chemicals, soiled linen and equipment are safely stored. Laundry is undertaken onsite by the care staff and evaluated for effectiveness with regular audits.

Staff are trained in emergency procedures, use of emergency equipment and supplies and attend regular fire drills. Fire evacuation procedures are regularly practised. Residents reported a timely staff response to call bells. Security is maintained.

## Restraint minimisation and safe practice

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| Includes 3 standards that support outcomes where consumers receive and experience services in the least restrictive and safe manner through restraint minimisation. |  | Standards applicable to this service fully attained. |

The organisation has implemented policies and procedures that support the minimisation of restraint. No enablers were in use at the time of audit. Use of enablers is voluntary for the safety of residents in response to individual requests. No restraints were in use. A comprehensive assessment, approval and monitoring process with regular reviews occurs, should restraint be required. Staff demonstrated a sound knowledge and understanding of the restraint and enabler processes.

## Infection prevention and control

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| Includes 6 standards that support an outcome which minimises the risk of infection to consumers, service providers and visitors. Infection control policies and procedures are practical, safe and appropriate for the type of service provided and reflect current accepted good practice and legislative requirements. The organisation provides relevant education on infection control to all service providers and consumers. Surveillance for infection is carried out as specified in the infection control programme. |  | Standards applicable to this service fully attained. |

The infection prevention and control programme, led by an experienced and trained infection control coordinator, aims to prevent and manage infections. The programme is reviewed annually. Specialist infection prevention and control advice is accessed when needed.

Staff demonstrated good principles and practice around infection control, which is guided by relevant policies and supported with regular education.

Aged care specific infection surveillance is undertaken, and results reported through all levels of the organisation. Follow-up action is taken as and when required.

## Summary of attainment

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

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| **Attainment Rating** | **Continuous Improvement**  **(CI)** | **Fully Attained**  **(FA)** | **Partially Attained Negligible Risk**  **(PA Negligible)** | **Partially Attained Low Risk**  **(PA Low)** | **Partially Attained Moderate Risk**  **(PA Moderate)** | **Partially Attained High Risk**  **(PA High)** | **Partially Attained Critical Risk**  **(PA Critical)** |
| **Standards** | 0 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Criteria** | 0 | 93 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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

# Attainment against the Health and Disability Services Standards

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

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

For more information on the standards, please click [here](http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/regulation-health-and-disability-system/certification-health-care-services/health-and-disability-services-standards).

For more information on the different types of audits and what they cover please click [here](http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/services-and-support/health-care-services/services-older-people/rest-home-certification-and-audits).

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| **Standard with desired outcome** | **Attainment Rating** | **Audit Evidence** |
| Standard 1.1.1: Consumer Rights During Service Delivery  Consumers receive services in accordance with consumer rights legislation. | FA | Rose Lodge Rest Home has developed policies, procedures and processes to meet its obligations in relation to the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights (the Code). Staff interviewed understood the requirements of the Code and were observed demonstrating respectful communication, encouraging independence, providing options, and maintaining dignity and privacy.  Training on the Code is included as part of the orientation process for all staff employed and in ongoing training. The last training session on the Code was conducted in December 2021.  Health care assistants were observed calling residents by their preferred name. |
| Standard 1.1.10: Informed Consent  Consumers and where appropriate their family/whānau of choice are provided with the information they need to make informed choices and give informed consent. | FA | Nursing and care staff interviewed understood the principles and practice of informed consent. Informed consent policies provide relevant guidance to staff. Clinical files reviewed showed that informed consent has been gained appropriately using the organisation’s standard consent forms as needed.  Advance care planning, establishing and documenting enduring power of attorney requirements and processes for residents unable to consent is defined and documented, as relevant, in the resident’s record. Resident files had evidence of enduring power of attorney (EPOA), and these had been enacted.  Staff were observed to gain consent for day to day care activities and could detail how they would respond to refusal of care, medicines or food/fluid. |
| Standard 1.1.11: Advocacy And Support  Service providers recognise and facilitate the right of consumers to advocacy/support persons of their choice. | FA | During the admission process, residents are given a copy of the Code, which also includes information on the Advocacy Service. Posters and brochures related to the Advocacy Service were also displayed and available in the facility. Family and staff members spoken with were aware of the Advocacy Service, how to access this and their right to have support persons. |
| Standard 1.1.12: Links With Family/Whānau And Other Community Resources  Consumers are able to maintain links with their family/whānau and their community. | FA | Residents are encouraged to maintain links with their family and the community by attending a variety of organised outings, visits, activities, and entertainment events in the community.  The facility has unrestricted visiting hours and encourages visits from residents’ family and friends, except when otherwise indicated to comply with the Covid-19 National Alert Levels in place at the time. Family members interviewed stated they felt welcome when they visited and comfortable in their dealings with staff.  Even though there were visitors’ restrictions recently due to the pandemic, residents and family members interviewed stated they felt comfortable about the way it was managed and were kept well informed. |
| Standard 1.1.13: Complaints Management  The right of the consumer to make a complaint is understood, respected, and upheld. | FA | The complaints/concerns/issues policy and associated forms meet the requirements of Right 10 of the Code. This was reviewed in September 2021. Information on the complaint process is provided to residents and families on admission and those interviewed knew how to do so.  The complaints register reviewed showed that two complaints have been received over the past year and that actions taken, through to an agreed resolution, were documented and completed within the timeframes. Action plans showed any required follow up and improvements have been made where possible. The clinical nurse manager is responsible for complaints management and follow up. All staff interviewed confirmed a sound understanding of the complaint process and what actions are required. There have been no complaints received from external sources since the previous audit. |
| Standard 1.1.2: Consumer Rights During Service Delivery  Consumers are informed of their rights. | FA | Family members interviewed reported being made aware of the Code and the Nationwide Health and Disability Advocacy Service (Advocacy Service) as part of the admission information provided and during discussion with staff.  The Code is displayed in common areas together with information on advocacy services, how to make a complaint and feedback forms.  The prospective provider is aware of and understands the consumer rights it must adhere to. |
| Standard 1.1.3: Independence, Personal Privacy, Dignity, And Respect  Consumers are treated with respect and receive services in a manner that has regard for their dignity, privacy, and independence. | FA | Residents and families confirmed that they receive services in a manner that has regard for their dignity, privacy, sexuality, spirituality and choices.  Staff were observed to maintain privacy throughout the audit, when attending to personal cares, by ensuring residents’ information is held securely and privately, when exchanging verbal information and in discussions with families. All residents have a private room.  Residents are encouraged to maintain their independence through community activities and regular outings. Care plans included documentation related to the resident’s abilities, and strategies to maximise independence.  Records reviewed confirmed that each resident’s individual cultural, religious and social needs, values and beliefs had been identified, documented and incorporated into their care plan.  Staff understood the service’s policy on abuse and neglect, including what to do should there be any signs. Education on abuse and neglect was confirmed to occur during orientation and annually. |
| Standard 1.1.4: Recognition Of Māori Values And Beliefs  Consumers who identify as Māori have their health and disability needs met in a manner that respects and acknowledges their individual and cultural, values and beliefs. | FA | Staff support residents in the service who identify as Māori to integrate their cultural values and beliefs. The principles of the Treaty of Waitangi are incorporated into day to day practice, as is the importance of whānau. There is a current organisation wide policy on Māori health to guide the facility on the development of their own Māori health plan.  Guidance on tikanga best practice is available and is supported by staff who identify as Māori in the facility.  Family members interviewed reported that staff acknowledged and respected their individual cultural needs. Guidance on tikanga best practice is readily available. |
| Standard 1.1.6: Recognition And Respect Of The Individual's Culture, Values, And Beliefs  Consumers receive culturally safe services which recognise and respect their ethnic, cultural, spiritual values, and beliefs. | FA | Family members interviewed verified that they were consulted on their individual culture, values and beliefs and that staff respected these. Resident’s personal preferences, required interventions and special needs were included in care plans reviewed.  The residents’ feedback confirmed that individual needs are being met. |
| Standard 1.1.7: Discrimination  Consumers are free from any discrimination, coercion, harassment, sexual, financial, or other exploitation. | FA | Family members interviewed stated that residents were free from any type of discrimination, harassment or exploitation and felt safe.  The induction process for staff includes education related to professional boundaries, expected behaviours and the Code of Conduct. Ongoing education is provided on an annual basis which was confirmed in training records sighted.  Staff are guided by policies and procedures and demonstrated a clear understanding of the process they would follow, should they suspect any form of exploitation, abuse or neglect. |
| Standard 1.1.8: Good Practice  Consumers receive services of an appropriate standard. | FA | The service encourages and promotes good practice through evidence based policies, input from external specialist services and allied health professionals, for example, dietitian, wound care specialist and mental health services for older persons, and education of staff. The general practitioner (GP) confirmed the service sought prompt and appropriate medical intervention when required and were responsive to medical requests.  Staff reported they receive management support for external education and access their own professional networks to support contemporary good practice. |
| Standard 1.1.9: Communication  Service providers communicate effectively with consumers and provide an environment conducive to effective communication. | FA | Family members stated they were kept well informed about any changes to their relative’s status, were advised in a timely manner about any incidents or accidents and outcomes of regular and any urgent medical reviews. This was supported in residents’ records reviewed.  Staff understood the principles of open disclosure, which is supported by policies and procedures that meet the requirements of the Code.  Staff knew how to access interpreter services, through the district health board, if needed. Staff reported interpreter services were rarely required due to all present residents being able to speak English. |
| Standard 1.2.1: Governance  The governing body of the organisation ensures services are planned, coordinated, and appropriate to the needs of consumers. | FA | The strategic and business plans, which are reviewed annually, outline the purpose, values, scope, direction and goals of the organisation. The documents described annual and longer term objectives and the associated operational plans. The clinical nurse manager reports to the executive assistant and to the owner/director for Graceful Home Limited. Information provided showed adequate information to monitor performance is reported including complaints, infection prevention and control, staffing, any issues and results of the internal audit programme.  The service is currently managed by a clinical nurse manager (CNM) who covers three facilities and holds relevant qualifications. The CNM has been in the role since March 2021 but is covering this facility on a day to day basis since the previous registered nurse resigned in December 2021. Responsibilities and accountabilities are defined in a job description and individual employment agreement sighted. The CNM confirmed knowledge of the sector, regulatory and reporting requirements and maintains currency through ongoing education reviewed. The CNM is well supported by a team leader (senior healthcare assistant (HCA)) who works full time and has worked at this facility for four years. The owner director has been actively pursuing, through an agency, to employ a registered nurse (in consultation with the prospective provider).  The service holds contracts with the district health board (DHB) and Ministry of Health for aged related residential care - rest home level care, residential respite care, and younger people with a disability (YPD) and for long term support chronic health conditions. On the day of the audit 14 residents were receiving services including12 rest home level care, one accident compensation corporation (ACC) resident and one boarder.  The prospective provider is experienced in the aged care sector, is currently a manager of another facility and has been in this role since 2015. A comprehensive business and transitional plan 2022 with a pre-determined lead in time before the settlement date 28 February 2022 was provided for this audit. A mission statement, core values and a quality policy statement are clearly documented. Objectives are clearly outlined with a plan on how these can be achieved. This is dependent on this provisional audit and approval from the Ministry of Health (MoH).  The DHB and the MoH have been informed about the pending change of ownership. In addition to this the staff, residents and family members have also been informed of the prospective sale of the care home. A smooth roll over is anticipated as no new changes are planned. |
| Standard 1.2.2: Service Management  The organisation ensures the day-to-day operation of the service is managed in an efficient and effective manner which ensures the provision of timely, appropriate, and safe services to consumers. | FA | When the CNM manager is absent, another registered nurse from the Graceful Home Group oversees the clinical aspects of service delivery (until a registered nurse is employed). The owner/director carries out all the required duties under delegated authority. Staff reported the current arrangements work well. The team leader is also capable of managing the day to day operations in partnership with the CNM.  The prospective provider stated that the CNM will not be available to cover when the facility being purchased is settled. The registered nurse position will be filled or cover will be provided from an agency. The prospective provider will manage the facility. |
| Standard 1.2.3: Quality And Risk Management Systems  The organisation has an established, documented, and maintained quality and risk management system that reflects continuous quality improvement principles. | FA | The organisation has a planned quality and risk system that reflects the principles of continuous quality improvement. This includes management of incidents and complaints, audit activities, a regular patient satisfaction survey, monitoring of outcomes, clinical incidents including infections and infection prevention and control.  Meeting minutes reviewed confirmed regular review and analysis of quality indicators and that related information is reported and discussed at the quality/staff meetings. Minutes of meetings were reviewed. Staff reported their involvement in quality and risk management activities through audit activities. The team leader has a special interest and has completed relevant education on incident management and undertakes most of the internal audits required, reporting any issues to the CNM. Relevant corrective actions are developed and implemented to address any shortfalls.  Resident and family satisfaction surveys are completed annually but with Covid-19 responses were low. The most recent survey showed residents and family who responded were pleased with the services provided. This is a small aged care service and everything was done to ensure family/representatives were kept informed during the lock down periods. The residents and staff interviewed confirmed they were kept informed and consulted about services, and the impact of Covid – 19 alert level restrictions on day-to-day care home activities and visiting.  Policies reviewed cover all necessary aspects of the service and contractual requirements, including reference to the interRAI Long Term Care Facility (LTCF) assessment tool and process. Policies are based on best practice and were current. The document control system ensures a systematic and regular review process, referencing of relevant sources, approval, distribution and removal of obsolete documents. A contracted quality consultant ensures all policies and procedures are current and up-to-date. The policies were all reviewed September 2021.  The clinical nurse manager described the processes for the identification, monitoring, review and reporting of risks and development of mitigation strategies. The manager is familiar with the Health and Safety at Work Act (2015) and has implemented requirements. The team leader and staff interviewed understood about reporting any hazards. The hazard registers are available for staff.  The prospective provider has documented transition plans that include communication strategies about the change of ownership to all involved parties and allocated responsibilities. The organisation is proactive in ensuring a smooth change of ownership and identifying areas that can be improved upon as needed. In addition to this the prospective provider has similar quality management systems to implement and at interview had good knowledge and understanding of quality and risk management. |
| Standard 1.2.4: Adverse Event Reporting  All adverse, unplanned, or untoward events are systematically recorded by the service and reported to affected consumers and where appropriate their family/whānau of choice in an open manner. | FA | Staff document adverse and near miss events on an accident/incident form. A sample of incidents forms reviewed showed these were fully completed, incidents were investigated, action plans developed and actions followed-up in a timely manner. Adverse event data is collated, analysed and reported to the clinical nurse manager by the team leader. These are discussed at the quality/staff meetings monthly.  Adverse events are rated with a severity assessment code (SAC) rating. Staff ensure that any residents who sustains an unwitnessed fall are monitored for twenty four hours and observations are recorded. Staff are required to document all communication with the resident and family (open disclosure) and with the general practitioner (GP) where this occurs. Open disclosure is documented as occurring for applicable sampled events and the GP was informed in a timely manner where clinically indicated.  The clinical nurse manager described essential notification reporting requirements, including for pressure injuries. They advised there have been no notifications of significant events made to the Ministry of Health, or HealthCERT since the previous audit. In addition to this there have been no police investigations, coroner’s inquests, issues-based audits and any other notifications, such as for an infection outbreak.  The prospective provider is fully informed in relation to adverse event reporting and any legislative and compliance issues that may impact on service delivery, for example local body, coroner, health and disability, health and safety and any employment issues that can/may arise and know who and what agency to report to. |
| Standard 1.2.7: Human Resource Management  Human resource management processes are conducted in accordance with good employment practice and meet the requirements of legislation. | FA | Human resources management policies and processes are based on good employment practice and relevant legislation. The recruitment process includes referee checks, police vetting and validation of qualifications and practising certificates (APCs), where required. A sample of staff records reviewed confirmed the organisation’s policies are being consistently implemented and records are maintained.  Staff orientation includes all necessary components relevant to the role. Staff reported that the orientation process prepared them well for their role. Staff records reviewed showed documentation of completed orientation and a performance review after a three-month period and thereafter annually.  All contracted health professionals, such as the podiatrists, general practitioner, pharmacists, are registered service providers and annual checks occur evidencing their individual annual practising certificates are valid. The contracted pharmacy has a valid licence to operate which was recorded.  Care staff complete the laundry and cleaning services. A chef and a cook are employed to cover the food service. There is an activities coordinator who is employed six hours a week and was present at the audit. The maintenance person is also working now that the service is not in lockdown.  Continuing education is planned on an annual basis, including mandatory training requirements. Education records are maintained for each individual employee. Care staff have either completed or commenced a New Zealand Qualification Authority (NZQA) education programme to meet the requirements of the provider’s agreement with the DHB. The CNM is currently the internal assessor for the programme. Presently there are five HCAs; one is at level 4 on the NZQA framework, two are at level three and two are at level two. The CNM is the only registered nurse and is maintaining his annual competency requirements to undertake interRAI assessments. The interRAI assessments at the time of this audit were up-to-date. Records reviewed demonstrated completion of the required training and completion of annual performance appraisals.  The prospective provider interviewed demonstrated knowledge and understanding about New Zealand (NZ) employment legislation. All existing staff have been offered an employment agreement except for the CNM who is covering Rose Lodge Rest Home until a registered nurse is employed. |
| Standard 1.2.8: Service Provider Availability  Consumers receive timely, appropriate, and safe service from suitably qualified/skilled and/or experienced service providers. | FA | There is a documented and implemented process for determining staffing levels and skill mixes to provide safe service delivery, 24 hours a day, seven days a week (24/7). The facility adjusts staffing levels to meet the changing needs of residents. An afterhours on call person is in place with the CNM covering twenty four hours a day seven days a week 24/7. Staff reported at interview that good access to advice is available when needed. Care staff reported there were adequate staff available to complete the work allocated to them. Residents and family interviewed supported this. Observations and review of a four-week roster cycle confirmed adequate staff cover has been provided, with staff replaced in any unplanned absence. At least one staff member on duty has a current first aid certificate.  The prospective provider has no intention of down-sizing or eliminating any key personnel after taking over the ownership. A registered nurse is to be employed to take over the clinical role and the position is currently being advertised through an agency. |
| Standard 1.2.9: Consumer Information Management Systems  Consumer information is uniquely identifiable, accurately recorded, current, confidential, and accessible when required. | FA | The resident’s name, date of birth and National Health Index (NHI) number are used as the unique identifier on all residents’ information sighted. All necessary demographics, personal, clinical and health information was fully completed in the residents’ files sampled for review. Clinical notes were current and integrated with GP and allied health service provider notes. This includes interRAI assessment entered into the momentum electronic database. Records were legible with the name and designation of the person making the entry identifiable.  Archived records are held securely on site and are readily retrievable using a catalogue system. Residents’ records are held for the required period before being destroyed. No personal or private resident information was on public display during the audit. |
| Standard 1.3.1: Entry To Services  Consumers' entry into services is facilitated in a competent, equitable, timely, and respectful manner, when their need for services has been identified. | FA | Residents enter the service when their required level of care has been assessed and confirmed by the local Needs Assessment and Service Coordination (NASC) service. Prospective residents and/or their families are encouraged to visit the facility prior to admission and are provided with written information about the service and the admission process.  Family members interviewed stated they were satisfied with the admission process and the information that had been made available to them on admission.  Files reviewed contained completed demographic detail, assessments and signed admission agreements in accordance with contractual requirements. Service charges comply with contractual requirements. |
| Standard 1.3.10: Transition, Exit, Discharge, Or Transfer  Consumers experience a planned and coordinated transition, exit, discharge, or transfer from services. | FA | Exit, discharge or transfer is managed in a planned and co-ordinated manner, with an escort as appropriate. The service uses the DHB’s ‘yellow envelope’ system to facilitate transfer of residents to and from acute care services. There is open communication between all services, the resident and the family/whānau. At the time of transition between services, appropriate information is provided for the ongoing management of the resident. All referrals are documented in the progress notes. Family members interviewed reported of being kept well informed during the transfer of their relative. |
| Standard 1.3.12: Medicine Management  Consumers receive medicines in a safe and timely manner that complies with current legislative requirements and safe practice guidelines. | FA | The medication management policy is current and identifies all aspects of medicine management in line with the Medicines Care Guide for Residential Aged Care.  A safe system for medicine management using an electronic system was observed on the day of audit. The staff observed demonstrated good knowledge and had a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities related to each stage of medicine management. All staff who administer medicines are competent to perform the function they manage. Regular medication audits are completed and are followed with appropriate corrective actions. There was evidence of pharmacy involvement.  Medications are supplied to the facility in a pre-packaged format from a contracted pharmacy. The RN checks medications against the prescription. All medications sighted were within current use by dates.  No controlled drugs were used or stored in the facility on the day of audit. Staff understood the requirement around managing controlled drugs, when required.  The records of temperatures for the medicine fridge and the medication room reviewed were within the recommended range.  Good prescribing practices noted included the prescriber’s signature and date recorded on the commencement and discontinuation of medicines and all requirements for pro re nata (PRN) medicines met. The required three monthly GP reviews were consistently recorded on the medicine charts. Standing orders are not used.  There is an implemented process for comprehensive analysis of any medication errors. |
| Standard 1.3.13: Nutrition, Safe Food, And Fluid Management  A consumer's individual food, fluids and nutritional needs are met where this service is a component of service delivery. | FA | The food service is provided on site by a qualified chef who is supported by an experienced cook and is in line with recognised nutritional guidelines for older people. The menu follows summer and winter patterns and was reviewed by a qualified dietitian in June 2021.  All aspects of food procurement, production, preparation, storage, transportation, delivery and disposal comply with current legislation and guidelines. The service operates with an approved food safety plan and registration issued by Ministry of Primary Industries effective from 23 November 2021. Food temperatures, including for high risk items, are monitored appropriately and recorded as part of the plan. All kitchen staff have completed safe food handling training.  A nutritional assessment is undertaken for each resident on admission to the facility and a dietary profile developed. The personal food preferences, any special diets and modified texture requirements are made known to kitchen staff and accommodated in the daily meal plan. Residents have access to food and fluids to meet their nutritional needs at all times. Special equipment, to meet resident’s nutritional needs, is available.  Evidence of resident satisfaction with meals was verified by resident and family interviews and from residents’ meeting minutes.  Residents were seen to be given sufficient time to eat their meal in an unhurried fashion and those requiring assistance had this provided. |
| Standard 1.3.2: Declining Referral/Entry To Services  Where referral/entry to the service is declined, the immediate risk to the consumer and/or their family/whānau is managed by the organisation, where appropriate. | FA | If a referral is received but the prospective resident does not meet the entry criteria or there is no vacancy, the local NASC is advised to ensure the prospective resident and family are supported to find an appropriate care alternative.  If the needs of a resident change and they are no longer suitable for the services offered, a referral for reassessment to the NASC is made and a new placement found, in consultation with the resident and whānau/family. Examples of this occurring were discussed with the clinical nurse manager (CNM).  There is a clause in the access agreement related to when a resident’s placement can be terminated. |
| Standard 1.3.4: Assessment  Consumers' needs, support requirements, and preferences are gathered and recorded in a timely manner. | FA | On admission, residents are assessed to develop an initial care plan. Within three weeks of admission a comprehensive assessment is completed using nursing assessment tools, such, as a pain scale, falls risk, skin integrity, nutritional screening and interRAI, as a means to identify any deficits and to inform long term care planning. The sample of care plans reviewed had an integrated range of resident-related information. All residents have current interRAI assessments completed.  Files audited have evidence of wound management, such as a wound care plan and evaluation. Evidence of wound management, including photographs of chronic wounds, was sighted. Residents and families confirmed their involvement in the assessment process. |
| Standard 1.3.5: Planning  Consumers' service delivery plans are consumer focused, integrated, and promote continuity of service delivery. | FA | Plans reviewed reflected the support needs of residents, and the outcomes of the integrated assessment process and other relevant clinical information. The needs identified by the interRAI assessments were reflected in care plans reviewed.  Care plans evidenced service integration with progress notes, activities notes, medical and allied health professionals’ notations clearly written, informative and relevant. Any change in care required is documented and verbally passed on to relevant staff. Residents and family members reported participation in the development and ongoing evaluation of care plans. |
| Standard 1.3.6: Service Delivery/Interventions  Consumers receive adequate and appropriate services in order to meet their assessed needs and desired outcomes. | FA | Documentation, observations and interviews verified the care provided to residents was consistent with their needs, goals and the plan of care. The attention to meeting a diverse range of resident’s individualised needs was evident in all areas of service provision. The GP interviewed, verified that medical input is sought in a timely manner, that medical orders are followed, and care is of high standard.  Care staff confirmed that care was provided as outlined in the documentation.  A range of equipment and resources were available, suited to the level of care provided and in accordance with the residents’ needs. Adequate wound care, continence products were sighted. Falls prevention is managed effectively and all staff are aware of their responsibilities should an event occur. Post falls assessments and observations as needed are performed and this was reviewed in the individual resident records sighted. |
| Standard 1.3.7: Planned Activities  Where specified as part of the service delivery plan for a consumer, activity requirements are appropriate to their needs, age, culture, and the setting of the service. | FA | The activities programme is provided by a newly appointed activities coordinator and care team. A wide range of activities are provided seven days a week.  A social assessment and history are undertaken on admission to ascertain residents’ needs, interests, abilities and social requirements. Activities assessments are regularly reviewed to help formulate an activities programme that is meaningful to the residents. The resident’s activity needs are evaluated as part of the formal six-monthly care plan review. A ‘life story book’ including past likes and important past events was completed during the admission.  The monthly activities planner sighted matches the skills, likes, dislikes and interests identified in the assessments. Individual, group activities and regular events are offered.  Residents and families/whānau are involved in evaluating and improving the programme through care plan review. Family members interviewed confirmed the residents enjoy the programme. |
| Standard 1.3.8: Evaluation  Consumers' service delivery plans are evaluated in a comprehensive and timely manner. | FA | Resident care is evaluated on each shift and reported in the progress notes. If any change is noted, it is reported to the RN on call.  Formal care plan evaluations occur every six months in conjunction with the six-monthly interRAI reassessment, or as residents’ needs change. Where progress is different from expected, the service responds by initiating changes to the plan of care. Examples of short-term care plans being consistently reviewed, and progress evaluated as clinically indicated were noted.  When necessary, and for unresolved problems, long term care plans are added to and updated. Families/whānau interviewed provided examples of involvement in evaluation of progress and any resulting changes. |
| Standard 1.3.9: Referral To Other Health And Disability Services (Internal And External)  Consumer support for access or referral to other health and/or disability service providers is appropriately facilitated, or provided to meet consumer choice/needs. | FA | Residents are supported to access or seek referral to other health and/or disability service providers. The service has a contracted GP who visits or does phone consultations weekly. If the need for other non-urgent services is indicated or requested, the GP or RN sends a referral to seek specialist input. Copies of referrals were sighted in residents’ files. All referrals are followed up by the GP or RN. The family/whānau are kept informed of the referral process, as verified by documentation and interviews.  Any acute/urgent referrals are attended to immediately, such as sending the resident to accident and emergency in an ambulance if the circumstances dictate. |
| Standard 1.4.1: Management Of Waste And Hazardous Substances  Consumers, visitors, and service providers are protected from harm as a result of exposure to waste, infectious or hazardous substances, generated during service delivery. | FA | Staff follow documented processes for the management of waste and infectious and hazardous substances. Appropriate signage is displayed where necessary. Cleaning products are purchased from the local supermarket and are appropriate for the size and nature of this service. All cleaning products are stored in a locked cupboard and stock is monitored by the clinical nurse manager. Rubbish is collected weekly by the local council and recycling is maintained and stored separately for collection. Staff interviewed knew what to do should any chemical spill/event occur.  There is provision and availability of protective clothing and equipment, and staff were observed using this. |
| Standard 1.4.2: Facility Specifications  Consumers are provided with an appropriate, accessible physical environment and facilities that are fit for their purpose. | FA | A current building warrant of fitness expiry date 29 September 2022 was publicly displayed.  Appropriate systems are in place to ensure the residents’ physical environment and facilities are fit for their purpose and maintained. The testing and tagging of electrical equipment and calibration of bio medical equipment was current as confirmed in documentation reviewed, interviews with maintenance personnel and observation of the environment. The environment was hazard free and resident safety was promoted.  External areas are safely maintained and were appropriate to the resident group and setting.  Staff confirmed they know the processes they should follow if any repairs or maintenance are required and that requests are actioned. Residents and family members were happy with the environment. Seating and shade areas were available.  The prospective provider has plans to renovate the facility both internally and externally and is committed in ensuring the facility complies with building and environmental regulations and that planned and reactive maintenance continues to occur. |
| Standard 1.4.3: Toilet, Shower, And Bathing Facilities  Consumers are provided with adequate toilet/shower/bathing facilities. Consumers are assured privacy when attending to personal hygiene requirements or receiving assistance with personal hygiene requirements. | FA | There are adequate numbers of accessible bathroom and toilet facilities throughout the facility. The home is divided into two wings and appropriate signage was sighted. There are two bathrooms one at each end of the facility and three toilets in close proximity to the residents’ rooms. There is one room which is external to the main facility and this has an ensuite bathroom/toilet (Room 14). There is one separate staff/visitor toilet available. Appropriately secured and approved handrails are provided in the toilet/shower areas, and other equipment/accessories are available to promote residents’ independence. |
| Standard 1.4.4: Personal Space/Bed Areas  Consumers are provided with adequate personal space/bed areas appropriate to the consumer group and setting. | FA | Adequate personal space is provided to allow residents and staff to move around within their bedrooms safely. All bedrooms provide single/shared accommodation. Where rooms are shared approval has been sought. There are two shared rooms with two residents in each room and nine single rooms at Rose Lodge Rest Home. The one remaining room is outside of the facility Room 14 and this is a self-contained room. Privacy is maintained. Rooms are personalised with furnishings, photos and other personal items displayed. The management office is outside of the facility and is locked when management are not present on-site.  There is a garage which is available to store any additional aids if needed for a resident. Only one resident is using a walking frame currently to assist with mobilisation. Staff and residents reported the adequacy of bedrooms. |
| Standard 1.4.5: Communal Areas For Entertainment, Recreation, And Dining  Consumers are provided with safe, adequate, age appropriate, and accessible areas to meet their relaxation, activity, and dining needs. | FA | Communal areas are available for residents to engage in activities. There is one lounge and dining room dining and lounge area providing easy access for residents and staff. Residents can access areas for privacy, if required. Furniture is appropriate to the setting and residents’ needs. |
| Standard 1.4.6: Cleaning And Laundry Services  Consumers are provided with safe and hygienic cleaning and laundry services appropriate to the setting in which the service is being provided. | FA | Laundry is undertaken on site in a dedicated laundry. Care staff are responsible for the day to day cleaning and laundry duties. Staff interviewed demonstrated a sound knowledge of the laundry processes, dirty/clean flow and handling of soiled linen. Residents interviewed reported the laundry is managed well and their clothes are returned in a timely manner.  There is a small designated cleaning team who have received appropriate training. These staff undertake the New Zealand Qualifications Authority Certificate in Cleaning (Level 2), as confirmed in interview of cleaning staff and training records. Chemicals/cleaning products were in clearly labelled containers and were stored in a lockable cupboard. Any equipment was stored appropriately.  Cleaning and laundry processes are monitored through the internal audit programme which was reviewed. |
| Standard 1.4.7: Essential, Emergency, And Security Systems  Consumers receive an appropriate and timely response during emergency and security situations. | FA | Policies and guidelines for emergency planning, preparation and response were displayed and known to staff. Disaster and civil defence planning guides direct the facility in their preparation for disasters and described the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire or other emergency. The current fire evacuation plan was approved by the New Zealand Fire Service on the 13 August 2012. A trial evacuation takes place six-monthly with a copy sent to the New Zealand Fire Service, the most recent being November 2021. The orientation programme includes fire and security training. Staff confirmed their awareness of the emergency procedures.  Adequate supplies for use in the event of a civil defence emergency, including food, water, blankets, mobile phones, torches and gas BBQ’s were sighted and meet the National Emergency Management Agency recommendations for the region (Auckland City Council). One water storage tank is available. There is no generator on site, but one can be arranged if and when required. Emergency lighting is regularly tested. The team leader interviewed maintains records of all emergency supplies and equipment and checks are made regularly as recorded.  Call bells alert staff to residents requiring assistance. Call system audits are completed on a regular basis and residents and families reported staff respond promptly to call bells.  Appropriate security arrangements are in place. Doors and windows are locked at a predetermined time and a staff provide regular checks throughout all shifts. |
| Standard 1.4.8: Natural Light, Ventilation, And Heating  Consumers are provided with adequate natural light, safe ventilation, and an environment that is maintained at a safe and comfortable temperature. | FA | All residents’ rooms and communal areas are heated and ventilated appropriately. Rooms have natural light and opening external windows. Heating is provided by a large heat pump in the lounge/dining area. Electric heaters are available as needed for individual resident’s rooms. Areas were warm and well ventilated throughout the audit and residents and families confirmed the facilities are maintained at a comfortable temperature. |
| Standard 3.1: Infection control management  There is a managed environment, which minimises the risk of infection to consumers, service providers, and visitors. This shall be appropriate to the size and scope of the service. | FA | Rose Lodge rest home implements an infection prevention and control (IPC) programme to minimises the risk of infection to residents, staff and visitors. The programme is guided by a comprehensive and current infection control manual. The infection control programme and manual are reviewed annually.  An RN is the designated IPC coordinator, whose role and responsibilities are defined in a job description. Infection control matters, including surveillance results, are reported monthly to the facility manager. Infection control data is discussed during the staff meetings and a copy of the minutes are available for staff. This infection control committee includes the health care assistant and clinical manager.  Signage at the main entrance to the facility requests anyone who is, or has been unwell in the past 48 hours, not to enter the facility. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, all visitors are requested to log their visit by entering their details on a paper log or by scanning a Ministry of Health bar code. The infection control manual provides guidance for staff about how long they must stay away from work if they have been unwell. Staff interviewed understood these responsibilities. |
| Standard 3.2: Implementing the infection control programme  There are adequate human, physical, and information resources to implement the infection control programme and meet the needs of the organisation. | FA | The IPC coordinator has appropriate skills, knowledge and qualifications for the role. He has attended relevant study days, as verified in training records sighted. Additional support and information are accessed from the infection control team at the DHB, the community laboratory, the GP and public health unit, as required. The coordinator has access to residents’ records and diagnostic results to ensure timely treatment and resolution of any infections.  The IPC coordinator confirmed the availability of resources to support the programme and any outbreak of an infection. There were no infectious disease outbreaks reported in the facility since the last audit. |
| Standard 3.3: Policies and procedures  Documented policies and procedures for the prevention and control of infection reflect current accepted good practice and relevant legislative requirements and are readily available and are implemented in the organisation. These policies and procedures are practical, safe, and appropriate/suitable for the type of service provided. | FA | The infection prevention and control policies reflected the requirements of the infection prevention and control standard and current accepted good practice. Policies are reviewed annually and included appropriate referencing.  Care delivery, cleaning and kitchen staff were observed following organisational policies, such as appropriate use of hand-sanitisers, good hand-washing technique and use of disposable aprons and gloves. Hand washing and sanitiser dispensers are readily available around the facility. Staff interviewed verified knowledge of infection control policies and practices. |
| Standard 3.4: Education  The organisation provides relevant education on infection control to all service providers, support staff, and consumers. | FA | Interviews, observation and documentation verified staff have received education in infection prevention and control at orientation and ongoing education sessions. Education is provided by suitably qualified RNs, and the IPC coordinator. Content of the training is documented and evaluated to ensure it is relevant, current and understood. A record of attendance is maintained.  When an infection outbreak or an increase in infection incidence has occurred, there is evidence that additional staff education has been provided in response. In response to the recent pandemic, staff have completed training on the Covid-19 pandemic, hand hygiene, isolation precautions and use of personal protective equipment.  Residents are encouraged and reminded about handwashing and increasing fluids during hot weather. |
| Standard 3.5: Surveillance  Surveillance for infection is carried out in accordance with agreed objectives, priorities, and methods that have been specified in the infection control programme. | FA | Surveillance is appropriate to that recommended for long term care facilities and includes infections of the urinary tract, soft tissue, fungal, eye, gastro-intestinal, the upper and lower respiratory tract and skin infections. The IPC coordinator reviews all reported infections and these are documented. New infections and any required management plan are discussed at handover, to ensure early intervention occurs.  Monthly surveillance data is collated and analysed to identify any trends, possible causative factors and required actions. Results of the surveillance programme are shared with staff via regular staff meetings and at staff handovers. Graphs are produced that identify trends, and comparisons against previous months and this is reported to the clinical manager and staff. The monthly infection rates remained low.  Covid-19 pandemic preparedness document was sighted, and staff interviewed were aware of this plan. |
| Standard 2.1.1: Restraint minimisation  Services demonstrate that the use of restraint is actively minimised. | FA | Policies and procedures meet the requirements of the restraint minimisation and safe practice standards and provide guidance on the safe use of both restraints and enablers. The restraint coordinator, the clinical nurse manager, demonstrated a sound understanding of the organisation’s policies, procedures and practice and his role and responsibilities.  Restraint is not used at the rest home as per the register sighted. On the day of audit this was verified with no residents using restraints and no residents were using enablers, which were the least restrictive and used voluntarily at their request, should they be required.  Restraint would only be used as a last resort when all alternatives have been explored. This was evident on review of restraint in the staff meeting minutes and from interviews with staff. |

# Specific results for criterion where corrective actions are required

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

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

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# Specific results for criterion where a continuous improvement has been recorded

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

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

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

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