# Teviot Valley Rest Home Limited - Teviot Valley Rest Home

## Introduction

This report records the results of a Certification 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 the Ministry of Health.

The abbreviations used in this report are the same as those specified in section 0.4 of the Ngā Paerewa Health and Disability Services Standard (NZS8134:2021).

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

The specifics of this audit included:

**Legal entity:** Teviot Valley Rest Home Limited

**Premises audited:** Teviot Valley Rest Home

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

**Dates of audit:** Start date: 10 February 2023 End date: 10 February 2023

**Proposed changes to current services (if any):** None

**Total beds occupied across all premises included in the audit on the first day of the audit:** 11

# Executive summary of the audit

## Introduction

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

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

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

**Key to the indicators**

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

## General overview of the audit

Teviot Valley Rest Home is a community owned facility certified to provide rest home level of care for up to 14 residents. There were 11 residents on the day of audit. This certification audit was conducted against the Ngā Paerewa Health and Disability Services Standard 2021 and the contract with Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand - Southern. The audit process included the review of policies and procedures, the review of residents and staff files, observations, and interviews with residents, family, management, and staff.

The nurse manager is appropriately qualified and experienced. She is supported by two registered nurses. There are quality systems and processes being implemented. Feedback from residents and family was very positive about the care and the services provided.

Two shortfalls were identified in relation to the orientation programme, and first aid/CPR training.

## Ō tatou motika │ Our rights

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

Teviot Valley Rest Home provides an environment that supports resident rights and safe care. Staff demonstrate an understanding of residents' rights. A Māori health plan is documented for the service. The service works to embrace, support, and encourage a Māori worldview of health and provide high-quality and effective services for residents. A Pacific health plan is also in place.

Services and support are provided to people in a way that is inclusive and respects their identity and their experiences. Residents receive services in a manner that considers their dignity, privacy, and independence. The nurse manager and staff listen and respect the voices of the residents and effectively communicate with them about their choices. Care plans accommodate the choices of residents.

The rights of the resident and/or their family/whānau to make a complaint are understood, respected, and upheld by the service.

## Hunga mahi me te hanganga │ Workforce and structure

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| Includes 5 subsections that support an outcome where people receive quality services through effective governance and a supported workforce. |  | Some subsections applicable to this service partially attained and of low risk. |

The 2023 business plan includes specific and measurable goals that are regularly reviewed. The service has implemented quality and risk management systems that include quality improvement initiatives. Internal audits and the collation of clinical indicator data were documented as taking place with corrective actions as indicated. Hazards are identified with appropriate interventions implemented.

A recruitment and orientation procedure are established. Caregivers are buddied with more experienced staff during their orientation. There is a staffing and rostering policy. A staff education/training programme is being implemented. Careerforce training is encouraged for all caregivers.

The service ensures the collection, storage, and use of personal and health information of residents is secure, accessible, and confidential.

## Ngā huarahi ki te oranga │ Pathways to wellbeing

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| Includes 8 subsections that support an outcome where people participate in the development of their pathway to wellbeing, and receive timely assessment, followed by services that are planned, coordinated, and delivered in a manner that is tailored to their needs. |  | Subsections applicable to this service fully attained. |

Teviot Valley Rest Home has an admission package available prior to, or on entry to the service. The nurse manager/registered nurses are responsible for each stage of service provision. The nurse manager/registered nurses assess, plan and review residents' needs, outcomes, and goals with family/whānau input. The care plans viewed demonstrate service integration. Resident files included medical notes by the general practitioner and other allied health professionals.

Medication policies reflect legislative requirements and guidelines. The nurse manager/registered nurses, and caregivers responsible for administration of medicines 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.

There is an interesting and varied activities programme which the activities coordinator implements. The programme includes meaningful activities, including outings and entertainment, as detailed in each resident’s individual activity plans.

Registered nurses identify residents' food preferences and dietary requirements 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.

Transfers and discharges are coordinated between services.

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

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

The building holds a current warrant of fitness. Maintenance is done on an ‘as required’ basis with plans for preventative maintenance. Rooms are spacious to provide personal cares. Residents freely mobilise within the communal areas, with safe access to the outdoors, seating, and shade.

Appropriate training, information, and equipment for responding to emergencies are provided. There is an emergency management plan in place and adequate civil defence supplies in the event of an emergency, including Covid-19. There are emergency supplies for at least three days. Appropriate security checks and measures are completed by staff.

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

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

Infection prevention management systems are in place to minimise the risk of infection to consumers, service providers and visitors. The infection prevention and control programme is implemented and meets the needs of the organisation and provides information and resources to inform the service providers. Documentation evidence relevant infection prevention control education is provided to staff as part of their orientation and the ongoing in-service education programme. Antimicrobial usage is monitored. The type of surveillance undertaken is appropriate to the size of Teviot Valley Rest Home. Standardised definitions are used for the identification and classification of infection events. Results of surveillance are acted upon, evaluated, and reported to relevant personnel in a timely manner. The service has robust Covid-19 screening in place for residents, visitors, and staff. Covid-19 response plans are in place and there is adequate personal protective equipment and supplies. There has been two outbreaks since the previous audit, and it was appropriately reported and managed.

Documented policies and procedures for the cleaning and laundry services are implemented, with appropriate monitoring systems in place to evaluate the effectiveness of these services. Staff receive training and education to ensure safe and appropriate handling of waste and hazardous substances. Incidents are documented in a timely manner and as per policy. Chemicals are stored securely and safely. Fixtures, fittings, and flooring is appropriate for cleaning.

## Here taratahi │ Restraint and seclusion

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

The restraint coordinator is the nurse manager. The service considers least restrictive practices, implementing de-escalation techniques and alternative interventions, and would only use an approved restraint as the last resort. There were no residents using restraint at the time of the audit.

## Summary of attainment

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

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| **Attainment Rating** | **Continuous Improvement**  **(CI)** | **Fully Attained**  **(FA)** | **Partially Attained Negligible Risk**  **(PA Negligible)** | **Partially Attained Low Risk**  **(PA Low)** | **Partially Attained Moderate Risk**  **(PA Moderate)** | **Partially Attained High Risk**  **(PA High)** | **Partially Attained Critical Risk**  **(PA Critical)** |
| **Subsection** | 0 | 25 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Criteria** | 0 | 160 | 0 | 2 | 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)** |
| **Subsection** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Criteria** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

# Attainment against the Ngā Paerewa Health and Disability Services Standard

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

There may be subsections in this audit report with an attainment rating of ‘not applicable’ which relate to new requirements in Ngā Paerewa that the provider is working towards. The provider will be expected to meet these requirements at their next audit.

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

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

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| **Subsection with desired outcome** | **Attainment Rating** | **Audit Evidence** |
| Subsection 1.1: Pae ora healthy futures  Te Tiriti: Māori flourish and thrive in an environment that enables good health and wellbeing. As service providers: We work collaboratively to embrace, support, and encourage a Māori worldview of health and provide high-quality, equitable, and effective services for Māori framed by Te Tiriti o Waitangi. | FA | A Māori Health Plan and associated cultural policies are documented for the service. As a key element of cultural awareness, safety, and competency, Teviot Valley Rest Home acknowledges and is committed to the unique place of Māori under the Treaty of Waitangi. Teviot Valley Rest Home are committed to providing services in a culturally appropriate manner and ensure that the integrity of each person’s culture is acknowledged, respected, and maintained. Key relationships with Māori are in place through consultation with existing Māori staff and their whānau.  The service had no residents who identified as Māori at the time of the audit.  Cultural training for staff begins during their orientation and continues as a regular in-service topic. Training covers discussions in relation to the importance of the Treaty of Waitangi and how the principles of partnership, protection and participation are enacted in the work with residents. Staff’s cultural expertise is monitored through cultural competency assessments.  The service supports increasing Māori capacity by employing more Māori applicants. At the time of the audit, there were Māori staff members. Staff have access to relevant tikanga guidelines.  Residents and whānau are involved in providing input into the resident’s care planning, their activities, and their dietary needs, evidenced in interviews with two residents and three family members. The nurse manager and five staff interviewed (two caregivers, one registered nurse (RN), one activities/laundry/housekeeping staff, and one cook) described how the delivery of care is based on each resident’s values and beliefs. |
| Subsection 1.2: Ola manuia of Pacific peoples in Aotearoa  The people: Pacific peoples in Aotearoa are entitled to live and enjoy good health and wellbeing. Te Tiriti: Pacific peoples acknowledge the mana whenua of Aotearoa as tuakana and commit to supporting them to achieve tino rangatiratanga. As service providers: We provide comprehensive and equitable health and disability services underpinned by Pacific worldviews and developed in collaboration with Pacific peoples for improved health outcomes. | FA | 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 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 had input from a Samoan Methodist Minister and a RN who identifies as Pasifika.  Signage with greetings in a range of Pacific languages is posted in multiple locations. On admission all residents state their ethnicity. There were no residents that identified as Pasifika. Family members of Pacific residents will be encouraged to be present during the admission process, including completion of the initial care plan. For all residents, individual cultural beliefs are documented in their care plan and activities plan.  The service is actively recruiting new staff. The nurse manager described how they encourage and support any applicants that identifies as Pasifika, during the interview process. There were staff that identified as Pasifika at the time of the audit.  Interviews with the nurse manager and staff confirmed the service puts people using the services and the local community at the heart of their services. |
| Subsection 1.3: My rights during service delivery  The People: My rights have meaningful effect through the actions and behaviours of others. Te Tiriti:Service providers recognise Māori mana motuhake (self-determination). As service providers: We provide services and support to people in a way that upholds their rights and complies with legal requirements. | FA | The Health and Disability Commissioner’s (HDC) Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights (the Code) is displayed in English and te reo Māori. Details relating to the Code are included in the information that is provided to new residents and their family. The nurse manager, or RN discusses aspects of the Code with residents and their family on admission. Residents (or their enduring power of attorney (EPOA) sign to acknowledge that they have been provided with written information explaining the Code and its application to an aged care environment.  Discussions relating to the Code are held during the six-monthly resident meetings. All residents and family interviewed reported that the residents’ rights are being upheld by the service. Interactions observed between staff and residents during the audit were respectful. There are links to spiritual supports.  Information about the Nationwide Health and Disability Advocacy Service is available to residents at the entrance and in the entry pack of information that is provided. A health and disability advocate is scheduled to speak with residents. Staff receive education in relation to the Code, which includes (but is not limited to) understanding the role of advocacy services. Advocacy services are linked to the complaints process.  The service recognises Māori mana motuhake: self-determination, independence, sovereignty, authority, as evidenced through interviews and in policy. |
| Subsection 1.4: I am treated with respect  The People: I can be who I am when I am treated with dignity and respect. Te Tiriti: Service providers commit to Māori mana motuhake. As service providers: We provide services and support to people in a way that is inclusive and respects their identity and their experiences. | FA | Care staff interviewed described how they support residents to choose what they want to do. Residents interviewed stated they have choice. Residents are supported to make decisions about whether they would like family members to be involved in their care. Residents have control and choice over activities they participate in.  It was observed that residents are treated with dignity and respect. Resident/family satisfaction survey results (December 2022) confirm that residents are treated with respect. This was also confirmed during interviews with residents and family.  A sexuality and intimacy policy is in place. Staff interviewed stated they respect each resident’s right to have space for intimate relationships. Staff were observed to use person-centred and respectful language with residents. Residents interviewed were positive about the service in relation to their values and beliefs being considered and met. Privacy is ensured and independence is encouraged.  Five residents' files reviewed identified residents’ preferred names. Values and beliefs information is gathered on admission with family involvement and is integrated into the residents' care plans. Spiritual needs are identified. A spirituality policy is in place.  Te reo Māori signage was evident in a range of locations. Te Tiriti o Waitangi and tikanga Māori training are in place. The Māori health plan acknowledges te ao Māori, referencing the interconnectedness and interrelationship of all living & non-living things. Written information referencing Te Tiriti o Waitangi is available for residents and staff to refer to. |
| Subsection 1.5: I am protected from abuse  The People: I feel safe and protected from abuse. Te Tiriti: Service providers provide culturally and clinically safe services for Māori, so they feel safe and are protected from abuse. As service providers: We ensure the people using our services are safe and protected from abuse. | FA | An abuse and neglect policy is being implemented. Teviot Valley Rest Home policies aim to prevent any form of discrimination, coercion, harassment, or any other exploitation. Cultural days are held to acknowledge cultural diversity. Staff are educated on how to value the older person, showing them respect and dignity. All residents and family interviewed confirmed that the staff are very caring, supportive, and respectful.  The service implements a process to manage residents’ comfort funds, such as sundry expenses. Professional boundaries are defined in job descriptions. Interviews with the nurse manager, RN and caregivers confirmed their understanding of professional boundaries, including the boundaries of their job role and responsibilities. Professional boundaries are covered as part of orientation. Staff interviews confirm that they would be comfortable addressing racism with the nurse manager if they felt that this was an issue.  A strengths-based and holistic model is prioritised in the Māori health plan to facilitate wellbeing outcomes for Māori residents. |
| Subsection 1.6: Effective communication occurs  The people: I feel listened to and that what I say is valued, and I feel that all information exchanged contributes to enhancing my wellbeing. Te Tiriti: Services are easy to access and navigate and give clear and relevant health messages to Māori. As service providers: We listen and respect the voices of the people who use our services and effectively communicate with them about their choices. | FA | Information is provided to residents/family on admission. Six-monthly resident meetings identify feedback from residents and consequent follow up by the service.  Policies and procedures relating to accident/incidents, complaints, and open disclosure alert staff to their responsibility to notify family/next of kin of any accident/incident that occurs. Accident/incident forms have a section to indicate if next of kin have been informed (or not) of an accident/incident. Three family interviewed stated that they are kept informed when their family member’s health status changes or if there has been an adverse event. This was also evidenced on accident/incident forms.  An interpreter policy and contact details of interpreters are available. Interpreter services are used where indicated. At the time of the audit, there were no residents who were unable to speak or understand English.  Non-subsidised residents are advised in writing of their eligibility and the process to become a subsidised resident should they wish to do so. The residents and family are informed prior to entry of the scope of services and any items that are not covered by the agreement.  The delivery of care includes a multidisciplinary team and residents/relatives provide consent and are communicated with in regard to the range of services available. Health professionals involved with the residents may include specialist services. The nurse manager described an implemented process around providing residents with time for discussion around care, time to consider decisions, and opportunities for further discussion, if required. |
| Subsection 1.7: I am informed and able to make choices  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. Te Tiriti: High-quality services are provided that are easy to access and navigate. Providers give clear and relevant messages so that individuals and whānau can effectively manage their own health, keep well, and live well. As service providers: We provide people using our services or their legal representatives with the information necessary to make informed decisions in accordance with their rights and their ability to exercise independence, choice, and control. | FA | There are policies around informed consent. The five resident files reviewed included signed general consent forms and other consent to include vaccinations, outings, and photographs. Residents and relatives interviewed could describe what informed consent was and knew they had the right to choose. There is an advance directive policy.  In the files reviewed, there were appropriately signed resuscitation plans and advance directives in place. Discussions with relatives demonstrated they are involved in the decision-making process, and in the planning of resident’s care. Admission agreements are signed and were sighted in all the files seen. Copies of enduring power of attorneys (EPOAs) and activation letters were on resident files where required. The service has Māori tikanga guidelines available for staff to ensure they are able to provide appropriate information for residents, family/whānau and in care planning as required. Examples of te reo Māori are evident around the building for residents. |
| Subsection 1.8: I have the right to complain  The people: I feel it is easy to make a complaint. When I complain I am taken seriously and receive a timely response. Te Tiriti: Māori and whānau are at the centre of the health and disability system, as active partners in improving the system and their care and support. As service providers: We have a fair, transparent, and equitable system in place to easily receive and resolve or escalate complaints in a manner that leads to quality improvement. | FA | The complaints procedure is provided to residents and families on entry to the service and is available in te reo Māori. The nurse manager is responsible for maintaining the complaints register. There was one complaint lodged in 2022 that has been resolved and one recent complaint in 2023 (year-to-date) that remains under investigation. No external complaints have been received since the previous audit.  Discussions with residents and family confirmed they are provided with information on complaints and complaints forms are available at the entrance to the facility. Residents have a variety of avenues they can choose from to lodge a complaint or express a concern (eg, verbally, in writing, through an advocate). Resident meetings are held six-monthly and are another avenue to provide residents with the opportunity to voice their concerns. The nurse manager and staff encourage residents and family to discuss any concerns. It is an equitable process for all cultures.  Complaint forms and advocacy brochures are held at the entrance to the facility. Residents/family making a complaint are supported to involve an independent support person in the complaints process if they choose. The nurse manager acknowledged the importance of face-to-face communication with Māori and maintains an open-door policy. |
| Subsection 2.1: Governance  The people: I trust the people governing the service to have the knowledge, integrity, and ability to empower the communities they serve. Te Tiriti: Honouring Te Tiriti, Māori participate in governance in partnership, experiencing meaningful inclusion on all governance bodies and having substantive input into organisational operational policies. As service providers: Our governance body is accountable for delivering a highquality service that is responsive, inclusive, and sensitive to the cultural diversity of communities we serve. | FA | Teviot Valley Rest Home, located in Roxburgh, provides rest home level of care for up to 14 residents. On the day of the audit, there were 11 residents. All 11 residents were under the age-related residential care contract (ARRC).  The facility is community owned and has a two-tier governance structure in place. Primary governance functions include providing community/shareholder representation in the rest home, fundraising for improvements to the service and facilities, and ensuring the Teviot Valley Rest Home charitable purpose is achieved. The governance structure consists of a Board of five directors and three aged care clinical and management advisors, who are available to provide professional/clinical assistance and advice. All are aged care professionals. The Board consults with various Ngāi Tahu representative groups on matters relating to the provision of aged care services to Māori.  Work is underway to ensure that Board members can demonstrate expertise in Te Tiriti, health equity, and cultural safety. The identification of barriers with implemented strategies are also a work in progress. Collaboration with staff and whānau who identify as Māori and/or tāngata whaikaha (the disability sector) reflect their input for the provision of equitable delivery of care.  Quality goals are listed in the business plan 2023 and are regularly reviewed by the nurse manager and Board. Clinical governance is the responsibility of the nurse manager and staff RNs. This includes reviewing any clinical risk.  The nurse manager has been in the role for three years, holds a post graduate certificate in nursing and has worked in management roles in the aged care sector for fourteen years. This person regularly attends aged care conferences and confirmed that they attend over eight hours of professional development per year relating to their role and responsibilities. |
| Subsection 2.2: Quality and risk  The people: I trust there are systems in place that keep me safe, are responsive, and are focused on improving my experience and outcomes of care. Te Tiriti: Service providers allocate appropriate resources to specifically address continuous quality improvement with a focus on achieving Māori health equity. As service providers: We have effective and organisation-wide governance systems in place relating to continuous quality improvement that take a risk-based approach, and these systems meet the needs of people using the services and our health care and support workers. | FA | Teviot Valley Rest Home has an implemented quality and risk management system. Quality and risk performance is reported in the monthly staff meetings and to the Board. Annual quality improvement goals are described and include plans to achieve these goals. Interviews with the nurse manager and staff confirmed both their understanding and involvement in quality and risk management practices.  Policies and procedures align with current good practice, and they are suitable to support rest home level of care. Policies are reviewed a minimum of two-yearly, modified (where appropriate) and implemented. New policies are discussed with staff. The review of policies and quality goals, monthly monitoring of clinical indicators and progress towards meeting Ngā Paerewa are processes that provide a critical analysis of practice to improve health equity.  Quality management systems are linked to internal audits, incident and accident reporting, health and safety reporting, infection control data collection and complaints management. Data is collected for a range of adverse event data and is collated and analysed. An internal audit programme is being implemented. Corrective actions are implemented where improvements are identified. Examples of quality improvements implemented since the previous audit include (but are not limited to): an upgrade to the total quality and risk management system and records management system; an upgrade to the medication management system; and an upgrade to the information technology infrastructure.  Resident meetings are held six-monthly. Both residents and families have provided feedback via annual satisfaction surveys. The 2022 resident survey results (sample seven residents) indicate that residents are very satisfied with the services received. One corrective action was raised and addressed. Results and corrective actions taken were discussed in the resident and staff meetings.  Health and safety policies are implemented and monitored. Board members and staff are kept informed, evidenced in Board and staff meeting minutes. The service documents and analyses incidents/accidents, unplanned or untoward events and provides feedback to the service and staff so that improvements are made; evidenced in the accident/incident reports reviewed. Missing was evidence of neurological observations, as per policy following any unwitnessed fall (link 3.2.4).  The nurse manager is aware of situations that require essential notifications. No Section 31 reports have been required since the previous audit. Public Health authorities have been notified in relation to outbreaks. |
| Subsection 2.3: Service management  The people: Skilled, caring health care and support workers listen to me, provide personalised care, and treat me as a whole person. Te Tiriti: The delivery of high-quality health care that is culturally responsive to the needs and aspirations of Māori is achieved through the use of health equity and quality improvement tools. As service providers: We ensure our day-to-day operation is managed to deliver effective person-centred and whānau-centred services. | FA | Policy describes safe staffing levels. The roster provides sufficient and appropriate cover for the effective delivery of care and support.  Interviews with staff confirmed that overall staffing is adequate to meet the needs of the residents. Good teamwork amongst staff was highlighted during the staff interviews. Staff and residents are informed when there are changes to staffing levels, evidenced in staff and resident interviews.  The nurse manager is available (full time) Monday to Friday. She is supported three days a week by a RN. The nurse manager is on call 24/7 with a RN providing cover when the nurse manager is unavailable. There is adequate caregiver cover with additional caregiver hours rostered on weekends when a RN is unavailable.  There is an annual education and training schedule being implemented. The 2022 training schedule was met with online learning complimenting the in-house training programme. Examples of topics covered included (but are not limited to): Alzheimer’s education; dental hygiene; dysphagia; infection prevention and control; first aid and CPR; pain management; and challenging behaviours. Although first aid training is in place, new staff employed have not completed this training and occasionally work the night shift (link 4.2.4). Competencies cover: handwashing; manual handling; medication management; cultural safety (including Treaty of Waitangi); chemical safety; and fire safety, with a fire drill held six-monthly.  The service invests in staff health equity expertise and sharing of high-quality Māori health information through its cultural training programmes and cultural competency assessments. Staff participate in learning opportunities that provide them with up-to-date information, which includes training in relation to Māori health outcomes and disparities, and health equity.  The service supports and encourages caregivers to obtain a New Zealand Qualification Authority (NZQA) qualification. Two caregivers have completed their level four qualification and two have completed their level two qualification. Three caregivers are working towards their level two qualification.  The nurse manager and one staff RN have completed interRAI training. They participate in learning opportunities provided through Dunstan Hospital and hospice. Wellbeing support is provided to staff through the employee assistance programme, in staff meetings (staff health, wellbeing and injury is a regular staff meeting agenda item), and by providing staff with meals when they are rostered to work. |
| Subsection 2.4: Health care and support workers  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. | PA Low | There are human resources policies in place, including recruitment, selection, orientation and staff training and development. Five staff files reviewed evidenced implementation of the recruitment process, and employment contracts. There are job descriptions in place for all positions that include outcomes, accountability, responsibilities, authority, and functions to be achieved in each position.  A register of practising certificates is maintained for health professionals. Staff have a performance appraisal completed annually.  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. Completed caregiver orientation programmes were sighted but were missing in two RN files (RN sample size increased). The service demonstrates that the orientation programmes sighted for caregivers support them to provide a culturally safe environment to Māori.  Information held about staff is kept secure, and confidential. An employee ethnicity database is maintained.  Following any incident/accident, evidence of debriefing and follow-up action taken are documented. Wellbeing support is provided to staff through the employee assistance programme. |
| Subsection 2.5: Information  The people: Service providers manage my information sensitively and in accordance with my wishes. Te Tiriti: Service providers collect, store, and use quality ethnicity data in order to achieve Māori health equity. As service provider: We ensure the collection, storage, and use of personal and health information of people using our services is accurate, sufficient, secure, accessible, and confidential. | FA | Resident files and the information associated with residents and staff are retained in both hard copy and electronically while work is underway to upload data to a recently purchased electronic management system. Hard copy resident information is stored securely for a minimum of 10 years. Electronic information is backed up using cloud-based technology. All electronic information is individually password protected.  The resident files are appropriate to the service type and demonstrated service integration. Records are uniquely identifiable, legible, and timely. Signatures include the name and designation of the service provider.  Residents entering the service have all relevant initial information recorded within 24 hours of entry into the resident’s individual record. An initial care plan is also developed during this time. Personal resident information is kept confidential and cannot be viewed by other residents or members of the public. The service is not responsible for National Health Index registration. |
| Subsection 3.1: Entry and declining entry  The people: Service providers clearly communicate access, timeframes, and costs of accessing services, so that I can choose the most appropriate service provider to meet my needs. Te Tiriti: Service providers work proactively to eliminate inequities between Māori and non-Māori by ensuring fair access to quality care. As service providers: When people enter our service, we adopt a person-centred and whānau-centred approach to their care. We focus on their needs and goals and encourage input from whānau. Where we are unable to meet these needs, adequate information about the reasons for this decision is documented and communicated to the person and whānau. | FA | Residents who are admitted to Teviot Valley Rest home are assessed by the needs assessment service coordination (NASC) service to determine the required level of care. The nurse manager/registered nurses screen prospective residents prior to admission.  In cases where entry is declined, there is liaison between the nurse manager, registered nurse, and the referral team. The prospective resident would be referred back to the referrer. The nurse manager described reasons for declining entry would only occur if there were no beds available or Teviot Valley Rest Home is unable to provide the service the prospective resident requires, after considering staffing and resident needs.  The admission and enquiry policy and procedure, guide staff around admission and declining processes, including required documentation. The nurse manager keeps records of how many prospective residents and family/whānau have viewed the facility, admissions and declined referrals. The nurse manager reports they are working towards a process of routinely analysing ethnicity data.  There is an information pack relating to the services provided at the Teviot Valley Rest Home, which is available for families/whānau prior to admission or on entry to the service. The admission agreements reviewed were signed and aligned with the requirements of Te Whatu Ora- Southern service agreements. Items that are not provided by Teviot Valley Rest Home are included in the admission agreement.  Teviot Valley Rest Home identifies and implements supports to benefit Māori and whānau. The service has information available for Māori, in English and in te reo Māori. The service currently engages with local kaumātua and has access to Māori health providers to benefit Māori individuals and whānau. |
| Subsection 3.2: My pathway to wellbeing  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. Te Tiriti: Service providers work in partnership with Māori and whānau, and support their aspirations, mana motuhake, and whānau rangatiratanga. As service providers: We work in partnership with people and whānau to support wellbeing. | FA | Five resident files were reviewed all were on the aged residential care service agreement. The nurse manager or registered nurse conduct all assessments and develop the care plans. There was evidence of resident and family/whānau involvement in the interRAI assessments and long-term care plans reviewed. The Teviot Valley Rest Home provides equitable opportunities for all residents and supports Māori and whānau to identify their own pae ora outcomes in their care plans.  The Teviot Valley Rest Home uses a range of assessment tools alongside the interRAI care plan process. The initial support plan is completed within 24 hours of admission. A suite of assessments are available for RNs to utilise. InterRAI assessments and reassessments have been completed within expected timeframes. Outcomes of risk assessments formulate the long-term care plan.  Long-term care plans had been completed within 21 days. Care plan interventions were holistic, resident centred and provided guidance to staff around all medical and non- medical requirements. Evaluations were completed six-monthly for three residents. Two residents had not been in the facility for six months. GPs review the residents at least three-monthly or earlier if required. Short-term care plans are utilised for issues such as infections, weight loss, and wounds and are signed off when resolved or moved to the long-term care plan.  All residents are assessed by the general practitioner (GP) within five working days of admission. The GP service is in the adjoining building and appointments are made for Teviot Valley Rest Home residents. The GP services uses a PRIME nurse to provide weekend cover and at other times when the GP is not available. The GP was not available to be interviewed. Allied health interventions are documented and integrated into care plans. Barriers that prevent tāngata whaikaha and whānau from independently accessing information are identified and strategies to manage these are documented. A physiotherapist is available as required by referral and the podiatrist visits regularly. Specialist services (eg, mental health, dietitian, speech language therapist, wound care, and continence specialist nurse) are available as required through the local public hospital.  Caregivers interviewed could describe a verbal and written handover at the beginning of each duty that maintains a continuity of service delivery, as observed on the day of audit, and was found to be comprehensive in nature. Progress notes are written on every shift and the nurse manager or registered nurse records progress against identified goals each week or as required. Caregivers record progress notes in the electronic system or write paper-based progress notes.  The residents interviewed reported their needs and expectations are being met and family/whānau members confirmed the same. When a resident’s condition changes, the staff alert the care manager/registered nurse who then initiates a review with a GP. Family stated they were notified of all changes to health, including infections, accident/incidents, GP visits, medication changes and any changes to health status and this was consistently documented in the resident’s file.  There were two current wounds reviewed which included one chronic stage I pressure injury. Complex wounds are managed by the district nursing service. All information regarding this wound is kept in the resident’s room so it is available for the district nurses and the staff. The wounds had comprehensive wound assessments, including photographs to show progress. A wound register and wound management plans are available for use as required. Caregivers and the registered nurse interviewed stated there are adequate clinical supplies and equipment provided, including wound care supplies and pressure injury prevention resources, as sighted during the audit. Incontinence products are available and resident files include a continence assessment, with toileting regimes and continence products identified for day and night use.  Monitoring charts are completed by caregivers and the nurse manager/registered nurses, including: bowel charts; vital signs; weight; food and fluid charts; blood sugar levels; and behaviour. It is policy to complete neurological observations where there is a head injury or an unwitnessed fall. However, in two separate fall incidents, the length of time the neurological recordings were taken did not meet the policy and procedure. |
| Subsection 3.3: Individualised activities  The people: I participate in what matters to me in a way that I like. Te Tiriti: Service providers support Māori community initiatives and activities that promote whanaungatanga. As service providers: We support the people using our services to maintain and develop their interests and participate in meaningful community and social activities, planned and unplanned, which are suitable for their age and stage and are satisfying to them. | FA | Teviot Valley Rest Home employs a part-time activities coordinator who works Monday to Friday, fifteen hours per week. The activities coordinator develops and delivers the activity programme. Weekends are family/whānau time and there are resources available for caregivers to use. A weekly activities calendar is posted on the noticeboards and in each resident’s room. A newly created newsletter keeps family/whānau up to date with what is taking place at the Teviot Valley Rest Home.  There are a range of activities appropriate to the resident’s cognitive and physical capabilities. Activities include physical, cognitive, creative, and social activities. Residents who do not participate regularly in group activities are visited one-on-one. The interactions observed on the day of the audit showed engagement between residents and the activities coordinator. Residents’ participation and attendance in activities are recorded and filed in their clinical file. Residents have an individualised activities care plan which is integrated in the long-term care plan, and these are reviewed at least six-monthly.  There are a range of activities, including: crafts; a range of local speakers; exercises; housie; quizzes; sing-alongs; and movies. Residents are encouraged to maintain their community links and go on outings. Community visitors include local speakers, entertainers, and church services. Themed days such as Matariki, Waitangi, and ANZAC Day are on the programme and celebrated with appropriate resources available. The Teviot Valley Rest Home has embedded culturally themed activities into the activities programme, such as having songs in te reo Māori at their music therapy sessions.  Families/whānau interviewed spoke positively of the activities programme with feedback and suggestions for activities made via surveys. |
| Subsection 3.4: My medication  The people: I receive my medication and blood products in a safe and timely manner. Te Tiriti: Service providers shall support and advocate for Māori to access appropriate medication and blood products. As service providers: We ensure people receive their medication and blood products in a safe and timely manner that complies with current legislative requirements and safe practice guidelines. | FA | The Teviot Valley Rest Home has policies available for safe medicine management that meet legislative requirements. The nurse manager, registered nurse and medication competent caregivers who administer medications are assessed annually for competency. Education around safe medication administration is provided. The nurse manager and registered nurse have completed syringe driver training.  There is an electronic management system. On the day of the audit, a medication competent caregiver was observed to be safely administering medications. The nurse manager, registered nurse and caregivers interviewed could describe their roles regarding medication administration. The Teviot Valley Rest Home use packaged medications. All medications are checked on delivery against the medication chart and any discrepancies are fed back to the supplying pharmacy.  Medications were appropriately stored in the medication trolley and medication room. The medication fridge and medication room temperatures are monitored weekly, and the temperatures were within acceptable ranges. All eyedrops have been dated on opening.  Ten electronic medication charts were reviewed. There is a GP review of all the residents’ medication charts three-monthly, and each drug chart has photo identification and allergy status identified. There is a policy in place for residents who request to self-administer medications. At the time of audit, one resident was self-administering medications. The appropriate documentation has been signed by the GP for this. Over-the-counter medication is considered during the prescribing process and these along with nutritional supplements, are documented on the medication chart. No standing orders were in use and no vaccines are kept on site.  There is documented evidence in the clinical files that residents and family/whānau are updated about changes to their health. The nurse manager and registered nurse described how they would work in partnership with residents who identify as Māori and their whānau to ensure they have appropriate support in place, advice is timely, easily accessed, and treatment is prioritised to achieve better health outcomes. |
| Subsection 3.5: Nutrition to support wellbeing  The people: Service providers meet my nutritional needs and consider my food preferences. Te Tiriti: Menu development respects and supports cultural beliefs, values, and protocols around food and access to traditional foods. As service providers: We ensure people’s nutrition and hydration needs are met to promote and maintain their health and wellbeing. | FA | There are two cooks who share the rostered days. All meals are cooked on site, with meals being served from the kitchen into the adjacent dining room. There is a seasonal four-week rotating menu, which was last reviewed January 2022. A resident dietary profile is developed for each resident on admission, and this is provided to the cooks.  The kitchen meets the needs of residents who require special diets. The cooks work closely with the nurse manager and registered nurse with resident’s dietary profiles and any allergies. Modified utensils and plates are available as required. Residents who require supplements for identified weight loss have them supplied. There is a food control plan expiring January 2024. Kitchen staff are trained in safe food handling. Staff were observed wearing correct personal protective clothing. Serving temperatures are taken on each meal. Chiller and freezer temperatures are taken daily and are within the accepted ranges. Cleaning schedules are maintained. All foods were date labelled in the pantry, chiller, and freezers. Family/whānau meetings, and one-to-one interaction with care staff in the dining room allows the opportunity for feedback on the meals and food services generally. Kitchen and caregivers interviewed understood basic Māori practices in line with tapu and noa. The kitchen provide food for the cultural themed days in line with the theme. The cook stated they do their best to accommodate any requests from residents.  Residents and family/whānau members interviewed indicated satisfaction with the food. |
| Subsection 3.6: Transition, transfer, and discharge  The people: I work together with my service provider so they know what matters to me, and we can decide what best supports my wellbeing when I leave the service. Te Tiriti: Service providers advocate for Māori to ensure they and whānau receive the necessary support during their transition, transfer, and discharge. As service providers: We ensure the people using our service experience consistency and continuity when leaving our services. We work alongside each person and whānau to provide and coordinate a supported transition of care or support. | FA | Documented policies and procedures ensure exit, discharge or transfer of residents are undertaken in a timely and safe manner. Planned exits, discharges or transfers are coordinated in collaboration with residents and family/whānau to ensure continuity of care. The residents (if appropriate) and families/whānau are involved for all exits or discharges to and from the service, including being given options to access other health and disability services – tāngata whaikaha, social support or kaupapa Māori agencies, where indicated or requested. Discharge notes are kept in residents’ files and any instructions integrated into the care plan. The nurse manager and registered nurse advised a comprehensive handover occurs between services. |
| Subsection 4.1: The facility  The people: I feel the environment is designed in a way that is safe and is sensitive to my needs. I am able to enter, exit, and move around the environment freely and safely. Te Tiriti: The environment and setting are designed to be Māori-centred and culturally safe for Māori and whānau. As service providers: Our physical environment is safe, well maintained, tidy, and comfortable and accessible, and the people we deliver services to can move independently and freely throughout. The physical environment optimises people’s sense of belonging, independence, interaction, and function. | FA | The buildings, plant, and equipment are fit for purpose at Teviot Valley Rest Home and comply with legislation relevant to the tāngata whaikaha services being provided. The current building warrant of fitness expires 25 June 2023. The environment is inclusive of peoples’ cultures and supports cultural practices.  The service has no plans to expand or alter the building but will consider how designs and the environment reflects the aspirations and identity of Māori, for any new additions or new building construction that may take place in the future.  Maintenance requests are held by the nurse manager who arranges repairs. Simple light fitting changes are completed by appropriately experienced staff. Electrical testing and tagging, resident’s equipment checks, call bell checks, calibration of medical equipment and monthly testing of hot water temperatures is managed by the nurse manager. Essential contractors/tradespeople are available as required. Gardeners are contracted to maintain gardens and grounds. Caregivers interviewed stated they have adequate equipment to safely deliver care for rest home level of care residents.  The corridors are sufficient to allow for safe mobility with the use of mobility aids. Residents were observed moving freely around the areas with mobility aids where required. The external courtyards and gardens have seating and shade. There is safe access to all communal areas.  There are fourteen rooms; one has an adjoining ensuite, three with a toilet and the remaining ten have hand basins. There are communal bathrooms/showers within the facility with privacy locks and privacy curtains. Fixtures, fittings, and flooring are appropriate. Toilet/shower facilities are easy to clean. There is sufficient space in toilet and shower areas to accommodate shower chairs and commodes. Residents are encouraged to personalise their bedrooms, as viewed on the day of audit.  The main dining room is adjacent to the kitchen and open plan with doors that open out to a garden with outdoor seating and shade. There is safe access to the outside areas and gardens. All bedrooms and communal areas have ample natural light and ventilation. |
| Subsection 4.2: Security of people and workforce  The people: I trust that if there is an emergency, my service provider will ensure I am safe. Te Tiriti: Service providers provide quality information on emergency and security arrangements to Māori and whānau. As service providers: We deliver care and support in a planned and safe way, including during an emergency or unexpected event. | PA Low | Emergency management policies that include a pandemic plan outline the specific emergency response and evacuation requirements, as well as the duties/responsibilities of staff in the event of an emergency. Emergency management procedures guide staff to complete a safe and timely evacuation of the facility in the case of an emergency.  The fire evacuation plan has been approved by the New Zealand Fire Service. A fire evacuation drill is repeated six-monthly in accordance with the facility’s building warrant of fitness, with the most recent drill taking place on 3 November 2022. There are emergency management plans to ensure health, civil defence and other emergencies are included. Civil defence supplies are in place. In the event of a power outage, gas cooking is available. There are adequate supplies in the event of a civil defence emergency, including 15 litres of bottled water and a water tank on site. Information around emergency procedures is provided for residents and relatives in the admission information provided.  Two recently appointed caregiver staff who are occasionally rostered for the night shift, were missing evidence of completing first aid/CPR training.  There are call bells in the residents’ rooms and ensuites, communal toilets and lounge/dining room areas. Residents were observed to have their call bells in proximity to their current position. Residents and family interviewed confirmed that call bells are answered in a timely manner.  The building is secured after hours. Staff complete regular security checks at night. |
| Subsection 5.1: Governance  The people: I trust the service provider shows competent leadership to manage my risk of infection and use antimicrobials appropriately. Te Tiriti: Monitoring of equity for Māori is an important component of IP and AMS programme governance. As service providers: Our governance is accountable for ensuring the IP and AMS needs of our service are being met, and we participate in national and regional IP and AMS programmes and respond to relevant issues of national and regional concern. | FA | The nurse manager (RN) oversees infection control and prevention across the service. The nurse manager’s job description outlines the responsibility of the role of infection prevention and control. The infection prevention control and antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) programme is appropriate for the Teviot Valley Rest Home. Infection prevention and control is linked into the quality risk and incident reporting system. The infection prevention and control and AMS programme is reviewed annually, and infection control audits are conducted as part of the annual audit programme. Infection prevention and control matters are discussed as part of the staff meeting. Infection prevention and control is included in the business and quality plans. The nurse manager is able to access advice from the Te Whatu Ora- Southern infection prevention and control specialist and GPs. The board are informed of any infections through the managers report, and are informed of any outbreaks immediately.  The Teviot Valley Rest Home has a process in place to mitigate their risk around Covid-19 and continues to request a negative rapid antigen test result prior to new residents coming to the home. Covid-19 symptom screening and declarations continues for visitors and contractors. Hand sanitisers are strategically placed around the facility. The service offers influenza vaccinations. All staff and the majority of residents are vaccinated for Covid-19. |
| Subsection 5.2: The infection prevention programme and implementation  The people: I trust my provider is committed to implementing policies, systems, and processes to manage my risk of infection. Te Tiriti: The infection prevention programme is culturally safe. Communication about the programme is easy to access and navigate and messages are clear and relevant. As service providers: We develop and implement an infection prevention programme that is appropriate to the needs, size, and scope of our services. | FA | The nurse manager has the role of infection prevention control coordinator. The nurse manager has completed external online education. The Covid-19 response has been utilised in the preparation and planning for the management of the recent Covid infections, screening, and positive tests when these have occurred. There are outbreak kits readily available and personal protective equipment in the storeroom. A robust pandemic plan is in place.  The infection prevention control manual outlines a comprehensive range of policies, standards and guidelines and includes defining roles, responsibilities and oversight, and the training and education of staff. Policies and procedures are reviewed by the nurse manager and are available to staff. There are policies and procedures in place around reusable and single use equipment. All shared equipment is appropriately disinfected between use with antiviral wipes and sprays. Reusable eyewear, blood pressure equipment, and hoists are appropriately disinfected between resident use. Single use items (eg, wound packs) are used for their intended purpose then discarded appropriately. Infection control is included in the internal audit schedule. Any corrective actions identified have been implemented and signed off as resolved. The nurse manager is responsible for the purchasing of supplies and equipment and has access to the clinical nurse specialist from Te Whatu Ora- Southern for advice if required  The service is working towards incorporating te reo Māori information around infection control for Māori residents. The staff are trained in providing culturally safe practices, acknowledging the spirit of Te Tiriti. Staff interviewed were knowledgeable around practicing in a culturally safe manner, and could provide examples in relation to their roles.  The infection control policy states that Teviot Valley Rest Home is committed to the ongoing education of staff and residents. Infection prevention and control is part of staff orientation and included in the annual training plan. There has been additional training and education around Covid-19. All staff completed infection prevention and control in-services and associated competencies, such as handwashing and the use of personal protective equipment. There are no plans to change the current environment; however, the nurse manager would be involved in the process. |
| Subsection 5.3: Antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) programme and implementation  The people: I trust that my service provider is committed to responsible antimicrobial use. Te Tiriti: The antimicrobial stewardship programme is culturally safe and easy to access, and messages are clear and relevant. As service providers: We promote responsible antimicrobials prescribing and implement an AMS programme that is appropriate to the needs, size, and scope of our services. | FA | There is an antimicrobial use policy and procedures and monitors compliance on antibiotic and antimicrobial use through evaluation and monitoring of medication prescribing charts, laboratory results and medical notes. The GP, nurse manager, and registered nurse monitors antibiotic use. The antimicrobial policy is appropriate for the size, scope, and complexity of the residents. Infection rates are monitored monthly and reported to the staff meetings. Prophylactic use of antibiotics is not considered appropriate and is avoided where possible. |
| Subsection 5.4: Surveillance of health care-associated infection (HAI)  The people: My health and progress are monitored as part of the surveillance programme. Te Tiriti: Surveillance is culturally safe and monitored by ethnicity. As service providers: We carry out surveillance of HAIs and multi-drug-resistant organisms in accordance with national and regional surveillance programmes, agreed objectives, priorities, and methods specified in the infection prevention programme, and with an equity focus. | FA | The infection prevention control policy describes surveillance as an integral part of the infection prevention control programme. Monthly infection data is collected for all infections based on signs, symptoms, and the definition of the infection. Infections are entered into the infection register and surveillance of all infections (including organisms) is collated onto a monthly infection summary. This data is monitored and analysed for trends, monthly and annually. The service is working towards incorporating ethnicity data into surveillance methods and data captured around infections. Infection control surveillance results are discussed at staff meetings and daily updates held during the recent outbreak. Meeting minutes and data are available for staff. Action plans are completed for any infection rates of concern. Internal infection control audits are completed, with corrective actions for areas of improvement. The Teviot Valley Rest Home receives regular notifications and alerts from Te Whatu Ora Health-Southern for any community concerns.  There have been two outbreaks since the previous audit (Covid-19 – May 2022 and again June 2022), affecting a number of residents and staff, which was appropriately managed with Te Whatu Ora Health Southern and Public Health unit appropriately notified. All appropriate isolation measures were in place to prevent the spread of infection to other residents and staff. Families/whānau were kept informed and updated on Covid-19 policies and procedures via email. |
| Subsection 5.5: Environment  The people: I trust health care and support workers to maintain a hygienic environment. My feedback is sought on cleanliness within the environment. Te Tiriti: Māori are assured that culturally safe and appropriate decisions are made in relation to infection prevention and 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. | FA | Teviot Valley Rest Home has policies regarding chemical safety and waste disposal. The chemicals were clearly labelled with manufacturer’s labels and stored in a locked cupboard. Cleaning chemicals are diluted and mixed safely in spray bottles. There are safety datasheets and product sheets available. Sharp’s containers are available and meet the hazardous substances regulations for containers. Gloves and aprons are available for staff when caring and working with residents. There is a sluice room with personal protective equipment available, including face visors. Staff have completed chemical safety training.  Laundry is processed on site by a dedicated laundry person seven days per week. The laundry has a defined clean/dirty area and entry/exit. There are laundry procedures and task list available for staff.  Housekeeping is provided five days a week, with extra hours provided to caregivers over the weekend to cover cleaning and laundry. The housekeepers’ trolley was attended at all times and are locked away when not in use. All chemicals on the housekeeper’s trolley were labelled. There is appropriate personal protective clothing readily available. Cleaning and laundry services are monitored through the internal auditing system by the nurse manager (infection control coordinator) and the chemical provider who also monitors the effectiveness of chemicals and the laundry/cleaning processes. The washing machines and dryers are checked and serviced regularly. The laundry assistant interviewed demonstrated their understanding of the systems and processes. |
| 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. | FA | Teviot Valley Rest Home is committed to providing services to residents without the use of restraint. At the time of the audit, there were no residents using restraint. The Board is committed to remaining restraint free. The designated restraint coordinator is the nurse manager. Systems are in place to ensure restraint use (if any) will be reported to the Board. Policies have been updated to reflect the Ngā Paerewa Health and Disability Services Standard 2021. Restraint policy confirms that restraint consideration and application must be done in partnership with families/whānau, and the choice of device must be the least restrictive possible. Restraint is included as part of the orientation for staff and is completed annually through the education plan. |

# Specific results for criterion where corrective actions are required

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

Criterion can be linked to the relevant subsection by looking at the code. For example, Criterion 1.1.1 My service provider shall embed and enact Te Tiriti o Waitangi within all its work, recognising Māori, and supporting Māori in their aspirations, whatever they are (that is, recognising mana motuhake) relates to subsection 1.1: Pae ora healthy futures in Section 1 Our rights.

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| **Criterion with desired outcome** | **Attainment Rating** | **Audit Evidence** | **Audit Finding** | **Corrective action required and timeframe for completion (days)** |
| Criterion 2.4.4  Health care and support workers shall receive an orientation and induction programme that covers the essential components of the service provided. | PA Low | Evidence of completed orientation programmes were evident in the caregiver files reviewed but were missing in both staff RN files. | Completed orientation records were missing in both staff RN files reviewed. | Ensure RN staff complete and submit evidence of a completed, job specific orientation programme.  90 days |
| Criterion 4.2.4  Service providers shall ensure health care and support workers are able to provide a level of first aid and emergency treatment appropriate for the degree of risk associated with the provision of the service. | PA Low | CPR/first aid training by a certified instructor was last offered to staff on 27 August 2022. Two caregivers have been employed since this time and are rostered to work on the night shift on their own. One caregiver stated that they attended first aid training at another facility less than two years ago and the second caregiver stated that they had not attended first aid/CPR training in over twenty years. Neither caregiver had documented evidence to verify this training. | Two caregivers employed after the first aid/CPR training course which was offered in August 2022 did not have a current CPR/first aid certificate and occasionally work alone on the night shift. | Ensure that there is always one staff available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with a current first aid/CPR certificate.  90 days |

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

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

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

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