Accreditation Decision

**Decision to re-accredit service following a site audit**

**Service and approved provider details**

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| **Name of service:** | Blue Care Hollingsworth Elders Village |
| **RACS ID:** | 5754 |
| **Name of approved provider:** | The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q.) |
| **Address details:** | 269-277 Hartley Street PORTSMITH QLD 4870 |
| **Date of site audit:** | 29 October 2019 to 31 October 2019 |

**Summary of decision**

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| **Decision made on:** | 02 December 2019 | |
| **Decision made by**: | Authorised delegate of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner (Commissioner) under section 76 of the *Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Act 2018* to decide under section 41 of the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Rules 2018 (Rules) about the accreditation of a service. | |
| **Decision:** | To re-accredit the service under section 41 of the Rules. | |
| **Further period of accreditation:** | 27 December 2019 to 27 December 2022 | |
| **Assessment of performance with the Aged Care Quality Standards** | | |
| Standard 1 Consumer dignity and choice | | Met |
| Requirement 1(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 1(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 1(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 1(3)(d) | | Met |
| Requirement 1(3)(e) | | Met |
| Requirement 1(3)(f) | | Met |
| Standard 2 Ongoing assessment and planning with consumers | | Met |
| Requirement 2(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 2(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 2(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 2(3)(d) | | Met |
| Requirement 2(3)(e) | | Met |
| Standard 3 Personal care and clinical care | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(d) | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(e) | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(f) | | Met |
| Requirement 3(3)(g) | | Met |
| Standard 4 Services and supports for daily living | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(d) | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(e) | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(f) | | Met |
| Requirement 4(3)(g) | | Met |
| Standard 5 Organisation’s service environment | | Met |
| Requirement 5(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 5(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 5(3)(c) | | Met |
| Standard 6 Feedback and complaints | | Met |
| Requirement 6(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 6(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 6(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 6(3)(d) | | Met |
| Standard 7 Human resources | | Met |
| Requirement 7(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 7(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 7(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 7(3)(d) | | Met |
| Requirement 7(3)(e) | | Met |
| Standard 8 Organisational governance | | Met |
| Requirement 8(3)(a) | | Met |
| Requirement 8(3)(b) | | Met |
| Requirement 8(3)(c) | | Met |
| Requirement 8(3)(d) | | Met |
| Requirement 8(3)(e) | | Met |
| **Timetable for making improvements:** | N/A | |
| **Revised plan for continuous improvement due:** | N/A | |

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Site Audit Performance   
Assessment Report

The Commission makes the decision taking into account this site audit report, any response by the provider, and any other relevant information.

The met/not met recommendations made by the Assessment Team in this site audit report may differ from the findings in the decision.

## Introduction

**This is the report of an assessment of Blue Care Hollingsworth Elders Village (the Service) conducted from 29 October 2019 to 31 October 2019.**

**This assessment was conducted for the purposes of assessing the provider’s performance in relation to the Service against the Aged Care Quality Standards (the Quality Standards) in accordance with the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Rules 2018.**

This report contains detailed findings about the performance assessment of the Service against each Quality Standard and the requirements within each Quality Standard. The Quality Standard and assessed requirements are rated as either Met or Not Met.

A Met rating for the Quality Standard means that all requirements of that Quality Standard have been assessed and rated as Met

A Not Met rating for the Quality Standard means that one or more requirements of that Quality Standard has been assessed and one or more of those requirements have been rated as Not Met.

There will be no rating of the Quality Standard if only some of the requirements have been assessed and those requirements have been rated as Met.

This Report is to be read in conjunction with the Quality Standards.

## Assessment Details

The assessment was informed by a site assessment, observations at the service, review of documents and interviews with staff, consumers/representatives and others.

The following interviews were undertaken:

| **Type** | **Number** |
| --- | --- |
| Activities officer | 1 |
| Allied health professionals | 2 |
| Bus driver | 1 |
| Care staff | 7 |
| Care support officer | 1 |
| Catering staff | 1 |
| Chef | 1 |
| Cleaning staff | 2 |
| Consumers/representatives | 17 |
| Enrolled nurse | 2 |
| General manager | 1 |
| Maintenance officer | 1 |
| Registered nurse | 3 |
| Service manager | 1 |

## Detailed findings

This section covers information about the assessment of the provider’s performance, in relation to the service, against each of the requirements of the Quality Standards that were assessed.

### Standard 1: Consumer dignity and choice Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I am treated with dignity and respect, and can maintain my identity. I can make informed choices about my care and services, and live the life I choose.

#### Organisation statement:

2. The organisation:

(a) has a culture of inclusion and respect for consumers; and

(b) supports consumers to exercise choice and independence; and

(c) respects consumers’ privacy.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 1:

The Assessment Team found that the service met all requirements under this Standard.

Consumer experience interviews show that:

* Consumers are treated with respect most of the time or always.
* Consumers are encouraged to do as much as possible for themselves most of the time or always.
* Staff explain things to consumers in the service most of the time or always.

The service demonstrated that consumers are treated with dignity and respect, and that the service actively promotes a culture of inclusion. Staff were observed to interact with consumers respectfully and could identify consumer’s individual preferences and interests. Consumers described the ways their social connections are supported both inside and outside the service. The service particularly caters to the needs of Indigenous consumers however a culture of inclusion and promotion of diversity welcomes consumers from any culture, faith or background.

Staff could provide meaningful examples of how they help consumers make choices, including by giving consumers accurate information and options to inform their choice.

Consumers report that the service protects the privacy and confidentiality of their information, and that they are satisfied that care and services, including personal care, is undertaken in a way that respects their privacy. Staff gave examples of how they maintain the privacy of consumers while providing care. The service also demonstrated how electronic and paper documentation is protected to preserve confidentiality of consumer information, consistent with policies and procedures.

#### Requirements:

##### Standard 1 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that each consumer is treated with dignity and respect, with their identity, culture and diversity valued.

##### Standard 1 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that care and services are culturally safe.

##### Standard 1 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that each consumer is supported to exercise choice and independence, including to:

(i) make decisions about their own care and the way care and services are delivered; and

(ii) make decisions about when family, friends, carers or others should be involved in their care; and

(iii) communicate their decisions; and

(iv) make connections with others and maintain relationships of choice, including intimate relationships.

##### Standard 1 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that each consumer is supported to take risks to enable them to live the best life they can.

##### Standard 1 Requirement 3(e) Met

The organisation demonstrates that information provided to each consumer is current, accurate and timely, and communicated in a way that is clear, easy to understand and enables them to exercise choice.

##### Standard 1 Requirement 3(f) Met

The organisation demonstrates that each consumer’s privacy is respected and personal information is kept confidential.

### Standard 2: Ongoing assessment and planning with consumers Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I am a partner in ongoing assessment and planning that helps me get the care and services I need for my health and well-being.

#### Organisation statement:

2. The organisation undertakes initial and ongoing assessment and planning for care and services in partnership with the consumer. Assessment and planning has a focus on optimising health and well-being in accordance with the consumer’s needs, goals and preferences.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 2:

The Assessment Team found that the service met all requirements under this Standard.

Consumer experience interviews show that:

* All consumers have a say in their daily activities most of the time or always.

Consumers and representatives said they are engaged in initial and ongoing assessment and planning to help consumers receive the care and services they need. Consumers reported feeling safe and confident that staff are aware of their individual preferences. The service consults with specialists and allied health professionals to ensure consumers receive the appropriate care and services to suit their needs.

Staff provided examples of consultation that occurs between the consumers, their representatives, the medical officer and other health professionals to contribute to personalised care and services. Consumers said their care is regularly reviewed and changes are made according to assessed needs and preferences. Review of consumer files demonstrated the ongoing and regular review and consultation process with consumers and/or their representatives. Consumers and representatives provided examples of how they discuss their changed needs and preferences with staff, which may entail an assessment with a health professional to seek advice. Care plans reflected consumers’ current needs and consumers were aware of the care and services they receive.

#### Requirements:

##### Standard 2 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that assessment and planning, including consideration of risks to the consumer’s health and well-being, informs the delivery of safe and effective care and services.

##### Standard 2 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that assessment and planning identifies and addresses the consumer’s current needs, goals and preferences, including advance care planning and end of life planning if the consumer wishes.

##### Standard 2 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that assessment and planning:

(i) is based on ongoing partnership with the consumer and others that the consumer wishes to involve in assessment, planning and review of the consumer’s care and services; and

(ii) includes other organisations, and individuals and providers of other care and services, that are involved in the care of the consumer.

##### Standard 2 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the outcomes of assessment and planning are effectively communicated to the consumer and documented in a care and services plan that is readily available to the consumer, and where care and services are provided.

##### Standard 2 Requirement 3(e) Met

The organisation demonstrates that care and services are reviewed regularly for effectiveness, and when circumstances change or when incidents impact on the needs, goals or preferences of the consumer.

### Standard 3: Personal care and clinical care Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I get personal care, clinical care, or both personal care and clinical care, that is safe and right for me.

#### Organisation statement:

2. The organisation delivers safe and effective personal care, clinical care, or both personal care and clinical care, in accordance with the consumer’s needs, goals and preferences to optimise health and well-being

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 3:

The Assessment Team found that the service met all requirements under this Standard.

Consumer experience interviews show that:

* All consumers feel safe most of the time or always.
* All consumers get the care they need most of the time or always.

Staff said they are provided with opportunities to attend education and improve their skills and knowledge to assist them to provide safe and effective personal and clinical care. Staff demonstrated an understanding of precautions to prevent and control infections and the steps they could take to minimise the need for antibiotics. Staff could identify the highest prevalence risks for consumers and how they manage risks and maintain consumer safety. Staff demonstrated how incidents were used to inform changes in practice.

Consumers and representatives provided examples of how staff engage with them to support the consumer’s needs and preferences. This included asking them if they are happy with their care and if it right for them.

Care plans demonstrated the delivery of safe and effective care. This included the review of consumers who had received end of life care which demonstrated their wishes and preferences had been considered and respected. A focus on pain relief and comfort measures as well as close involvement of family and significant others was evident.

The service demonstrated they have a suite of policies, procedures and care pathways underpinning the delivery of care and how they review practice to ensure it remains current and informed by advice from experts and the consumers themselves.

#### Requirements:

##### Standard 3 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that each consumer gets safe and effective personal care, clinical care, or both personal care and clinical care, that:

(i) is best practice and

(ii) is tailored to their needs and

(iii) optimises their health and well-being.

##### Standard 3 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that effective management of high impact or high prevalence risks associated with the care of each consumer.

##### Standard 3 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the needs, goals and preferences of consumers nearing the end of life are recognised and addressed, their comfort maximised and their dignity preserved.

##### Standard 3 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that deterioration or change of a consumer’s mental health, cognitive or physical function, capacity or condition is recognised and responded to in a timely manner.

##### Standard 3 Requirement 3(e) Met

The organisation demonstrates that information about the consumer’s condition, needs and preferences is documented and communicated within the organisation, and with others where responsibility for care is shared.

##### Standard 3 Requirement 3(f) Met

The organisation demonstrates that timely and appropriate referrals to individuals, other organisations and providers of other care and services.

##### Standard 3 Requirement 3(g) Met

The organisation demonstrates that minimisation of infection related risks through implementing:

(i) standard and transmission based precautions to prevent and control infection; and

(ii) practices to promote appropriate antibiotic prescribing and use to support optimal care and reduce the risk of increasing resistance to antibiotics.

### Standard 4: Services and supports for daily living Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I get the services and supports for daily living that are important for my health and well-being and that enable me to do the things I want to do.

#### Organisation statement:

2. The organisation provides safe and effective services and supports for daily living that optimise the consumer’s independence, health, well-being and quality of life.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 4:

The Assessment Team found that the service met all requirements under this Standard.

Consumer experience interviews show that:

* All consumers are encouraged to do as much as possible for themselves most of the time or always.
* All consumers like the food most of the time or always.

Consumers expressed satisfaction that they are supported and enabled to live their daily life as they choose including emotional and spiritual care, activities, and access to community groups.

The service could demonstrate how information regarding consumers’ condition, needs and preferences is communicated in a timely and appropriate way. Staff could give meaningful examples of how information about consumers is collected and shared and demonstrated their knowledge of consumers’ individual needs and preferences in relation to activities, pastimes, food and independence.

Consumers said their leisure interest, emotional, spiritual and psychological needs are met and staff could demonstrate ways this is done in a supportive manner. Staff demonstrated how consumers are supported to do things of interest to them including one to one and group activities and pastimes and outings to places of interest.

The service demonstrated how meals are provided to meet individual consumer’s needs and preferences and to ensure suitable variety, quality and quantity are provided.

The service demonstrated consumers and staff are supported by equipment which is safe, suitable, clean and well maintained through staff at the service and external contractors.

Management could demonstrate the services and support for daily living provided at the service are monitored and reviewed, and improvement are made where needed.

#### Requirements:

##### Standard 4 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that each consumer gets safe and effective services and supports for daily living that meet the consumer’s needs, goals and preferences and optimise their independence, health, well-being and quality of life.

##### Standard 4 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that services and supports for daily living promote each consumer’s emotional, spiritual and psychological well-being.

##### Standard 4 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that services and supports for daily living assist each consumer to:

(i) participate in their community within and outside the organisation’s service environment; and

(ii) have social and personal relationships; and

(iii) do the things of interest to them.

##### Standard 4 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that information about the consumer’s condition, needs and preferences is communicated within the organisation, and with others where responsibility for care is shared.

##### Standard 4 Requirement 3(e) Met

The organisation demonstrates that timely and appropriate referrals to individuals, other organisations and providers of other care and services.

##### Standard 4 Requirement 3(f) Met

The organisation demonstrates that where meals are provided, they are varied and of suitable quality and quantity.

##### Standard 4 Requirement 3(g) Met

The organisation demonstrates that where equipment is provided, it is safe, suitable, clean and well maintained.

### Standard 5: Organisation’s service environment Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I feel I belong and I am safe and comfortable in the organisation’s service environment.

#### Organisation statement:

2. The organisation provides a safe and comfortable service environment that promotes the consumer’s independence, function and enjoyment.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 5:

The Assessment Team found that the service met all requirements under this Standard.

Consumer experience interviews show that:

* All consumers feel at home at the service most of the time or always.
* All consumers feel safe at the service most of the time or always.

The service was observed to be welcoming, clean and well maintained with appropriate furniture and fittings. Consumers display photographs, memorabilia and other personal items in their rooms. Signage helps consumers find their way around the service and there is ready access to outdoor living areas including areas with seating and tidy gardens. Paths and handrails enable free movement throughout the service.

Consumers said:

* The service was well maintained and kept at a comfortable temperature.
* They have access to a range of furnishings and equipment and felt safe using them.
* They have access to outdoor living areas, gardens, and lounge areas to use as a quiet space to meet with family and friends.
* They are encouraged to use all areas of the service including an activities area where social gatherings, games and church services are held.

Policies and procedures described systems for the purchase, service and maintenance of furnishings and equipment and how environmental related risks to consumers were identified and managed. Staff interviewed confirmed their understanding of the systems and maintenance arrangements. Management confirmed that the service environment is a standing agenda item for regular meetings with the organisational Quality Council where any emerging risk or maintenance issues are discussed.

#### Requirements:

##### Standard 5 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the service environment is welcoming and easy to understand, and optimises each consumer’s sense of belonging, independence, interaction and function.

##### Standard 5 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the service environment:

(i) is safe, clean, well maintained and comfortable; and

(ii) enables consumers to move freely, both indoors and outdoors.

##### Standard 5 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that furniture, fittings and equipment are safe, clean, well maintained and suitable for the consumer.

### Standard 6: Feedback and complaints Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I feel safe and am encouraged and supported to give feedback and make complaints. I am engaged in processes to address my feedback and complaints, and appropriate action is taken.

#### Organisation statement:

2. The organisation regularly seeks input and feedback from consumers, carers, the workforce and others and uses the input and feedback to inform continuous improvements for individual consumers and the whole organisation.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 6:

The Assessment Team found that the service met all requirements under this Standard.

Consumer experience interviews show that:

* Staff follow up when they raise things with them most of the time or always.

The service could demonstrate consumers/representatives know how to give feedback and make complaints and feel safe and comfortable doing so. Further they demonstrated that consumers/representatives have access to advocates, language services and other methods for raising and resolving complaints.

The service demonstrated appropriate action is taken in response to complaints and an open disclosure process is used when things go wrong. The service further demonstrated feedback and complaints are reviewed and used to improve the quality of care.

#### Requirements:

##### Standard 6 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that consumers, their family, friends, carers and others are encouraged and supported to provide feedback and make complaints.

##### Standard 6 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that consumers are made aware of and have access to advocates, language services and other methods for raising and resolving complaints.

##### Standard 6 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that appropriate action is taken in response to complaints and an open disclosure process is used when things go wrong.

##### Standard 6 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that feedback and complaints are reviewed and used to improve the quality of care and services.

### Standard 7: Human resources Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I get quality care and services when I need them from people who are knowledgeable, capable and caring.

#### Organisation statement:

2. The organisation has a workforce that is sufficient, and is skilled and qualified, to provide safe, respectful and quality care and services.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 7:

The Assessment Team found that the service met all requirements under this Standard.

Consumer experience interviews show that:

* All consumers get the care they need most of the time or always.
* All consumers experience staff as kind and caring most of the time or always.
* All consumers and representatives said staff know what they are doing most of the time or always.

The service demonstrated the number and mix of staff is planned to enable the delivery of safe and quality care and services. Staff interviewed were satisfied there are enough staff to enable them to provide safe and quality care.

The service demonstrated they ensure staff interactions with consumers are kind, caring and respectful of each consumer’s identity, culture and diversity. Consumers provided examples of what this meant to them including in relation to events of cultural significance and specific care and relationship needs. Interactions between consumers, representatives and staff were observed to be kind, caring and respectful.

The service demonstrated the workforce is competent and members of the workforce have the qualifications and knowledge to effectively perform their roles.

The service demonstrated the workforce is recruited to specific roles, trained and equipped to undertake these roles and supported to deliver outcomes for consumers. New staff are satisfied with the orientation and support provided. The service demonstrates regular assessment, monitoring and review of the performance of each member of the workforce.

#### Requirements:

##### Standard 7 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the workforce is planned to enable, and the number and mix of members of the workforce deployed enables, the delivery and management of safe and quality care and services.

##### Standard 7 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that workforce interactions with consumers are kind, caring and respectful of each consumer’s identity, culture and diversity.

##### Standard 7 Requirement 3(c) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the workforce is competent and the members of the workforce have the qualifications and knowledge to effectively perform their roles.

##### Standard 7 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the workforce is recruited, trained, equipped and supported to deliver the outcomes required by these standards.

##### Standard 7 Requirement 3(e) Met

The organisation demonstrates that regular assessment, monitoring and review of the performance of each member of the workforce.

### Standard 8: Organisational governance Not Met

#### Consumer outcome:

1. I am confident the organisation is well run. I can partner in improving the delivery of care and services.

#### Organisation statement:

2. The organisation’s governing body is accountable for the delivery of safe and quality care and services.

#### Summary of Assessment of Standard 8:

The Assessment Team found that the service met four of the five requirements under this standard.

Consumer experience interviews show that:

* All consumers agree the service is well run most of the time always.

The service could not demonstrate effective organisation wide governance systems relating to regulatory compliance. The Assessment Team identified management is aware of requirements under the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency Legislation Amendment (Unannounced Reaccreditation Audits) Principles 2018 to notify consumers and representatives prior to a reaccreditation audit but notification had not occurred.

#### The service demonstrated they involve consumers in the delivery and evaluation of care and services, providing examples of how consumers are supported on a day-to-day basis. Consumers/representatives said they are involved in care planning and delivery and provided various examples of how this occurs.

Incidents and hazards are investigated, actioned, evaluated and trended. The service conducts regular audits and surveys to monitor that risk management processes and practices are adhered to. Risks are analysed to identify trends and ensure preventative actions are implemented to mitigate risks.

The organisation has policies to support staff practice in relation to abuse and neglect of consumers and risk management. Staff interviewed had a shared understanding of these policies.

The Board and Quality Council meet regularly, sets clear expectations for the organisation and regularly reviews risks from an organisational and consumer perspective. There are service governance systems to support effective information management, the workforce and clinical care. The clinical governance framework addresses anti-microbial stewardship, open disclosure and minimising the use of restraint. Staff interviewed understood these concepts and could explain how they were applied in practice.

#### Requirements:

##### Standard 8 Requirement 3(a) Met

The organisation demonstrates that consumers are engaged in the development, delivery and evaluation of care and services and are supported in that engagement.

##### Standard 8 Requirement 3(b) Met

The organisation demonstrates that the organisation’s governing body promotes a culture of safe, inclusive and quality care and services and is accountable for their delivery.

##### Standard 8 Requirement 3(c) Not Met

The organisation demonstrates that effective organisation wide governance systems relating to the following:

(i) information management

(ii) continuous improvement

(iii) financial governance

(iv) workforce governance, including the assignment of clear responsibilities and accountabilities

(v) regulatory compliance

(vi) feedback and complaints

##### Standard 8 Requirement 3(d) Met

The organisation demonstrates that effective risk management systems and practices, including but not limited to the following:

(i) managing high-impact or high-prevalence risks associated with the care of consumers

(ii) identifying and responding to abuse and neglect of consumers

(iii) supporting consumers to live the best life they can

##### Standard 8 Requirement 3(e) Met

The organisation demonstrates that where clinical care is provided - a clinical governance framework, including but not limited to the following:

(i) antimicrobial stewardship

(ii) minimising the use of restraint

(iii) open disclosure