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Performance Report

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**Provider name:** Blue Cross Community Care Services (Toorak) Pty Ltd

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# Overall assessment of this Service

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| **Standard 1 Consumer dignity and choice** | **Compliant** |
| Requirement 1(3)(a) | Compliant |
| Requirement 1(3)(b) | Compliant |
| Requirement 1(3)(c) | Compliant |
| Requirement 1(3)(d) | Compliant |
| Requirement 1(3)(e) | Compliant |
| Requirement 1(3)(f) | Compliant |
| **Standard 2 Ongoing assessment and planning with consumers** | **Compliant** |
| Requirement 2(3)(a) | Compliant |
| Requirement 2(3)(b) | Compliant |
| Requirement 2(3)(c) | Compliant |
| Requirement 2(3)(d) | Compliant |
| Requirement 2(3)(e) | Compliant |
| **Standard 3 Personal care and clinical care** | **Compliant** |
| Requirement 3(3)(a) | Compliant |
| Requirement 3(3)(b) | Compliant |
| Requirement 3(3)(c) | Compliant |
| Requirement 3(3)(d) | Compliant |
| Requirement 3(3)(e) | Compliant |
| Requirement 3(3)(f) | Compliant |
| Requirement 3(3)(g) | Compliant |
| **Standard 4 Services and supports for daily living** | **Compliant** |
| Requirement 4(3)(a) | Compliant |
| Requirement 4(3)(b) | Compliant |
| Requirement 4(3)(c) | Compliant |
| Requirement 4(3)(d) | Compliant |
| Requirement 4(3)(e) | Compliant |
| Requirement 4(3)(f) | Compliant |
| Requirement 4(3)(g) | Compliant |
| **Standard 5 Organisation’s service environment** | **Compliant** |
| Requirement 5(3)(a) | Compliant |
| Requirement 5(3)(b) | Compliant |
| Requirement 5(3)(c) | Compliant |
| **Standard 6 Feedback and complaints** | **Compliant** |
| Requirement 6(3)(a) | Compliant |
| Requirement 6(3)(b) | Compliant |
| Requirement 6(3)(c) | Compliant |
| Requirement 6(3)(d) | Compliant |
| **Standard 7 Human resources** | **Compliant** |
| Requirement 7(3)(a) | Compliant |
| Requirement 7(3)(b) | Compliant |
| Requirement 7(3)(c) | Compliant |
| Requirement 7(3)(d) | Compliant |
| Requirement 7(3)(e) | Compliant |
| **Standard 8 Organisational governance** | **Compliant** |
| Requirement 8(3)(a) | Compliant |
| Requirement 8(3)(b) | Compliant |
| Requirement 8(3)(c) | Compliant |
| Requirement 8(3)(d) | Compliant |
| Requirement 8(3)(e) | Compliant |

# Detailed assessment

This performance report details the Commission’s assessment of the provider’s performance, in relation to the service, against the Aged Care Quality Standards (Quality Standards). The Quality Standard and requirements are assessed as either compliant or non-compliant at the Standard and requirement level where applicable.

The report also specifies areas in which improvements must be made to ensure the Quality Standards are complied with.

# The following information has been taken into account in developing this performance report:

* the Assessment Team’s report for the Site Audit; the Site Audit report was informed by a site assessment, observations at the service, review of documents and interviews with staff, consumers/representatives and others.

# STANDARD 1 COMPLIANT Consumer dignity and choice

### 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:

1. The organisation:
2. has a culture of inclusion and respect for consumers; and
3. supports consumers to exercise choice and independence; and
4. respects consumers’ privacy.

## Assessment of Standard 1

All consumers and representatives said consumers are treated with dignity and respect, can maintain their identity, make informed choices about their care and services and live the life they choose.

For example:

* Consumers and representative interviewed expressed how staff treat consumers with respect, kindness and described ways they maintain their dignity and identity.
* Consumers said they can do the things they enjoy such as going out into the community and attending their favourite lifestyle activities.
* Consumer interviews confirmed access to support from community groups and volunteers.

To understand the consumer’s experience and how the organisation understands and applies the requirements within this Standard, the Assessment Team sampled the experience of consumers, asking them about the requirements, reviewing their care planning documentation (for alignment with the feedback from consumers) and testing staff understanding and application of the requirements under this Standard. The team also examined relevant documentation and drew relevant information from other consumer interviews and the assessment of other Standards.

* Staff provided examples of how they respect consumers personal privacy and space.
* Staff demonstrated an understanding of consumers individualised preferences, were familiar with their family and work history.
* Care planning documents reviewed indicated there is evidence consumers are supported to make their own choices and maintain relationships. Consumer care plans reflect individual choices, goals and strategies to support and guide care.

The Quality Standard is assessed as Compliant as six of the six specific requirements have been assessed as Compliant.

## Assessment of Standard 1 Requirements

### Requirement 1(3)(a) Compliant

Each consumer is treated with dignity and respect, with their identity, culture and diversity valued.

### Requirement 1(3)(b) Compliant

Care and services are culturally safe.

### Requirement 1(3)(c) Compliant

Each consumer is supported to exercise choice and independence, including to:

1. make decisions about their own care and the way care and services are delivered; and
2. make decisions about when family, friends, carers or others should be involved in their care; and
3. communicate their decisions; and

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

### Requirement 1(3)(d) Compliant

Each consumer is supported to take risks to enable them to live the best life they can.

### Requirement 1(3)(e) Compliant

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.

### Requirement 1(3)(f) Compliant

Each consumer’s privacy is respected and personal information is kept confidential.

# STANDARD 2 COMPLIANT Ongoing assessment and planning with consumers

### Consumer outcome:

### 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:

1. 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.

## Assessment of Standard 2

Overall sampled consumers confirmed they feel like partners in the ongoing assessment and planning of their care and services.

For example:

* Consumers and representatives said they have been listened to and their care and services are planned around what is important to them in relation to their goals, preferences and advance care planning. This includes the involvement of other professionals.
* Consumers and representatives said consumer’s care and services are regularly reviewed, relevant information about their care has been explained and care plans are updated when consumer needs or preferences change.

To understand the consumer’s experience and how the organisation understands and applies the requirements within this Standard, the Assessment Team sampled the experience of consumers – reviewing their care planning documents in detail, asking consumers about how they are involved in care planning, and interviewing staff about how they use care planning documents and review them on an ongoing basis.

* Staff could describe how consumers and others including representatives and health professionals contribute to the consumer’s care and how they work together to deliver a tailored care and service plan. Monitoring and reviews occur in line with the consumer’s preferences and/or as needed. Incidents and adverse events are reviewed and changes made to prevent re-occurrence.
* Care plans reflect the consumer’s goals, needs and preferences with risks generally reflected. Consumers can readily access their care plans.

The Quality Standard is assessed as Compliant as five of the five specific requirements have been assessed as Compliant.

## Assessment of Standard 2 Requirements

### Requirement 2(3)(a) Compliant

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.

### Requirement 2(3)(b) Compliant

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.

### Requirement 2(3)(c) Compliant

The organisation demonstrates that assessment and planning:

1. 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
2. includes other organisations, and individuals and providers of other care and services, that are involved in the care of the consumer.

### Requirement 2(3)(d) Compliant

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.

### Requirement 2(3)(e) Compliant

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 COMPLIANT Personal care and clinical care

### 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:

1. 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.

## Assessment of Standard 3

Overall consumers and representatives consider that consumers receive personal care and clinical care that is safe and right for them.

For example:

* All consumers said they get the care they needand many provided positive feedback about the manner in which staff provide care. Consumers said staff always notice if they are unwell and care for them, checking them regularly.
* Consumers and representatives said the care provided to consumers following incidents was good and they are always kept informed.

To understand the consumer’s experience and how the organisation understands and applies the requirements within this Standard, the Assessment Team sampled the experience of consumers – their care plans and assessments were reviewed and staff were asked about how they ensure the delivery of safe and effective care for consumers. The team also examined relevant documents.

* Staff could describe how they ensure clinical care is best practice and how they ensure that information is shared both within the service and with other external organisations.
* Staff could identify the highest prevalence risks for different consumers and related strategies to manage these risks. Staff and medical practitioners described how they collaborate to ensure care needs are met. Consumer deterioration is identified and responded to. Palliative care needs are met.
* Care documentation for consumers living with identified risks demonstrate various strategies are in place. Wound management is generally effective. Consumers receiving psychotropic medication have regular reviews. Infections are managed with antibiotics used when needed. Outbreak management is effective.

The Quality Standard is assessed as Compliant as seven of the seven specific requirements have been assessed as Compliant.

### Assessment of Standard 3 Requirements

### Requirement 3(3)(a) Compliant

Each consumer gets safe and effective personal care, clinical care, or both personal care and clinical care, that:

1. is best practice; and
2. is tailored to their needs; and
3. optimises their health and well-being.

### Requirement 3(3)(b) Compliant

Effective management of high impact or high prevalence risks associated with the care of each consumer.

### Requirement 3(3)(c) Compliant

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

### Requirement 3(3)(d) Compliant

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.

### Requirement 3(3)(e) Compliant

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.

### Requirement 3(3)(f) Compliant

Timely and appropriate referrals to individuals, other organisations and providers of other care and services.

### Requirement 3(3)(g) Compliant

Minimisation of infection related risks through implementing:

1. standard and transmission based precautions to prevent and control infection; and
2. practices to promote appropriate antibiotic prescribing and use to support optimal care and reduce the risk of increasing resistance to antibiotics.

# STANDARD 4 COMPLIANT Services and support for daily living

### 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:

1. 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.

## Assessment of Standard 4

Consumers and their respective representatives confirm consumers get the services and supports for daily living that are important for their health and well-being enabling consumers to do the things they want to do.

For example:

* Consumers said they are satisfied they are supported to do the things they like to do such as attend music-based activities, committees and access to the community.
* Observations and interviews confirmed consumers are able to have family and visitors who are important to them attend the service. Consumers and representatives interviewed expressed satisfaction with the lifestyle and activity supports available.
* Most consumers said they like the variety, quantity and quality of food.
* Consumers are satisfied that equipment is suitable, clean and well-maintained.

To understand the consumer’s experience and how the organisation understands and applies the requirements within this Standard, the Assessment Team sampled the experience of consumers – observations were made, consumers were asked about the things they like to do and how these things are enabled or supported by the service and staff were asked about their understanding and application of the requirements. The team also examined relevant documents.

* Consumers have access to a range of activities tailored to their needs, wishes and abilities. The majority of care plans, assessments and progress notes confirm consumers are supported to participate in activities.

The Quality Standard is assessed as Compliantas seven of the seven specific requirements have been assessed as Compliant.

## Assessment of Standard 4 Requirements

### Requirement 4(3)(a) Compliant

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.

### Requirement 4(3)(b) Compliant

Services and supports for daily living promote each consumer’s emotional, spiritual and psychological well-being.

### Requirement 4(3)(c) Compliant

Services and supports for daily living assist each consumer to:

1. participate in their community within and outside the organisation’s service environment; and
2. have social and personal relationships; and
3. do the things of interest to them.

### Requirement 4(3)(d) Compliant

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

### Requirement 4(3)(e) Compliant

Timely and appropriate referrals to individuals, other organisations and providers of other care and services.

### Requirement 4(3)(f) Compliant

Where meals are provided, they are varied and of suitable quality and quantity.

### Requirement 4(3)(g) Compliant

Where equipment is provided, it is safe, suitable, clean and well maintained.

# STANDARD 5 COMPLIANT Organisation’s services environment

### Consumer outcome:

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

### Organisation statement:

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

## Assessment of Standard 5

All sampled consumers and representatives indicated that they feel they belong in the service and feel safe and comfortable in the service environment.

For example:

* Consumers said they felt safe and comfortable at the service.Consumer interviews and observations confirmed a homely environment and family and other visitors are able to visit.
* Consumers said they are able to go outside when they want to and said staff assist them as needed. Consumers and representatives said the equipment such as walkers are well maintained.

To understand the consumer’s experience and how the organisation understands and applies the requirements within this Standard, the Assessment Team observed the service environment, spoke with consumers about their experience of the service environment and interviewed care staff about the suitability and safety of equipment. The team also examined relevant documents.

* The Assessment Team observed the service provide a safe, clean and comfortable safe environment for consumers. The service is welcoming, and consumers can move around freely indoors and outdoors, with suitable furniture, fittings and areas.
* The service and equipment are clean and well maintained. Essential service maintenance occurs as required. Maintenance staff ensure they follow up with any issue and staff know of ways to report a hazard.

The Quality Standard is assessed as Compliant as three of the three specific requirements have been assessed as Compliant.

## Assessment of Standard 5 Requirements

### Requirement 5(3)(a) Compliant

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

### Requirement 5(3)(b) Compliant

The service environment:

1. is safe, clean, well maintained and comfortable; and
2. enables consumers to move freely, both indoors and outdoors.

### Requirement 5(3)(c) Compliant

Furniture, fittings and equipment are safe, clean, well maintained and suitable for the consumer.

# STANDARD 6 COMPLIANT Feedback and complaints

### 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:

1. 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.

## Assessment of Standard 6

All consumers interviewed consider they are encouraged and supported to give feedback and make complaints, and that appropriate action is taken.

For example:

* Consumers and representatives felt comfortable lodging complaints in person and using other options such as filling in a form, which can also be anonymous.
* Consumers interviewed provided examples of complaints made how they were happy with the response and timeliness from the management team.

To understand the consumer’s experience and how the organisation understands and applies the requirements within this Standard, the Assessment Team sampled the experience of consumers – asking them about how they raise complaints and the organisation’s response. The team also examined the complaints register, complaints trend analysis and tested staff understanding and application of the requirements under this Standard.

* Staff explained ways to support consumers if they had a concern or complaint and how they could use bilingual staff and or interpreters to support non-English speaking consumers.
* There is information on internal and external avenues to make complaints and suggestion boxes throughout the service.
* Relevant staff understood open disclosure and what it means for consumers.
* The service supports consumers to provide feedback and make complaints. There is a system to capture and trend complaint information and trend analysis informs the service’s continuous improvement plan.
* Staff and management understand how to support consumers to make complaints.

The Quality Standard is assessed as Compliant as four of the four specific requirements have been assessed as Compliant.

## Assessment of Standard 6 Requirements

### Requirement 6(3)(a) Compliant

Consumers, their family, friends, carers and others are encouraged and supported to provide feedback and make complaints.

### Requirement 6(3)(b) Compliant

Consumers are made aware of and have access to advocates, language services and other methods for raising and resolving complaints.

### Requirement 6(3)(c) Compliant

Appropriate action is taken in response to complaints and an open disclosure process is used when things go wrong.

### Requirement 6(3)(d) Compliant

Feedback and complaints are reviewed and used to improve the quality of care and services.

# STANDARD 7 COMPLIANT Human resources

### Consumer outcome:

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

### Organisation statement:

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

## Assessment of Standard 7

Overall sampled consumers indicated that they get quality care and services when they need them and from people who are knowledgeable, capable and caring.

For example:

* All consumers and representatives interviewed said they find staff kind and caring, staff know what they are doing and have a positive and pleasant approach to delivering care and services.
* Consumers and representatives said they are attended by staff they know and said staff respond to call bells in a timely manner and they do not usually need to wait.

To understand the consumer’s experience and how the organisation understands and applies the individual requirements within this Standard, the Assessment Team spoke with consumers about their experience of the staff, interviewed staff, and reviewed a range of records including staff rosters, training records and performance reviews.

* Interactions between consumers, representatives and staff were observed to be kind, caring and respectful by the Assessment Team. A number of staff speak other languages and can support consumers who have English as a second language to have their needs, wishes and preferences understood.
* The roster meets the needs of consumers. In the case of unplanned leave, the vacant shift is replaced with another regular staff member whenever possible.
* The workforce is recruited to specific roles requiring relevant qualifications, credentialing or competencies. Staff new to the service undertake an orientation and mandatory training.
* Where performance does not meet organisational expectations, additional education is provided or performance review occurs. Performance appraisals occur as scheduled and as part of probation monitoring.

The Quality Standard is assessed as Compliant as five of the five specific requirements have been assessed as Compliant.

## Assessment of Standard 7 Requirements

### Requirement 7(3)(a) Compliant

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.

### Requirement 7(3)(b) Compliant

Workforce interactions with consumers are kind, caring and respectful of each consumer’s identity, culture and diversity.

### Requirement 7(3)(c) Compliant

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

### Requirement 7(3)(d) Compliant

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

### Requirement 7(3)(e) Compliant

Regular assessment, monitoring and review of the performance of each member of the workforce is undertaken.

# STANDARD 8 COMPLIANT Organisational governance

### Consumer outcome:

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

### Organisation statement:

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

## Assessment of Standard 8

Overall sampled consumers indicated that the organisation is well run and that they can partner in improving the delivery of care and services.

For example:

* Consumers said the service is well run, some consumers said they attend meetings and can make suggestions.

To understand how the organisation understands and applies the requirements within this Standard, the Assessment Team spoke with management and staff and reviewed relevant systems and processes relating to the organisational governance underpinning the delivery of care and services (as assessed through other Standards).

* Consumers are encouraged to participate in consultation processes within the service and organisation. Consumers have agreements in place and there is an established process for communication of the new Charter of aged care rights.
* The organisation’s governing body is provided a range of reporting to support their oversight in relation to regulatory compliance, clinical governance, antimicrobial stewardship and the use of restraint. A clinical practice and research committee has been established to support best practice. Mandatory reporting occurs as required and management understands its requirements and obligations. A range of policies and procedures are available including information relating to open disclosure. The service has a continuous improvement plan developed from a range of sources including feedback and demonstrates a commitment to outcomes for consumers.

The Quality Standard is assessed as Compliant as five of the five specific requirements have been assessed as Compliant.

## Assessment of Standard 8 Requirements

### Requirement 8(3)(a) Compliant

Consumers are engaged in the development, delivery and evaluation of care and services and are supported in that engagement.

### Requirement 8(3)(b) Compliant

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

### Requirement 8(3)(c) Compliant

Effective organisation wide governance systems relating to the following:

1. information management;
2. continuous improvement;
3. financial governance;
4. workforce governance, including the assignment of clear responsibilities and accountabilities;
5. regulatory compliance;
6. feedback and complaints.

### Requirement 8(3)(d) Compliant

Effective risk management systems and practices, including but not limited to the following:

1. managing high impact or high prevalence risks associated with the care of consumers;
2. identifying and responding to abuse and neglect of consumers;
3. supporting consumers to live the best life they can.

### Requirement 8(3)(e) Compliant

Where clinical care is provided—a clinical governance framework, including but not limited to the following:

1. antimicrobial stewardship;
2. minimising the use of restraint;
3. open disclosure.

# Areas for improvement

There are no specific areas identified in which improvements must be made to ensure compliance with the Quality Standards. The provider is, however, required to actively pursue continuous improvement in order to remain compliant with the Quality Standards.