Home Instead Senior Care

Performance Report

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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) | Not Assessed |
| Requirement 4(3)(g) | Compliant |
| **Standard 5 Organisation’s service environment** | **Not Assessed** |
| **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 Quality Audit; the Quality Audit report was informed by a site assessment, observations at the service, review of documents and interviews with staff, consumers/representatives and others.

The Approved Provider did not submit a response to the Assessment Team Report.

# 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

The Assessment Team assessed all requirements within this Standard and have recommended these Requirements as met. I have considered the Assessment Team’s findings and I find Amberlie Pty Ltd, in relation to Homes Instead Senior Care, to be Compliant with all Requirements of Standard 1.

The service demonstrates consumers are treated with respect and dignity, can maintain their identity and make informed choices about care and services.

Consumers interviewed said staff are respectful in the way they interact with them. They said most of the staff know them well including what they like, don't like and how they like things done. Staff confirmed they received detailed information about consumers at the point of care delivery.

Consumers were satisfied that the service would support them to undertake certain activities of interest. Consumer care files supported consumers are supported to exercise choice and independence.

Consumers said they are supported to exercise choice and independence and are supported to take risks to enable them to live the life they choose. Consumers confirmed they are given information to help them make decisions about their care and services and confirmed their privacy is respected. The service has privacy policies to support confidentiality of consumer information.

Sampled consumer documentation contained detailed assessments and care plans that included the cultural background of the consumer, where identified.

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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

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

*Care and services are culturally safe.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

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

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

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

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

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

### 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

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

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

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

# 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

The Assessment Team assessed all requirements within this Standard and have recommended these Requirements as met. I have considered the Assessment Team’s findings and evidence and I find Amberlie Pty Ltd, in relation to Homes Instead Senior Care, to be Compliant with all Requirements of Standard 2.

The service demonstrates consumers are partners in ongoing assessment and planning to ensure they receive the care and service they need for health and well-being.

Consumer and representative feedback indicated care needs and preferences of consumers are effectively assessed and informs the safe delivery of care and services. Staff confirmed care plans contained sufficient information to inform care delivery at the point of care. Care plans sampled identified care needs, goals and preferences relevant to services being delivered.

Consumers and representatives confirmed they are engaged in care planning and assessment and they have received information on advance care planning. Sampled care planning documentation confirmed consultation occurring with consumers and others involved in their care.

Consumers expressed satisfaction with regular contact with the service and that the service regularly reviewed their care needs. Ongoing review and reassessment was noted to occur in sampled consumer files.

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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

### 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

### 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

### 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

### 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

# 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

The Assessment Team assessed all requirements within this Standard and have recommended these Requirements as met. I have considered the Assessment Team’s findings and evidence and I find Amberlie Pty Ltd, in relation to Homes Instead Senior Care, to be Compliant with all Requirements of Standard 3.

The service demonstrates consumers receive personal and/or clinical care that is safe and meets their care needs, goals and preferences.

Consumers and representatives interviewed confirmed they are satisfied with care and services they receive and felt they received good quality care. Sampled care files identified safe and effective care delivery occurring and regular reports on progress of service delivery.

Consumers provided positive feedback about management of risks to their health and well-being. Consumers and representatives provided examples of safety checks and how staff monitor changes in their condition. Staff were able to describe risk management processes for consumers in respect high risk health conditions. Consumer Care files identified risks to consumers health were identified, considered and had strategies in place for management.

Consumers and representatives confirmed the service and staff respond to their changing needs. Examples were provided of referrals to other health services where changes were identified. Sampled consumer care files confirmed changes in condition to be identified and strategies in place to optimise health and wellbeing.

The service has infection prevention and control policies and procedures and these have been updated with COVID-19 considerations.

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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

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

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

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

### 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

### 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

### 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

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

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

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

### 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

# 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

The Assessment Team assessed six of seven requirements within this Standard and have recommended these Requirements as met. I have considered the Assessment Team’s findings and evidence and I find Amberlie Pty Ltd, in relation to Homes Instead Senior Care, to be Compliant with six assessed Requirements of Standard 4.

Consumers and representatives confirmed they felt supported to live their life the way they wish and had their preferences considered. Consumers said the staff know them very well and what they like. Consumers were identified to be accessing the outside community independently and said the service supports them to do this. Examples were visiting family and friends, going shopping and being taken to regular social groups they attend.

Staff were able to give examples of individual needs and preferences and how they assist consumers in daily living. Staff demonstrated good knowledge of individual consumers’ needs and general personalities and interests. They were aware of those who needed some additional support.

Sampled consumer care files identified individual interests and where they wished to participate in the internal and external community. Care files were found to contain information about consumer engagement in activities in the community, updates on consumer condition and referrals for other services where appropriate.

The Quality Standard is assessed as Compliant as six of the six applicable 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

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

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

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

### 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

### 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

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

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

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

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

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

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

# 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

The Assessment Team assessed all requirements within this Standard and have recommended these Requirements as met. I have considered the Assessment Team’s findings and I find Amberlie Pty Ltd, in relation to Homes Instead Senior Care, to be Compliant with all Requirements of Standard 6.

The service demonstrated consumers are supported to give feedback, make complaints and that appropriate action is taken to improve care and service delivery.

Consumer and representatives are encouraged to provide feedback and make a complaint to the service. Consumers confirmed they were aware of the complaints process and have been provided feedback and complaints information commencing their services.

Consumers confirmed they had been provided with information for advocacy services and language services if required. Consumers of non-English speaking backgrounds confirmed access to feedback mechanisms.

Consumers and representatives provided examples of feedback given and how the service responded to meet their needs and concerns. Staff described feedback and complaints escalation processes. Complaints documentation reviewed confirmed appropriate follow up and resolution undertaken with consumers and their representatives.

The service has appropriate complaints policies and procedures in place which include use of open discourse.

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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

### 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

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

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

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

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

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

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

# 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

The Assessment Team assessed all requirements within this Standard and have recommended these Requirements as met. I have considered the Assessment Team’s findings and I find Amberlie Pty Ltd, in relation to Homes Instead Senior Care, to be Compliant with all Requirements of Standard 7.

The service demonstrated consumers receive care from staff that are knowledgeable, capable and caring.

Consumers indicated in their responses that they were satisfied with provision of care and services and were confident they receive care that is safe, quality and right for them. Overall consumers interviewed confirmed there were sufficient staff with the relevant skills and experience to provide home services that were safe and effective.

Staff confirmed ongoing training is provided by the service relevant to their role and is a mix of online modules and facilitated workshops. Staff confirmed there are staff procedures in place which includes new staff induction and there is buddy shift system to ensure they are competent to deliver safe care.

The service has relevant systems and processes in place to ensure staff have qualifications relevant to their roles, compliance certificates and necessary regulatory checks during their employment. The service has appropriate policies and procedures in place relating to staffing including role and duty position statements annual performance reviews.

The Quality Standard is assessed as Compliantas 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

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

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

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

### 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

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

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

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

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

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

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

# 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

The Assessment Team assessed all requirements within this Standard and have recommended these Requirements as met. I have considered the Assessment Team’s findings and I find Amberlie Pty Ltd, in relation to Homes Instead Senior Care, to be Compliant with all Requirements of Standard 8.

Consumers confirmed they were informed and involved in the evaluation of their care and services. The service conducts annual surveys of staff and consumers and obtains feedback to gauge the inclusivity and satisfaction of both groups.

The service has effective governance systems in place to support delivery of care and services. The service has a risk management framework in place which is effective to ensure risks to consumers health and well-being are identified and managed. Management and staff could describe incident reporting processes in place to ensure the safety of 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

### 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

### 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

### 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*
4. *managing and preventing incidents, including the use of an incident management system.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

### 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.*

Based on the information reviewed I consider this requirement to be Compliant.

# 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.