Presbyterian Aged Care - Wescott Community 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) | Compliant |
| Requirement 4(3)(g) | Compliant |
| **Standard 5 Organisation’s service environment** |  |
| Not applicable |  |
| **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.

# 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

To understand the consumer’s experience and how the service provider 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.

Overall, sampled consumers confirmed that they are treated with dignity and respect, can maintain their identity, make informed choices about their care and services and live the life they choose. 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. 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. Several also said they are supported to maintain relationships of choice and make connections with others and provided with assistance to do this. Consumers said they are given information to help them make decisions about their care and services and confirmed their privacy is respected.

A review of care documents shows the service has identified the goals, needs and preferences of each consumer. This includes cultural and social needs and preferences and ways to support consumer's choice and independence.

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 find this requirement compliant.

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

*Care and services are culturally safe.*

### Based on the information reviewed I find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement compliant.

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

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

### Based on the information reviewed I find this requirement 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

To understand the consumer’s experience and how the service provider 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.

Overall sampled consumers confirmed that they feel like partners in the ongoing assessment and planning of their care and services. Consumers and representatives interviewed confirmed that they are involved in and consulted regularly about care planning. Consumers confirmed that care planning is based on their individual needs, goals and preferences and they are supported by the service provider to make decisions regarding care and services. Consumers confirmed that where they chose to have others responsible for their decision making, the service accommodated this. Consumers confirmed that the service frequently discusses the outcome of assessment and planning with them and those they wish to include in their care. Consumers and representatives confirmed they have ready access to their care plan in their home folder and that care and services are reviewed when their needs or circumstances change. Care planning and assessment documentation demonstrated that care and services are reviewed regularly and when circumstances or needs of a consumer change. Staff demonstrated that the outcomes of assessment and care planning are used in the delivery of care and services for the sampled consumers.

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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 service has systems in place for the delivery of safe and effective care and services that meet the needs, goals and preferences of consumers. This includes identifying and managing high impact and high prevalence risks through assessment, care reviews and ongoing monitoring processes and recognising and responding to deterioration or change in health and wellbeing. Information regarding consumer’s needs and preferences and any changes is effectively communicated to inform the delivery of care. Registered nurses are employed through subcontracted services to assess and monitor clinical needs for consumers and also provide direct care through the provision of ongoing clinical care services, such as wound care.

All consumers and representatives interviewed confirmed they are satisfied with the care and services they are currently receiving. They said communication between them and the office works very well, and care managers are in frequent contact with them about care and services. Several consumers/representatives said the direct care staff are “wonderful” and important to help them maintaining their health and wellbeing. They said staff provide services safely and also confirmed current processes are in place to manage the risks around COVID19. Those receiving brokered nursing services were also satisfied with those services overall.

Management confirmed care and services are delivered by trained care staff and services are monitored by the care managers. Care staff report any changes in the consumer’s overall health and wellbeing and this is followed up by the care managers and subcontracted nursing services are arranged as needed. Any incidents, changes in the consumer’s health or other significant events are noted in the relevant consumer’s file and followed up as appropriate.

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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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

To understand the consumer’s experience and how the service provider understands and applies the requirements within this Standard, the Assessment Team sampled the experience of consumers – 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.

Overall sampled consumers did confirm that they get the services and supports for daily living that are important for their health and well-being and that enable them to do the things they want to do. Consumers said they felt supported to live their life the way they wish and had their preferences considered. Most consumers said the staff know them very well and what they like. Consumers interviewed confirmed that they are supported to keep in touch with people who are important to them. Several consumers are enjoying accessing the outside community independently and said the service supports them to do this. Examples were attending a religious service, visiting family and friends and going shopping.

Referrals are made to external providers for services and the provision of equipment when needed. All consumers said they have access to a range of various services which meets their needs. Some consumers were having meal services that were coordinated through the provider. Other consumers were getting meal preparation by care staff as part of their home care package. Staff are aware of the service provider’s consumer-directed philosophy of care. Examples were provided by staff, management and consumers/representatives of how consumers’ individual needs are met and how they are supported to live the life they want. Assessment and care planning documentation included consumer goals and preferences and showed evidence of the ongoing review of these.

The Quality Standard is assessed as Compliant as 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.*

### Based on the information reviewed I find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement compliant.

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

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

### Based on the information reviewed I find this requirement compliant.

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

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

### Based on the information reviewed I find this requirement 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

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 service provider’s response. The team also examined the complaints register, complaints trend analysis and tested staff understanding and application of the requirements under this Standard.

Consumers and representatives considered they are encouraged and supported to provide feedback and make complaints and that appropriate action is taken. They confirmed the service’s approach is open and transparent and they are consulted to ensure they are satisfied with the outcome. Consumers and representatives said they feel comfortable in communicating with the staff and management.

Consumers have access to advocates, language services if required and other methods for raising and resolving complaints. Staff receive regular training in supporting consumers to provide feedback and raise concerns.

The service demonstrated that appropriate action is taken in response to complaints and that an open disclosure process underpins the approach to management of complaints.

Feedback and complaints are reviewed and used to improve the quality of care and services and are reflected in the continuous improvement activities. Reporting mechanisms support oversight by the service provider and consideration of broader organisational improvements.

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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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

To understand the consumer’s experience and how the service provider 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 service delivery schedules, staff qualification and training records.

Consumers and representatives interviewed were complimentary regarding the staff who provide their care and services and said staff always treat them with respect. They said they get the care they need, staff come on time and the staff know how they like to be assisted. Some consumers said staff will go above and beyond for them and adapt care and services to include things that are important to them.

The service demonstrated that staff and management are trained and supported to deliver the outcomes required by these standards and staff have the knowledge to effectively perform their roles in assessment and care planning, best practice personal and clinical care and clinical monitoring and oversight.

Staff interviewed said they have the information they need and resources to enable them to perform their role and they feel supported and valued by the service provider. Staff confirmed they receive ongoing education including annual mandatory training. Staff said performance development occurs for them and they are able to make suggestions for topics to be included in the service’s training and education program.

The service provider monitors the workforce to ensure that there are sufficient appropriately qualified staff to plan and provide safe quality care and services.

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.*

### Based on the information reviewed I find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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

To understand how the service provider 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).

The service provider demonstrated that consumers are actively involved in the design of their care and services, how these are delivered and provide feedback from their perspective into continuous improvement activities.

Consumers and their representatives confirmed they are involved in care consultations and are engaged on a day to day basis. Consumer surveys, feedback, suggestions and complaints feed into continuous improvement of care and service delivery.

The governing body meets regularly and has skilled representation, sets clear expectations for the service to follow and regularly reviews organisational and consumer risks including evaluation of outcomes. There are organisation wide governance systems to support effective information management, the workforce and compliance with regulatory requirements. There is a continuous improvement program in place which identifies areas for improvement and these activities are documented in the service’s continuous improvement log.

Overall consumer and representative feedback is that consumers receive safe quality care and services and that the personalised focus of the service provider is highly valued and appreciated by 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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.*

### Based on the information reviewed I find this requirement 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 find this requirement 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.