St Vincents Local Health Network

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 provider’s response to the Quality Audit report received 1 July 2021.

# 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

Consumers, or their representatives, interviewed confirmed that they are treated with dignity and respect, can maintain their identity and make informed choices about their care and services. They said staff are polite and respectful in the way they interact with them and abide by their choices. They are given information to help them make decisions about their care and services, including where there is an element of risk.

Consumers and representatives were complimentary regarding the staff providing their care and services and the service’s approach in supporting their choices.

The organisation actively promotes inclusion and diversity and embraces all who access their services. Staff provide care and services in line with the mission, vision and values of the organisation, in supporting consumers to exercise choice, manage their care needs and maintain their overall health and wellbeing in order to remain living at home as safely and independently as possible.

Documentation reviewed demonstrates the service has generally identified the goals, needs and preferences of each consumer, including cultural and social aspects and strategies to support consumer choice and independence.

Consumers are provided with information on how to manage their chronic or complex medical conditions as independently as possible.

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

Assessments and planning are completed with consumers to identify their care and service needs. Information regarding consumers’ needs and strategies to manage risks are documented and used to deliver safe care and services.

Assessments and care file documentation are inclusive of the consumer’s current situation, background, assessed needs, others involved in their care, recommendations/plan and next visit date.

Consumers, representatives and staff interviews confirm assessment, care planning and review of consumers’ care and services are completed in partnership with the consumer and others the consumer wishes to involve in their care, including providers of other care and services. Consumers were satisfied they get the care and services they need.

Consumers and/or representatives confirmed being given opportunities to discuss advanced care planning and end of life wishes.

Staff described assessment and planning processes and how information is used to deliver safe and effective care and services. Staff explained how they complete comprehensive assessments and work together with consumers to minimise risks.

Consumers and their representatives confirmed taking part in assessments with the service which focus on the consumer’s needs, goals and preferences.

Consumers’ care documentation reflected regular reviews of 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 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

Consumers receive care that is safe, tailored to their needs and supports the wellbeing of the consumer. Consumers and representatives were satisfied with personal and clinical care and supports provided by the service.

Consumers and representatives spoke positively about the services infection control practices used to limit and protect them from infections, including COVID-19.

Staff participate in clinical supervision, case reviews, ‘safety huddles’ and have access to education and professional development opportunities. Staff could describe ways they maintain appropriate infection control during consumers’ care and services.

The service demonstrated high impact and high prevalence risks associated with the care of each consumer are identified and managed effectively. Incidents are recorded in incident management systems and result in referrals if required. Incidents are discussed in staff meetings, collated and reported during clinical governance meetings.

The service has capacity to support consumers nearing the end of life to have their needs recognised and supported. There are established links, regular contact and reviews of care including medical specialists and community palliative care services.

The service monitors, recognises and responds to changes in consumers’ mental health, physical function or condition. The service demonstrated information about each consumer’s condition and needs are documented in a way which supports effective sharing of the consumer’s care needs.

The organisation provides referrals and prompt access to service as required by consumers. An organisational wide Campus Surge Plan COVID-19, Pandemic Plan and a Safe Workplace During COVID-19 checklist were evidenced.

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

Consumers and representatives receive care and services which promote independence, health, wellbeing and quality of life and expressed satisfaction with the emotional support provided by the Dementia Advisory Service.

Consumers and/or their representatives have opportunities to pursue activities of interest to them, maintain relationships and stay involved in their community.

The service offers a range of supports to promote and enhance emotional, spiritual and psychological wellbeing.

Assessments and care planning documentation detailed services and supports which are in place to assist consumers to participate in their community, maintain relationships and do things of interest them. Consumers’ care information included an overview of the consumer’s and carer’s condition, background history, needs and preferences.

The service demonstrated appropriate referrals occur for consumers to other organisations to support consumers’ and carers’ social connections and wellbeing.

Staff discussed, and documented evidenced, provision of a variety of equipment needs to support consumers’ safety and promote independence.

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) Not assessed

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

Not assessed.

### 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

Consumers and representatives confirmed they are encouraged and supported to provide feedback and make complaints and that appropriate action is taken. They advised the service’s approach is open and transparent and they are consulted to ensure they are satisfied with their care and services. 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 responding to concerns.

The service demonstrated that appropriate action is taken in response to complaints and 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.

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 qualifications 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 know what they are doing.

Staff are provided with the information and resources they need to enable them to perform their role. Staff receive ongoing education including mandatory components. Staff participate in professional development according to their discipline and performance appraisals in relation to role.

The service demonstrated that staff and management are trained and supported and have the knowledge to effectively perform their roles in assessment and care planning, personal and clinical care and clinical monitoring and oversight.

The service provider monitors the workforce to ensure 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).

Each consumer is asked to provide feedback during the course of receiving care and services. Consumer feedback is collated and discussed at meetings and escalated as required. The service actively seeks consumer’s views on the safety, quality and inclusiveness of their care and services and analyses this information to identify improvements. A consumer and community participation program supports planning, design, evaluation and continuous improvement. The service provider demonstrated active pursuit of continuous improvement through a range of operational systems and processes.

Policies and procedures guide governance systems and service delivery and staff are provided with relevant training and access to information they require.

There is an established system for identifying all relevant regulatory and program requirements and policies and procedures are reviewed regularly, or in response to changes, to ensure compliance.

There are consumer feedback and complaints policies and procedures to guide staff and these are regularly reviewed. Feedback and complaints are recorded, investigated and actioned and trends analysed.

The service provider demonstrated effective risk management systems and practices including incident and accident reporting.

The service provider has a clinical governance framework in place to support the delivery of safe clinical care. Members of the workforce have responsibility for clinical leadership and systems to report safety and quality of clinical care.

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

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.