Harmony Homecare

Performance Report

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# Overall assessment of Service/s

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| Standard 1 Consumer dignity and choice | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 1(3)(a) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 1(3)(b) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 1(3)(c) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 1(3)(d) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 1(3)(e) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 1(3)(f) | HCP | Compliant |
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| Standard 2 Ongoing assessment and planning with consumers | HCP | Not Compliant |
| Requirement 2(3)(a) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 2(3)(b) | HCP | Not Compliant |
| Requirement 2(3)(c) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 2(3)(d) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 2(3)(e) | HCP | Compliant |
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| Standard 3 Personal care and clinical care | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 3(3)(a) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 3(3)(b) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 3(3)(c) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 3(3)(d) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 3(3)(e) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 3(3)(f) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 3(3)(g) | HCP | Compliant |
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| Standard 4 Services and supports for daily living | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 4(3)(a) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 4(3)(b) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 4(3)(c) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 4(3)(d) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 4(3)(e) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 4(3)(f) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 4(3)(g) | HCP | Compliant |
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| Standard 5 Organisation’s service environment | HCP | Not Applicable |
| Requirement 5(3)(a) | HCP | Not Applicable |
| Requirement 5(3)(b) | HCP | Not Applicable |
| Requirement 5(3)(c) | HCP | Not Applicable |
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| Standard 6 Feedback and complaints | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 6(3)(a) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 6(3)(b) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 6(3)(c) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 6(3)(d) | HCP | Compliant |
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| Standard 7 Human resources | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 7(3)(a) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 7(3)(b) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 7(3)(c) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 7(3)(d) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 7(3)(e) | HCP | Compliant |
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| Standard 8 Organisational governance | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 8(3)(a) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 8(3)(b) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 8(3)(c) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 8(3)(d) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 8(3)(e) | HCP | Compliant |

# Detailed assessment

This performance report details the Commissioner’s assessment of the provider’s performance, in relation to the services, 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 8 June 2022

# STANDARD 1 Consumer dignity and choice

# HCP Compliant

### 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 said in various ways they receive dignified and respectful care.

Consumers and representatives said care and services are delivered in a culturally safe way and in line with their preferences.

The care manager described engaging with consumers when they commence with the service to identify anyone else they wish to be involved in decisions.

The service demonstrated consumers are supported to take risks to enable them to live their best life. Support workers spoke about involving consumers and doing activities with them.

Consumers and representatives said they are provided with information which assists them in making decisions about the consumer’s services, including information about the organisation, its programs, fees and consumer rights and responsibilities.

The Quality Standard for the Home care packages service is assessed as Compliant as six of the six specific requirements have been assessed as Compliant.

**Assessment of Standard 1 Requirements**

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| Requirement 1(3)(a) | HCP | Compliant |
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*Each consumer is treated with dignity and respect, with their identity, culture and diversity valued.*

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| Requirement 1(3)(b) | HCP | Compliant |
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### *Care and services are culturally safe.*

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| Requirement 1(3)(c) | HCP | Compliant |
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*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.*

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| Requirement 1(3)(d) | HCP | Compliant |
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### *Each consumer is supported to take risks to enable them to live the best life they can.*

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| Requirement 1(3)(e) | HCP | Compliant |
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*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.*

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| Requirement 1(3)(f) | HCP | Compliant |
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*Each consumer’s privacy is respected and personal information is kept confidential.*

# STANDARD 2 Ongoing assessment and planning with consumers

# HCP Not Compliant

### 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

Consumers and representatives are satisfied with the assessment and care planning process. Assessments cover a broad range of topics relating to the consumer’s health and wellbeing. However, when a risk is identified during the assessment process, documentation does not always reflect discussions with the consumer on strategies to manage or mitigate the risk that may have taken place.

The Assessment Team found consumers have not been given supported opportunities to talk about advanced care planning and end of life wishes. The approved provider has put in place some actions to improve this deficit, however, these will take some time to embed in day to day assessment and re-assessment protocols.

Consumers and representatives are overall satisfied with assessment and care planning and a copy of the care plan has been offered to them. Support workers said they have access to current consumer care information through an electronic application on their phones and information is up to date.

The service demonstrated that care and services are reviewed for effectiveness when consumers’ circumstances change and when incidents occur.

The Quality Standard for the Home care packages services is assessed as Compliant as four of the five specific requirements have been assessed as Compliant.

**Assessment of Standard 2 Requirements**

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| Requirement 2(3)(a) | HCP | Compliant |
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*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.*

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| Requirement 2(3)(b) | HCP | Non-Compliant |
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*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.*

The Assessment Team identified advanced care planning information is not provided to consumers by the service and the consumer’s view on the topic is not actively sought in care planning discussions. Management indicated there are some cultural barriers to these discussions, however, did not have strategies to overcome these potential barriers.

The Assessment Team sampled six consumers on the topic and found three open to a discussion on advance care and end of life planning and receiving information.

The approved provider’s response notes the service has put in place training for key staff, reviewed the welcome pack to include an advance care planning brochure and modified the assessment and care plan document to explicity raise the issue of advance care planning, as well as having held some consumer / family meetings on the subject.

While I acknowledge the actions the approved provider has taken, I also note that this topic has been raised with the service previously and I would expect that opportunities for consumers in this regard to already be embedded in day to day practices.

On the day of the assessment contact the service did not comply with this requirement and actions taken by the service since the visit will take some time to embed.

Based on all the evidence (summarised above) the approved provider does not comply with this Requirement

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| Requirement 2(3)(c) | HCP | Compliant |
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*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.*

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| Requirement 2(3)(d) | HCP | Compliant |
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*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.*

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| Requirement 2(3)(e) | HCP | Compliant |
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*Care and services are reviewed regularly for effectiveness, and when circumstances change or when incidents impact on the needs, goals or preferences of the consumer.*

# STANDARD 3 Personal care and clinical care

# HCP Compliant

### 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 and representatives indicated in various ways they are satisfied consumers receive safe and effective care and services that optimise their health and wellbeing. Support workers are familiar with the care needs of the consumers they assist.

Management of high impact or high prevalent risks include strategies and referrals to allied health practitioiners to mitigate further risk to the consumer. Whilst the service has an incident register, only incidents reported during service shifts are collected, analysed and trended. Management advised although incidents are currently not captured on the incident register, any falls and other incident are still actioned by the service

Management described how consumers who may be nearing the end of life would be supported in a way that ensures their needs, goals and preferences are known and comfort is maintained.

Information about the consumer’s condition, needs and preferences is communicated with others where responsibility for care is shared, such as allied health services. The service demonstrated referrals to other health services occur when there is an identified consumer need.

The service demonstrated preparedness in the event of an infectious outbreak including for COVID-19.

The Quality Standard for the Home care packages service is assessed as Compliant as seven of the seven specific requirements have been assessed as Compliant.

**Assessment of Standard 3 Requirements**

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| Requirement 3(3)(a) | HCP | Compliant |
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*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.*

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| Requirement 3(3)(b) | HCP | Compliant |
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*Effective management of high impact or high prevalence risks associated with the care of each consumer.*

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| Requirement 3(3)(c) | HCP | Compliant |
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*The needs, goals and preferences of consumers nearing the end of life are recognised and addressed, their comfort maximised and their dignity preserved.*

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| Requirement 3(3)(d) | HCP | Compliant |
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*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.*

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| Requirement 3(3)(e) | HCP | Compliant |
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*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.*

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| Requirement 3(3)(f) | HCP | Compliant |
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*Timely and appropriate referrals to individuals, other organisations and providers of other care and services.*

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| Requirement 3(3)(g) | HCP | Compliant |
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*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 Services and supports for daily living

# HCP Compliant

### 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 said they are receiving 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 described how services optimise their health, wellbeing and quality of life. Services include assistance with transport to appointments and local mosque and shopping to promote consumers’ independence.

The majority of consumers and representatives sampled indicated in various ways that they are satisfied services and supports promoted the consumer’s emotional, spiritual and psychological wellbeing and they have opportunities to pursue activities of interest to them, maintain relationships and stay involved in their community. Support workers showed an understanding of the consumers’ individual emotional, spiritual and psychological needs. Support workers and a care manager described their familiarity with the service and support needs of individual consumers.

Consumers’ care files generally captured the interests, preferences and background of consumers. Referrals covered a range of lifestyle areas, including home modifications, equipment and safety products, meal deliveries, safety alarms and gardening. Consumers and representatives are satisfied with the equipment provided to the consumer through their home care package.

Support workers are able to describe the process for raising concerns about the wellbeing of consumer and to report the need for equipment maintenance.

The Quality Standard for the Home care packages service is assessed as Compliant as seven of the seven specific requirements have been assessed as Compliant

**Assessment of Standard 4 Requirements**

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| Requirement 4(3)(a) | HCP | Compliant |
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*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.*

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| Requirement 4(3)(b) | HCP | Compliant |
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*Services and supports for daily living promote each consumer’s emotional, spiritual and psychological well-being.*

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| Requirement 4(3)(c) | HCP | Compliant |
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*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.*

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| Requirement 4(3)(d) | HCP | Compliant |
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*Information about the consumer’s condition, needs and preferences is communicated within the organisation, and with others where responsibility for care is shared.*

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| Requirement 4(3)(e) | HCP | Compliant |
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*Timely and appropriate referrals to individuals, other organisations and providers of other care and services.*

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| Requirement 4(3)(f) | HCP | Compliant |
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*Where meals are provided, they are varied and of suitable quality and quantity.*

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| Requirement 4(3)(g) | HCP | Compliant |
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*Where equipment is provided, it is safe, suitable, clean and well maintained.*

# STANDARD 5 Organisation’s service environment

# HCP Not Applicable

### 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

Consumers receive services in their homes. This Standard is not applicable.

## Assessment of Standard 5 Requirements

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| Requirement 5(3)(a) | HCP | Not Applicable |
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*The service environment is welcoming and easy to understand, and optimises each consumer’s sense of belonging, independence, interaction and function.*

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| Requirement 5(3)(b) | HCP | Not Applicable |
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*The service environment:*

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

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| Requirement 5(3)(c) | HCP | Not Applicable |
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*Furniture, fittings and equipment are safe, clean, well maintained and suitable for the consumer.*

# STANDARD 6 Feedback and complaints

# HCP Compliant

### 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 said in various ways they know how to provide feedback and make complaints. Consumers and representatives said if they had any concerns regarding how a staff member was delivering a service that they would raise this with them directly or contact their care manager if required.

Management and support workers gave examples of the supports for consumers and others to provide feedback and make complaints. There is no feedback and/or complaints noted on the complaints register in the previous 6 months.

Consumers and representatives generally demonstrated an awareness of external avenues and supports available for them to raise concerns and resolve complaints.

Management advised that complaints are handled using an open disclosure process. Consumers and representatives interviewed said that management or the staff try to resolve complaints quickly and they feel comfortable brining up complaints and feedback with their care manager.

Generally, consumers and representatives are satisfied staff listen to their feedback and take actions as required, however, the complaints register for the previous six months is blank. The Assessment Team found evidence of complaints in consumers’ files that were not recorded on the register. Management advised they would aim to record any feedback or complaints in the register so that a record of feedback, actions taken, and improvements can be initiated.

The Quality Standard for the Home care packages service is assessed as Compliant as four of the four specific requirements have been assessed as Compliant.

## Assessment of Standard 6

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| Requirement 6(3)(a) | HCP | Compliant |
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*Consumers, their family, friends, carers and others are encouraged and supported to provide feedback and make complaints.*

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| Requirement 6(3)(b) | HCP | Compliant |
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*Consumers are made aware of and have access to advocates, language services and other methods for raising and resolving complaints.*

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| Requirement 6(3)(c) | HCP | Compliant |
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*Appropriate action is taken in response to complaints and an open disclosure process is used when things go wrong.*

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| Requirement 6(3)(d) | HCP | Compliant |
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*Feedback and complaints are reviewed and used to improve the quality of care and services.*

# STANDARD 7 Human resources

# HCP Compliant

### 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

Consumers and representatives said when there is a change of staff member or shift, they are informed in a timely manner.

Consumers and representatives commented that all staff are kind, caring and respectful. The care manager and support workers are familiar with consumers and spoke about them in a respectful way. Staff provided examples to demonstrate how they treat each consumer respectfully and are aware of their individual preferences including cultural needs.

Consumers and representatives said staff know what they are doing, and staff are competent and trained. They said if they had any concerns regarding how a staff member was delivering a service, they would raise this with them directly and with their care manager if required.

The service was able to demonstrate the workforce is recruited, trained, equipped, and supported to perform their roles. The service has ongoing recruitment and onboarding processes.

Consumers and representatives are satisfied with management’s responsiveness to feedback on staff performance.

The Quality Standard for the Home care packages service is assessed as Compliant as five of the five specific requirements have been assessed as Compliant Assessment of Standard 7 Requirements

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| Requirement 7(3)(a) | HCP | Compliant |
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*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.*

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| Requirement 7(3)(b) | HCP | Compliant |
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*Workforce interactions with consumers are kind, caring and respectful of each consumer’s identity, culture and diversity.*

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| Requirement 7(3)(c) | HCP | Compliant |
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*The workforce is competent and the members of the workforce have the qualifications and knowledge to effectively perform their roles.*

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| Requirement 7(3)(d) | HCP | Compliant |
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*The workforce is recruited, trained, equipped and supported to deliver the outcomes required by these standards.*

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| Requirement 7(3)(e) | HCP | Compliant |
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*Regular assessment, monitoring and review of the performance of each member of the workforce is undertaken.*

# STANDARD 8 Organisational governance

# HCP Compliant

### 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

Consumers and representatives are encouraged to participate in the development, delivery and evaluation of care and services in consultation with the service.

The service demonstrated that the organisation’s governing body promotes a culture of safe, inclusive, quality care and services and is accountable for their delivery. The executive team comprises of a chief executive officer and an operations manager. The management team satisfies itself that the Quality Standards are being met through use of internal audits, reporting, feedback and surveys.

The service has organisational wide governance systems to monitor processes such as information systems, regulatory compliance, financial management, workforce governance, feedback and complaints.

The organisation has a risk framework for identifying high impact and high prevalence risks. Management discussed the processes to ensure action is taken and consumers are supported to live the best life they can. Management has an incident management system.

The organisation has access to nursing services and allied health as required. Complaints and incidents are reviewed by management and an open disclosure process is undertaken to resolve the issues.

The Quality Standard for the Home care packages service is assessed as Compliant as five of the five specific requirements have been assessed as Compliant.

## Assessment of Standard 8 Requirements

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| Requirement 8(3)(a) | HCP | Compliant |
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*Consumers are engaged in the development, delivery and evaluation of care and services and are supported in that engagement.*

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| Requirement 8(3)(b) | HCP | Compliant |
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*The organisation’s governing body promotes a culture of safe, inclusive and quality care and services and is accountable for their delivery.*

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| Requirement 8(3)(c) | HCP | Compliant |
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*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.*

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| Requirement 8(3)(d) | HCP | Compliant |
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*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.*

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| Requirement 8(3)(e) | HCP | Compliant |
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*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

Areas have been identified in which improvements must be made to ensure compliance with the Quality Standards. This is based on non-compliance with the Quality Standards as described in this performance report.

**Standard 2 Ongoing assessment and planning with consumers**

* **Requirement 2(3)(b)**