Inclusive Home Care Pty Ltd

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 | Compliant |
| Requirement 2(3)(a) | HCP | Compliant |
| Requirement 2(3)(b) | HCP | 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 |
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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

# 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 reported they are always treated with dignity and respect by the service. Staff and management provided examples of how they understand each consumers’ culture and diversity. They said the service and care provided is culturally safe, and expressed feeling that staff know them and are respectful for their backgrounds. Staff demonstrated they are respectful and understanding of how consumers’ individual cultural needs and applies to delivering services in a culturally safe way.

Consumers reported the service is simple to communicate decisions and preferences for care and service delivery. Consumers described how services support them maintain relationships through flexible transport arrangements and social support visits. Care files document consumer preferences and their social support network, including who is involved in their care.

Consumers described how staff consult with them from commencement about the care and services available to them to support them to live independently.

Consumers reported they have access to the information they need and they can make decisions about their services based on the information provided. Staff and management described tailoring communication formats to meet the needs and preferences of each consumer.

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 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

All consumers and representatives interviewed were satisfied with assessment and planning processes and said in different ways that risks to consumer health and wellbeing are identified and addressed. Support workers described the risks associated with consumers in their care and said care plans and ongoing communication with each consumer guides the delivery of care and services. Care documentation for sampled consumers included comprehensive assessments and care plans undertaken by a registered nurse and appropriate assessment and planning by other health professionals. Assessment includes the use of validated assessment tools to assess risks as appropriate and inform safe and effective care and service delivery. Management monitor the safety and effectiveness of assessment and planning processes through frequent contact with consumers and representatives.

Consumers and representatives sampled expressed satisfaction that the service listens to and addresses what is important to the consumer during assessment and planning. Care documentation identifies consumers’ individual goals, needs and preferences and includes aligned strategies to achieve positive outcomes and advance care plan if the consumer wishes.

The Quality Standard for the Home care packages services is assessed as Compliant as five 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 | 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.*

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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 said in different ways that personal and clinical care is safe, monitored for its effectiveness, meets each consumer’s individual needs and helps support the consumer’s wellbeing. The service’s has clinical policies and procedures that link to best practice and policy content is regularly reviewed.

Most consumers and representatives expressed in various ways, confidence that staff are familiar with the consumers and would identify if their health or function or condition changed. Staff described the actions they would take if they identified deterioration or change in a consumer, including calling emergency services if needed, immediately notifying management of any issues and completing shift notes.

Staff demonstrated an understanding of specific ways to reduce or prevent harm from high impact, high prevalent risks to individual consumers. Care documentation shows risks for individual consumers are identified and strategies are in place to manage the risks.

Consumers and representatives were satisfied that appropriate referrals occur. Management described referrals and the process for making referrals to meet consumer needs, goals and preferences.

All consumers and representatives interviewed are satisfied with the service’s infection control practices. Management and staff said they had training in infection control, including 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 provided feedback about how consumers receive services and supports that allow them to do the things they want to do, maintaining their independence and optimising their health, wellbeing and quality of life. Staff described the services and supports the consumers need for daily living and how they know consumers’ independence needs and preferences. Services include social support, assistance with shopping, transport to activities and appointments, and equipment that promotes independence. Care planning and related documentation evidenced consumers’ needs, preferences and supports for daily living that optimises their independence, health, well-being and quality of life.

Consumers and representatives interviewed were satisfied that services and supports promoted the consumer’s emotional, spiritual and psychological wellbeing. Staff showed an understanding of individual consumer’s emotional and psychological needs, what was important to them and how this informed the delivery of care and services.

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

The organisation does not operate a location where consumers come to receive services. This Standard does not apply.

## 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

Consumers reported feeling encouraged and supported to provide feedback in various ways including face to face, written feedback forms or via a telephone call. Staff provided examples of how they support consumers to provide feedback, particularly consumers may be less forthcoming due to reluctance to communicate issues or challenges with communicating.

Consumers described feeling safe to raise complaints and reported they would call the service if they needed information about advocacy organisations. Complaints procedures, consumer information packs and brochures are provided consumers and evidence how the service makes consumers aware of their access to advocacy and language services.

Consumers reported the service to be responsive and reliable for any issues they encounter. Management and staff were able to explain how open disclosure is used when something goes wrong and that feedback, concerns and complaints are responded to in a timely manner.

Consumers reported they are satisfied the service listens to feedback and takes action as necessary. Management/staff interviews, documented discussions with consumers and continuous improvement documentation evidences how feedback is reviewed and used to inform service improvements.

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 Requirements

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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 said their care and services run on time and reported staff/management to be easy to contact and responsive. Staff described having sufficient time to complete work. Management described how workforce planning, fortnightly schedules, staffing numbers and scheduling software enable the service to meet consumer needs and deliver safe and quality care and services.

Consumers reported staff and management to be kind, caring and welcoming. Staff and management were familiar with consumers and spoke about them in a respectful way and provided examples to demonstrate how they treat each consumer respectfully.

Consumers described staff and management as competent in delivering their care and services. Staff files evidence completion of relevant competencies and hold relevant qualifications to perform their role.

Consumers indicated staff are trained and equipped to support them in the ways they require. Consumer needs inform training delivered to staff. Staff reported having access to the training they require to perform their role.

Performance appraisals are used to identify training needs and other development opportunities. Staff performance is monitored in an ongoing capacity and during annual performance appraisals.

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 reported having input into the evaluation, development and delivery of care services and provided examples of changes made following feedback. Staff described the importance of each consumer’s input into shaping care and service delivery.

The service demonstrated the organisation’s governing body, promotes a culture of safe, inclusive and quality care and services and is accountable for the delivery. Management are the first point of contact and are informed of all incidents, consumer feedback and consumer infections. Incidents, consumer feedback and infection data is recorded and reviewed regularly.

The service has effective information management systems to support staff in delivery of safe and quality care and services. The service identified the continuous improvement register can be improved to capture improvements as they occur, in addition to planned improvements. The organisation’s financial governance is supported through government reporting requirements and an accountant, all reports are reviewed by the managing director. The workforce is trained and equipped, with clear assignment of responsibilities. Regulatory compliance is maintained through information received through membership of Peak bodies, government department alerts and monitored through external consultants. Feedback and complaints are encouraged, reviewed and used to improve care and service delivery.

The organisation’s clinical governance framework identifies how clinical care needs of consumers are identified and managed, including antimicrobial stewardship and open disclosure. Management advised consumers do not receive any form of restraint and staff receive training to report any areas of concern.

## 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

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.