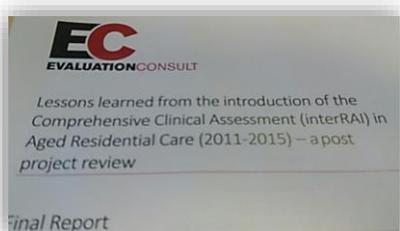


Welcome to the regular news updates for the health care sector about interRAI in New Zealand. This newsletter aims to provide an opportunity to share information in one language, across many platforms, for the development of services that lead to improved outcomes.

Special edition

Independent project review provides valuable feedback

Lessons learned from the introduction of Comprehensive Clinical Assessment (interRAI) in Aged Residential care (2011-2015) – a post project review



The report of the review of the introduction of the Comprehensive Clinical Assessment (interRAI) in Aged Residential Care (2011-2015) is published today on the [interRAI New Zealand website](#) and provides useful insight into the implementation of interRAI into Aged Residential Care facilities.

interRAI Services, on behalf of the interRAI New Zealand Governance Board, commissioned Evaluation Consult to carry out an independent review during 2016.

It's been five years since the interRAI in Aged Residential Care (ARC) Project began with the overall aim of improving the quality of care provided to New Zealanders living in facilities. interRAI is now the standard clinical assessment tool used in ARC across New Zealand.

With all large projects, and especially as New Zealand was the first country in the world to implement interRAI nationally, it was important to carry out a review to see what lessons could be learned and how things might be improved upon in future.

For this independent review, Evaluation Consult studied the project documentation, surveyed all ARC providers, and interviewed key stakeholders including ARC senior management teams, ARC representative groups and managers from District Health Boards across New Zealand.

The full report provides a wide range of feedback, a set of recommendations and a roadmap for the future direction of interRAI in the aged care sector. The review found interRAI

assessments have led to more consistent assessments which provide support for clinical and care planning decisions that raise the quality of care for older people.

The project met its intended target of 2,370 registered nurses trained and competent in use of the interRAI LTCF assessment tool. Needs assessment and service coordination managers were generally positive about the introduction of interRAI in ARC, indicating it had improved their relationship with ARC facilities.

The report shows there are improvements interRAI could make by collaborating with the aged care sector to ensure the benefits of best practice assessments are realised. More training is being provided for registered nurses and feedback will continue to improve the user experience. interRAI will work with facilities to embed the tool into their systems and help improve the efficiency of local processes. The interRAI Informer regular newsletters will continue to keep the aged care sector up to date and a suite of data reports will be published soon.

interRAI Services have already begun to take action to ensure that New Zealand continues to lead the world in improving the quality of care for an aging population.

Download the report from our website at www.interrai.co.nz/news

Keeping you informed

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