



interRAI informer

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#23: regular news updates from
interRAI New Zealand for better
health outcomes.

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44% of people living in aged residential care are assessed as having at least moderate cognitive impairment (interRAI cognitive impairment outcome score of 3 and over).

Source: [interRAI data visualisation](#)

CTCA becoming an accredited organisation

Another organisation has taken up the opportunity to have an accredited external interRAI educator.

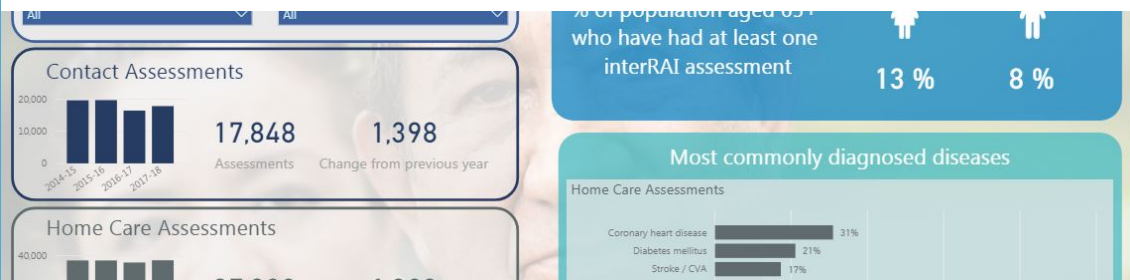
CTCA (Community Trusts in Care Aotearoa) is a group of eight rural aged care facilities in the Waikato who will share an external interRAI educator.

Linda Dickey, Educator for the CTCA group, said: 'Although initially quite daunting, my interRAI Educator training process has gone very well and I have had good support from the interRAI Services team. For CTCA having our own educator, means we can schedule interRAI training as we need it, and reduce travel and time away from the facilities for our nurses.'

The interRAI Services team trained Linda as interRAI assessor and educator, and her training will be moderated once a year like other external educators.

interRAI Services remains responsible for reviewing each trainee's last assessment and undertaking the final competency interview.

If you would like to know more about this model email us at interRAI@tas.health.nz



Have you used the interRAI data visualisation yet?

We would love to hear from you! interRAI data visualisation was launched in 2017 and we are looking to better understand how to maximise your user experience.

Our survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and focuses on how well the tool serves your needs, fits into the overall context in which you are using it and where there are gaps for development.

- [Go to the survey](#)

Details for medications becoming optional

The next major upgrade of the National interRAI Software System will include visual and process changes, including new outcome scales. We are also making it optional to enter the details of medications, which may greatly reduce the time and effort assessments take.

The dates for the interRAI software upgrade are:

- 21 September 2018 (Taranaki Host Site)

- 28 September 2018 (Canterbury Host Site)

Visit the [Software Upgrade page on the interRAI NZ website](#) for a complete list of changes and more information.

Moving to one host site

In future, we are planning to have a single site hosting interRAI software.

With this move we aim to provide an improved service to our users with increased efficiency and ease of access to information and support.

interRAI Services is currently working through a process with both existing host sites. The impact on users of interRAI software will be minimal.

First national quality indicator reports for aged residential care

The first national quality indicator reports are available on the interRAI NZ website.

Earlier this year we introduced regular reporting on quality indicators for aged residential care providers. The first reports were sent in June to large aged residential care providers and District Health Boards. Reports for small providers and individual facilities will follow later this year. Quality indicators are a set of measures that show patterns in service delivery over time. Facility managers can use quality indicators to reflect on their practice, identify potential problems in quality and areas of excellence.

- Download [national quality indicator reports from the interRAI NZ website](#)



Board position on interoperability

The interRAI New Zealand Governance Board's position on interoperability with other systems is available on the interRAI NZ website. Please make sure you refer to this document if you are looking at interoperability.

- Download the position statement [from the Board Key documents page on the interRAI NZ website](#)

interRAI on loneliness website

The research paper *Profile of ethnicity, living arrangements and loneliness amongst older adults in Aotearoa New Zealand: A national cross-sectional study* by Dr Hamish Jamieson and others is now also available on the Loneliness NZ website. Just enter interRAI in the search field.

This study extensively uses interRAI data and was first published in the Australasian Journal of Ageing.

- [Visit loneliness.co.nz](https://loneliness.co.nz)



Stephanie Clare nominated for Women of Influence award

Member of the interRAI NZ Governance Board and Age Concern CEO Stephanie Clare has been nominated for the Women of Influence Awards in the category Community and Not for Profit. Ka pai!

Reports and research

- Mark Fisher and Janet Anderson-Bidois for the Human Rights Commission: This is not my Home. A collection of perspectives on the provision of aged residential care without consent. [Download from the Human Rights Commission website.](#)

New on interRAI.co.nz

- [Future Direction 2018-2021 interRAI NZ Strategic Direction](#)
- [Infographics on Māori equity](#)
- [National quality indicator reports](#)
- [interRAI NZ Governance Board June 2018 meeting minutes](#)
- [Software User Group meeting minutes for April, May and July 2018](#)

Upcoming dates

- 10 October in Dunedin: *Integrating interRAI in your facility* workshop
- 11 October in Invercargill: *Integrating interRAI in your facility* workshop

- **11-13 September 2018 in Auckland:** See us at our stand and come to our presentation *How we are all doing: interRAI and quality* at the NZACA Conference 2018. The presentation is scheduled for 11 September 4.25pm.
- **19-21 September 2018 in Auckland:** interRAI Educators Karyn Foley and Karen Goymour present the interRAI Palliative Care assessment at the Hospice NZ Palliative Care Conference.
- **21 and 28 September 2018:** interRAI software upgrade
- **25-27 October in Auckland:** Data Analyst Michelle Liu talks about what interRAI can tell us about people living with dementia at the 2018 Alzheimers NZ conference.
- **5-6 November 2018 in Hamilton:** Visit our stand and hear General Manager interRAI Services Michele McCreadie speak at the NZNO Section of Gerontology Nursing Conference on Monday 5 November at 9.30am. interRAI Educator Ashleigh Wiley will present on the Meihana Model on Monday at 11.05am.
- **19-21 November 2018 in Wellington:** Visit us at our stand at the Health Informatics New Zealand Conference. GM interRAI Services Michele McCreadie presents *Where interRAI Data Comes Alive* on day 2 and interRAI Educator Gabrielle Stent talks about *Embedding interRAI as a Patient Management System* on day 3.

To join our Integrating interRAI workshops contact John McDougall (NZACA) at john@nzaca.org.nz



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