After-hours action planning audit tool

To be used in conjunction with existing processes to support residential aged care home (RACH) preparedness for the after-hours period.



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Checklist for after- hours preparation	Yes	No	Helpful resources	Action	
Person-centred					
Does each resident have an advanced care plan?	\Box	\Box	<u>How to create a Care</u> <u>Plan in Victoria</u>		Date to be actioned:
If so, where can they be found and are they up to date?			How to prepare for Planned Palliative Care		Date to be completed:
Does your RACH offer advanced care plans for each resident?		\Box	How to identify goals of care		Date to be actioned:
			<u>Advance care planning</u> forms		Date to be completed:
Does each resident have a medical treatment decision maker in place for residents who do not have decision		\Box	Appointing a Medical Treatment Decision Maker		Date to be actioned:
making capacity?					Date to be completed:
Are residents who are at risk of deterioration identified?		\Box	Early recognition of clinical deterioration in aged care Safer Care Victoria		Date to be actioned:
If so, is this information updated within the advanced care plan and easily accessible to staff?		\Box	ELDAC Supportive and Palliative Care Indicators tool ELDAC Toolkit Educational Videos for RACH staff		Date to be completed:
ELDAC - (End of life Direction for aged care) Resources			The dying patient I CareSearch ELDAC Digital Dashboard bundle		

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Does your RACH have access to an after-hours GP/locum service or suitable alternatives in the after-hours time frame?			After-hours service directory template for GPs/Locum.		Date to be actioned:
If so, are staff aware of how to access this information?		\Box			Date to be completed:
Documentation					
Does your RACH have a structured handover tool, when communicating with other health professionals		\bigcirc	The ISBAR model – How to effectively communicate clinical information in a RACH		Date to be actioned:
such as ISBAR?			ISBAR template		Date to be completed:
			ISBAR(Identify, Situation, Background, Assessment and Recommendation)		
Does your RACH have a registered nurse available on site or via phone? This might be a facility		\bigcirc	After-hours service directory template for GPs/Locum.		Date to be actioned:
nurse, Nurse Practitioner or Residential InReach (RiR), HealthAccess, Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED).					Date to be completed:
Does your RACH have processes to access RiR, VVED, Palliative Care Advice Service (PCAS)			To identify if RiR provides services to your RACH refer to service directory.		Date to be actioned:
			Medical referral options for residents in aged care homes		Date to be completed:
Do you know how and when to contact Victorian Virtual Emergency Department		\bigcirc	VVED contact details		Date to be actioned:
(VVED)?					Date to be completed:

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Systems					
Is telehealth technology easily accessible to staff after-hours?	\Box		www.acrrm.org.au/ resources/digital-health/ telehealth		Date to be actioned:
Are staff confident in using telehealth technology?			www.digitalhealth. gov.au/healthcare- providers/initiatives- and-programs/ telehealth		Date to be completed:
Does your RACH have a procedure for sharing resident information with other services or hospitals if transfer is required?			For information on how to view and upload resident information including discharge summaries in My Health		Date to be actioned:
Does your RACH use My Health Record?		\Box	- <u>Record</u>		
Does your RACH upload or view resident information to My Health Record?			-		
Does your RACH include resident information in the event of a transfer?			Comprehensive Health Assessment for the Older Person		Date to be actioned: Date to be completed:
Does your RACH update a resident's medical records with the discharge summary provided after an episode of care?		\bigcirc			Date to be actioned:
					Date to be completed:
Does your home have access to stock medications after-hours, such as an IMPREST system?	? 🗌 (\Box	<u>Vic DOH guidelines</u> – Victorian Department of Health provides guidance on how to		Date to be actioned:
			appropriately store and record medicines in a RACH.		Date to be completed:

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Does your RACH have a medication advisory committee?			DoHAC audit tool and checklist for a medication advisory committee		Date to be actioned:	
Education and further assistance						
Does your RACH require extra support for educating your clinical staff on after-hours services and preparation? If so, contact Gippsland					Date to be actioned:	
PHN at agedcare@gphn.org.au						
List the services for which you would like support. E.g. VVED, PCAS.						

Results of this audit tool can be used by your clinical team or medication advisory committee to guide best practice procedures such as use of an after-hours services action plan and ongoing education of permanent and agency staff.

