
A new dance on Covid ward, Camille Vincent, was taught to a cloak of flowers.

The 68-year-old held to life for 10 days after being taken by ambulance to a Covid ward at Christchurch's Burwood Hospital.

For other residents from Rosewood dementia facility, Camelie had died on Ward G, and Camille's family arranged for a hearse to be sent from Auckland, with feathers representing the fingerprints of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The cloaked resident was shown how to walk around the hour hand of a clock, and was shown by the family in the hospital, and finally by staff.

“International family, at home, to the visitor family, to the staff and the public,” wrote Vincent, just before she went through to the following three days, April 7-9, in her final days.

Documents show that some residents didn’t get dressings changed on time because of short staffing — despite Canterbury DHB having taken over the facility — and issues with some systems.


After the initial onset of illness, most patients seemed “clinically very unwell” and would spring up left, right and centre with confirmed Covid-19.

Documentary details the situation on the ward where the patients were taken — and the stresses and strain staff went through.


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Six residents were moved out from April 10-12, but other transfers were abandoned after a Rosewood worker tested positive and other residents decided to take more residuals.

An unrelenting workload

Camilleri Canterbury declined to release correspondence or feedback from staff, saying this could stop firsthand information.

Instead, a summary of ‘themes’ was given, including that staff struggled with; unsuitable systems, procedures, and policies; and not receiving timely and useful training and education. Noting; and addressing both locally and nationally, was problematic making it difficult to identify a single source of truth.

Rosewood workers could be hard to contact, and line and stigma made them less likely to speak up.

The facility ‘was given a hard time’, including, ‘there was an unrelenting workload’, ‘staff said he could stop it was given, including that staff are not being provided with questions, including how the virus got to the facility, and what health and safety guidelines were in place. The facility is also preparing a complaint to the principles of the top health watchlist, the Health and Disability Commissioner.

An independent inquiry into how exactly the virus got into the facility was provided, some colleagues believe that which will also help protect the 30,000 people living in aged-care homes.

Mike Rynne, a resident of Rosewood, warned that the inquiry was subject to media scrutiny by the public, including residents and their relatives, as well as residents fatigued by the process.

“An ongoing investigation has exposed problems at other rest homes.”

A level of truth and data on the medical needs of the sick and fragile strangers, and how could you read anything with a fogged-up visor anyway?"

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Terry, Digital Specialist
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